

**KKNU-FM 93.3**

**SPRINGFIELD, OREGON**

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

**Third Quarter, 2023: July 1 through September 30**

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

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

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

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

### **ASCERTAINMENT METHODS**

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

### **PROGRAMMING**

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

1. Bona Fide Newscasts: These include news stories and segments that target these problems, needs and issues.

Community Forum: This is a 15-30 minute weekly program that offers in-depth examinations of community problems, needs and issues.

	<b>McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING ISSUES LIST</b>
	KKNU-FM / KMGE-FM / KEUG-FM
	Third Quarter – July 1, 2023, through September 30, 2023
	<i><b>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings</b></i>
1	<b><u>ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, FINANCES, INFLATION, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE &amp; PRO SPORTS, EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS, HOLIDAYS, ENTERTAINMENT, LOTTERY:</u></b> Economic recovery, inflation, interest rates, possible recession; Rising housing, fuel, food, and other prices; Workforce training; Legislature; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; Pac-12, UO-OSU Athletics; Other sports; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, City hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
2	<b><u>DISASTERS, RECOVERY, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, WILDFIRES, WILDFIRE RECOVERY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, WEATHER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, RECREATION:</u></b> Wildfires and recovery; Community and residential “hardening” against wildfires; Climate change; Drought; Winter weather – snowpack and rain; Disaster and severe weather preparedness; Air quality; Climate change and health; Agriculture, Electrical grid; EVs; Natural gas referendum; Power generation; Offshore drilling; Wind, solar, and other “green” energy; ; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Hazardous materials; Pipelines; Oil trains; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Predator control including wolves, cougars, coyotes.
3	<b><u>CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS:</u></b> Drug & alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic; Addiction treatment; Mental health; Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; CAHOOTS; Illegal cannabis farms and businesses; Traffic safety; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Terrorism, Fires..
4	<b><u>SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CHARITY:</u></b> Legislative package; Homelessness and Safe Sleep sites issues; Neighborhood, business, and community impacts; Crime, substance abuse, and homelessness; CAHOOTS and other alternate enforcement; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; “The Working Poor”; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances /
5	<b><u>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PANDEMIC:</u></b> Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis; COVID-19 pandemic easing, lifting of restrictions, vaccines, treatments, long COVID; Other infectious diseases; Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Abortion and reproduction; Childcare; Women’s health; STDs, other illnesses & diseases; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.
6	<b><u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, COURTS:</u></b> Legislative session and local government; Oregon revenues, Legislative Emergency Board funding; Federal funding, shutdown threats, Congressional appropriations, state and local program funding; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Biden Administration, Congressional, and federal and state courts decisions impacting Oregon; Secession movements; Cybersecurity, data breaches /

7	<b><u>SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, &amp; EDUCATION:</u></b> Schools and students, post-pandemic learning and assessments; Community college and higher education funding and program adjustments; College affordability; Curriculum, academic standards; Student honors; Student activism; Teacher contracts; New schools; Families; The childcare shortage.
8	<b><u>RACIAL JUSTICE, RACE, RACISM, BIPOC (BLACKS, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR), LATINX, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, DISABILITIES, LEGAL, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, CHILDREN, YOUTH, OLDER ADULTS, RELIGION, WOMEN, LGBTQ, GENDER ISSUES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANIMALS, PETS:</u></b> Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.
9	<b><u>TRANSPORTATION:</u></b> Infrastructure needs and projects; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport expansion; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety; Transportation systems ridership recovery.
10	<b><u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u></b> Veterans, jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; Hacking and privacy.
	<i>The 3rd Quarter, 2023, Issues List was formulated by Tracy Berry - KGNU-FM and from previous quarters' ascertainties, conversations, phone calls, and emails with listeners and community leaders. As always, the list is updated to reflect developing issues over the course of the quarter.</i>

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

**ISSUES:** *Low-Income, Youth, Children, Family, Charity, Health*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** COMMUNITY FORUM

*Locally produced / Regularly scheduled*

**DATE:** 07/02/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Kellcie Mullaney, FOOD for Lane County

Contact information: 541-343-2822

City and State: Eugene, Oregon

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

As the excitement of summer approaches, many families with children face challenges with not having access to school breakfasts and lunches. Kids need three meals a day, all year long. Hunger doesn't take a vacation and Oregon has one of the highest child hunger rates in the nation.

FOOD For Lane County and its partners help bridge the gap for families whose budgets and food supplies are already stretched thin. And every child eats free under this program, regardless of family income.

FFLC's Kellcie Mullaney joins us to talk about the program and the close to three dozen sites it operates across Lane County.

All children and youth age 18 and younger are invited to eat lunch for free during the summer months at the FOOD for Lane County Summer Meal Sites. The program starts Monday, June 26, and continues weekdays through Friday, August 25 (with the exception of July 4). Meals are served at participating sites from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Employees serve the meals at parks and community centers throughout Lane County. All food must be consumed on-site. Adults are welcome to accompany children but must bring their own lunch.

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

**ISSUES:** *Homelessness, Low-Income, Government, Social Services, Community, Family, Veterans, Children.*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** COMMUNITY FORUM  
*Locally produced / Regularly scheduled*

**DATE:** 07/09/23 and 07/16/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Kate Budd, Lane County Interim Human Services Division Manager and Amy Wilson, Catholic Community Services of Lane County Supportive Services Program Manager.

Contact information: [www.lanecountyor.gov](http://www.lanecountyor.gov) and [www.ccslc.org](http://www.ccslc.org)

City and State: Eugene, Springfield, and greater Lane County, Oregon

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** It was just last year that Oregon lawmakers passed a spending package that included \$400 million to address homelessness and housing statewide. But soaring inflation, rising rents, and a spiraling drug addiction crisis have meant the money hasn't gone as far as it needs to reduce the state's homeless population. But the governor and state lawmakers have signed off on an ambitious effort this year to try to reduce homeless numbers through a variety of approaches boosting construction, bringing together government, nonprofit agencies, and private interests to try to get more people into stable housing locally. That effort is known as All-In Lane County. It's designed to prevent homelessness, improve emergency shelters, and rehouse unsheltered individuals and families. It's getting a chunk of state funding to move forward, and it's the topic this morning on Community Forum. Our guests are Kate Budd with Lane County Human Services and Amy Wilson with Catholic Community Services of Lane County.

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

**ISSUES:** *Recreation, Safety, Environment, Law Enforcement*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** **COMMUNITY FORUM**

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**DATE:** 07/23/23 and 07/30/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Nick Tyler, Fire Chief, Sweet Home Fire & Ambulance District

Contact information: <https://sweethomefire.org/>

City and State: Emergency response area covering greater Lane and Linn Counties and vast portions of the Willamette National Forest.

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

It's a longtime tourist attraction that has been increasing in popularity as people from across Oregon, the U.S., and other countries visit the remote area with its crystalline waters—then share photos and details on social media. But many who visit Tamolitch Falls or Blue Pool underestimate the energy needed to hike in on a hot summer day, aren't prepared for the water's icy temperatures, or misjudge the location of submerged rocks when they leap into the pool. Over the past few days, first responders from multiple agencies in Lane and Linn Counties have responded to five major injury calls at Blue Pool. They say the remote location and challenging terrain make for a long and complicated rescue. In many cases, patients are so badly injured they must be loaded into an emergency basket and carried out. Most calls to Blue Pool require close to 20 responders from multiple agencies. Complicating the issue, emergency service responses can be delayed because the remote area has no cell service, meaning callers must hike out to dial 9-1-1. Emergency officials are again asking you to take precautions and stay safe when you visit Tamolitch Falls. Officials say if you are planning to hike into the area, ensure you have the fitness level to do it, are well-hydrated and prepared, and use caution in accessing Blue Pool. This morning on Community Forum, we chat with one of the people who helps lead the emergency and rescue responses about efforts underway to enhance safety but also try to discourage dangerous activities at Blue Pool.

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**ISSUES:** *Veterans, Military, Families, Health, Mental Health, Homelessness, Government, Social Services, Community*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** COMMUNITY FORUM  
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**DATE:** 08/06/23 and 08/20/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Floyd Bard, Stand Down volunteer coordinator

Contact information: <https://lanecountystanddown.org/>

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

It hasn't always been an easy homecoming for U.S. veterans. While many have found jobs and careers and built families and communities, others have struggled, often ending up on the streets dealing with everything from homelessness and mental health problems to substance abuse. But over the past 25 years here in Lane County, there's been an event in September called the Lane County Stand Down. It's open to all veterans, as well as reservists, active-duty personnel and their families, and especially focuses on those in need. Floyd Bard is a veteran who served in Afghanistan and heads up the coordinating group for the Lane County Stand Down. The one-day event on Friday, September 29, at the Lane Events Center includes free breakfast and lunch along with a wide range of services for veterans, active-duty personnel, and their families. The offerings include Limited Medical Services; Dental & Denture Services; Massage; Haircuts; Toiletries & Civilian Clothing; Women's Area; Bike Repair; Pet Food; Legal Advice/Aid; Family & Senior Services; Veteran Benefits; Employment and Housing Programs; Department of Defense surplus gear for homeless veterans; and more.

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

**ISSUES:** *Education, Children, Families, Social Services, Community*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** **COMMUNITY FORUM**

*Locally produced / Regularly scheduled*

**DATE:** 08/13/23 and 08/27/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Laurie McNichols, Area Director for the South Valley Region, Lane, Benton, Linn Counties

Contact information: <https://smartreading.org/about-smart/local-offices/south-valley-area/>

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

We're just a few weeks away from the start of the new school year. And it's not just students, teachers and staff who are busy coordinators of the state Smart Reading program also preparing for the fall season. Smart Reading is a great literacy program. Their volunteers work with our littlest readers to help them learn to read and to love reading. Our guest this morning is Laurie McNichols. She's the area director for Smart Reading's South Valley Region which includes Lane, Benton, and Linn counties. She explains that reading is a gateway to opportunity. There are studies that demonstrate that children who have 25 or more books in their home attain two more grade levels than kids that have no books at home reading. For work reading, for academic success, she says those are key pieces of being a successful, well adjusted, happy adult. Smart Reading is a nonprofit organization that is 32 years old and only in Oregon. The group uses volunteers statewide to provide two ingredients for literacy success: shared reading time and access to books. But the group says many volunteers had to step away during the pandemic and is working to recruit more. Plus, it's always looking for donations to purchase more books for youngsters.

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**ISSUES:** *Low-Income, Community, Social Services, Charity, Homelessness, Housing, Health, Mental Health, Employment*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** COMMUNITY FORUM  
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**DATE:** 09/03/23 and 09/10/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Terry McDonald, Executive Director, and Bethany Cartledge, Deputy Director, St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County.

Contact information: <https://www.svdp.us/>

City and State: Greater Lane County and other parts of Oregon.

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

A lot can change over 50 years, but the overall mission remains the same and has grown. This morning on Community Forum we talk about the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County. Our guests are Terry McDonald, the executive director, and Bethany Cartledge, the deputy director. Both say the need has grown in our community for Saint Vinnies services, but so have the opportunities. McDonald has led a lot of that, but he's getting ready to step back a bit so the next generation can carry forward with the nonprofit agency's efforts. Our Lane County-based Saint Vincent de Paul was originally a much smaller organization that dealt with emergency needs for low-income people in the community. Over the years, the services have grown to include affordable housing for low-income people, regular thrift stores that help fund the activities or the emergency services side of the organization. The emergency services include cold weather and temporary shelter and more. There also are extensive environmental and recycling services that have become national models, whether reversioning old mattresses into dog beds or donated supplies into fashion accessories. The organization has many volunteers, but also hundreds of fulltime and part-time workers.

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

**ISSUES:** *Crime, Law Enforcement, Community, Drugs, Business, Homelessness, Safety, Social Services*

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** COMMUNITY FORUM  
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**DATE:** 09/17/23 and 09/24/23

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

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

**GUEST:**

Name, Title, Organization: Brad Hanneman, Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit

Contact information: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/975/Police-Investigations>

City and State: Eugene, Oregon

**TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:**

Its mission is fairly straightforward: target crimes and prolific offenders and help improve quality of life in Eugene. This morning on Community Forum, we sit down with Brad Hanneman from the Eugene Police Department to talk about the Street Crimes Unit. It's one of the law enforcement services being funded by our community payroll tax and the unit works on focused investigations to deter crime throughout the community. Hanneman says the focus is on being proactive in policing rather than reactive and to target prolific offenders. That might mean investigations focusing on narcotics or guns or property crimes. The Street Crimes Unit works more with the public and agency partners at the local, state, and federal level. That intense community policing includes problematic places, including houses and apartments, then focusing efforts to try to eliminate the problem. Hanneman knows some people wonder if that isn't what police normally do. But he says this goes further. He explains how standard policing with heavy call volumes is fairly reactive. The Street Crimes Unit chooses its areas of focus based on crime trends and via tips from the public, informants, and other sources of information. While much of the work takes place in neighborhoods, there also are multi-week targeted operations in the downtown core.

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MILITARY, COMMUNITY, EVENTS: Heads up on July 4, Creswell. The Oregon Air National Guard is heading your way. Members of the 173rd Fighter Wing out of Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls will conduct an Independence Day flyover. The F-15 Eagle fighter jets will sweep across the route of the Creswell 4th of July Parade tomorrow morning right at 11:20 a.m. The pass will be approximately 1,000 feet above ground level and about 400 mph airspeed. Note: The flight could be canceled or the time changed due to inclement weather or operational contingencies. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Things you don't want to see when you live in the country: Smoke from a fast-moving brush fire that's headed toward your home and your land. Some tense moments yesterday evening for residents along parts of Coyote Creek west of Crow Road. A blaze that started near Halderson and Cantrell Roads quickly grew and spread. Crews from Lane Fire Authority, Eugene Springfield Fire, Lorane Fire, and a host of other agencies rushed to battle the flames and protect those downwind. That included deploying around a dairy and cutting brush and other potential fuel near some homes. Some residents off Crow Road first learned of the blaze when smoke began billowing across their property. They rushed to pack up grandkids and trailer horses to safety. Josh with Lehman Dairy says crews staged around the dairy to protect it should the flames jump the creek and that volunteers were ready with pickups and livestock trailers to begin evacuating their 400 dairy cows. Kudos to the first responders who stopped the flames, then spent hours mopping up. They wrapped up about four-and-a-half hours after the first 911 call. It's another reminder of the high fire danger as we head into the July 4 holiday. Please be careful when working and playing. Please be safe! ; A wildfire along the Central Oregon Coast south of Waldport closed Highway 101 for several hours yesterday and briefly forced some nearby residential evacuations. The blaze was spotted near Governor Patterson State Park, triggering two different alerts for nearby neighborhoods—one a Level 2 to "Get Set" and the other a Level 3 to "Go Now." They were lifted once crews stopped the progress of the blaze. Wildfires are unusual along the Oregon Coast, but this has been an unusual year. It was a wet spring, but things dried out very quickly during the past few weeks of warm, windy weather. Use caution while visiting the coast, whether it's a daytrip or a camp-out. Pay attention to fire restrictions. Last week, the Siuslaw National Forests raised its fire alert level to "High." In the Cascades, the Willamette National Forest also is warning of high fire danger. / SAFETY: One person is dead, another was taken to

the hospital, after a paraglider carrying two Eugene men crashed in the Willamette River near Corvallis. It happened Saturday morning, shortly before 7 a.m. Investigators say a 56-year-old man was operating his Fenix AirTap Paramotor paraglider that carried him and a 51-year-old male passenger when it went down in the river. Investigators say the two took off from Irish Bend Park, flew north following the Willamette, and were returning when the crash occurred. Two fishermen used their boat to help rescue the pilot, but the passenger still was underwater when first responders arrived. He was declared deceased. The Benton County and Linn County Sheriff's Offices and Halsey Fire crews responded to the incident. The National Transportation Safety Board is working with Benton County investigators to determine what caused the crash. Officials say impairment is NOT believed to have been a factor. If you have any information or spotted the aircraft before the crash, please contact the Benton County Sheriff's Office. / EMPLOYMENT, LOW-INCOME: Oregon's minimum wage increased on Saturday, July 1. There are three tiers of minimum wage: One is set for the Portland metropolitan area, another for Lane and other counties with medium-size populations, a third tier for rural counties: In Lane, Linn, and Benton counties, and a handful of other counties with mid-sized populations, the minimum wage climbed from \$13.50 per hour to \$14.20 per hour. In Douglas, Coos, and a number of what are considered "non-urban" counties, the minimum wage increased to \$13.20. In the three-county Portland metro area, the wage rose to \$15.45 per hour. For years, our state's minimum wage has been set annually by the legislature. but it now is tied to the Consumer Price Index. This time last year, about four percent of all jobs in Oregon were minimum wage—more than 91,600 workers statewide, including more than 7,300 here in Lane County. / EDUCATION, FINANCES: President Joe Biden vowed Friday to push ahead with a new plan providing student loan relief for millions of borrowers after the Supreme Court's decision earlier in the day that wiped out his original effort. Biden said his administration had already begun the process of working under the authority of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to create a debt-relief plan that will be implemented in coming months. In the meantime, since student loan payment requirements are to resume in the fall, his administration said it would create an "on ramp" to repayment and create ways to ease borrowers' threat of default if they fall behind over the next year. The new approach uses a provision allowing Education Secretary Miguel Cardona to "compromise, waive or release" student loans. The Biden administration used the same basis last year to forgive \$6 billion in loans for borrowers who were deceived by their colleges. The details of the new forgiveness will be negotiated through a federal rulemaking process that the administration launched Friday. The process allows the Education Department to write or change federal regulations with the weight of law. But there's no guarantee that the plan could survive another legal challenge. The Higher Education Act has been used to cancel student debt but never at this scale, and lawyers for the Trump administration concluded in 2021 that the education secretary "does not have statutory authority to provide blanket or mass cancellation" under the act. ; A sharply divided U.S. Supreme Court ruled on Friday ruled that the Biden administration overstepped its authority in trying to cancel or reduce student loans for millions of Americans. In its 6-3 decision, the conservative majority effectively killed the \$400 billion plan, which was announced by President Biden last year. That leaves borrowers on the hook for repayments

that are expected to resume later this summer. The president's plan was challenged by six states, amid arguments the administration overstepped its authority and unfairly disqualified some borrowers. The high court ruled that the administration needs Congress' endorsement before undertaking such an expensive program. The Supreme Court's decision affects close to 44 million Americans with student loan debts totaling more than \$1.7 trillion, according to the Education Data Initiative. Most students pay about \$500 per month, and it often takes two decades after graduation to pay off the debt. Not surprisingly, those with advanced degrees have more obligations, with doctoral students paying as much as \$1,100 per month based on income. A study conducted by CreditDonkey found the top 10 states in student loan debt include Oregon. /

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EVENTS, WEATHER: It was a hot and, at times, hazy July 4 holiday. As temperatures in Eugene-Springfield hit 98 degrees, a record for the date, crowds thronged to popular events—from the morning's Butte-to-Butte race and the Creswell parade, to the evening's Ems game, Light of Liberty, and Eugene Pro Rodeo. ; The Greenhill Humane Society is the stray intake shelter for most of Lane County. If your pet is missing, check the shelter's website at [www.green-hill.org](http://www.green-hill.org) and fill out an on-line lost report at [www.green-hill.org/lostreport](http://www.green-hill.org/lostreport) or call 541-689-1503. The shelter's website is updated in real time as animals are brought to the facility. Greenhill was open regular hours yesterday and reopens this morning at 11 a.m. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Officials say the Moon Mountain Fire, located north of 30th Avenue just southeast of Eugene, is now 100 percent lined, 100 percent plumbed with hose and water, and five percent mopped up. It comes after crews from multiple agencies worked in record heat to corral the blaze. Eight nearby homes were evacuated and residents on several other streets remained on standby. The fire was first spotted late Monday afternoon and—fueled by gusty winds—grew to close to 35 acres. But as firefighting equipment and personnel rushed to the scene, crews got an early foothold despite the hot temperatures, windy conditions, and low relative humidity. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. On the fire line yesterday, officials with the Western Lane District of the Oregon Department of Forestry say crews focused on bolstering containment and clearing vegetation while using bulldozers and hand tools. Two engines and other personnel remained overnight at the fire, working to hold and strengthen the lines and watch for potential flare-ups. Officials also planned to use infrared imagery to locate hot spots. Hazard trees also are being cleared as part of the mop-up work. In addition to the Oregon Department of Forestry, numerous agencies responded to the incident including Eugene-Springfield Fire, Pleasant Hill – Goshen Fire & Rescue, the Douglas Forest Protective Association, Coos Forest Patrol, and various contractors. The Office of the Oregon State Fire Marshal has mobilized also mobilized a structural task force to assist with protecting nearby homes. / EDUCATION: The new president of the University of Oregon took the helm on Saturday. Karl Scholz replaces Michael Schill, who in August of last year became president at Northwestern University. Scholz was provost at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a longtime economist and professor. His area of expertise is household savings, low-wage labor markets, financial barriers to higher education, and bankruptcy

laws. Scholz served in two presidential administrations, working in both the U.S. Treasury Department and on the Council of Economic Advisors. His naming at the U-of-O's 19th president came after a six-month international search by a committee that included students, faculty, staff, community members, and others. Board of Trustees chairwoman Ginevra Ralph described Scholz as "a visionary leader with deep passion for public higher education." She adds he is deeply committed to the success of students, to the university's research and liberal arts roots, and to its focus on positively impacting society. Scholz leads a 146-year-old institution with 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Campus leaders say between its academic and research and public outreach—including sports—the University of Oregon has an estimated annual economic impact of \$1.2 billion. After his arrival on campus, Scholz sent a message to the university community, saying he is thrilled to be at the U-of-O and is honored to lead the institution. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Oregon State Police confirm it was a fatal, head-on crash late yesterday afternoon that closed Oregon Highway 126 in the Coast Range for several hours. It happened several miles west of Walton. Two people were transported to the hospital. The crash forced travelers to either detour to Highways 34 or 38—or wait until that stretch of Highway 126 reopened. ; Slow down in work zones. I know we say it a lot, but some drivers don't listen. The Oregon Department of Transportation has crews working on Highway 99E this week in Halsey. That means narrowed traffic lanes. But some drivers are blowing through the area, putting those workers at risk. Slow down, obey construction speed limits, and when in doubt, slow down. ; Watch for increased traffic the next few days along Highway 126, Territorial Highway, and Suttle Road. The annual Oregon Country Fair begins its three-day run tomorrow at the fair site near Veneta. The Oregon Country Fair attracts close to 50,000 visitors in addition to the thousands of volunteers, vendors, and performers who coordinate the event. The 2023 Oregon Country Fair features more than one dozen entertainment stages, more than 80 food booths, and close to 350 craft booths featuring more than 700 vendors. There also are parades and other activities. Tickets are available through the Tickets West website at [ticketswest.com](https://ticketswest.com) Prices do not include TicketsWest service fees. No admission tickets are sold at the fair site. Parking at the Oregon Country Fair is \$15 per vehicle per day. Parking passes may be purchased with admission tickets or onsite the day of the fair. Fairgoers must show an admission ticket or will-call voucher to drive onto the site. Or take the bus! The Oregon Country Fair again has partnered with Lane Transit District to provide free bus service to the fair site for those with tickets. The shuttles depart from LTD's Downtown Eugene Station and from the Valley River Center Park-and-Ride lot, which is on the northwest corner of the shopping mall's lots. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER: It was a hazy afternoon yesterday across the southern Willamette Valley. The smoke represents an accumulation from many of the small- to medium-sized brush and vegetation fires of the past week. Due to these conditions, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and partner agencies yesterday afternoon issued an air quality advisory for the entire Willamette Valley. But this morning's air quality is much better. Still a bit hazy on the horizon, but the 6 a.m. measurements are "Good" for Eugene-Springfield, Cottage Grove, Oakridge, and Florence. ; Firefighters working the Moon Mountain

Fire made significant progress Wednesday's dayshift, holding all fire lines and mopping up across half of the burned area. The blaze, located north of 30th Avenue just southeast of Eugene, was fully lined earlier this week and remaining crews are focusing on putting out any flare-ups and dousing hot spots. Yesterday, all evacuation notices were lifted in nearby neighborhoods. The fire was first spotted late Monday afternoon and—fueled by gusty winds—grew to close to 35 acres. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. On Wednesday, the four 20-person crews extinguished hotspots 100 feet into the fire's perimeter. Overnight, two engines and their crews again patrolled the fire, keeping an eye out for potential flare ups. They also conducted a second search for hotspots using an infrared drone. As the mop-up continues, many of the 120 personnel deployed to battle the blaze are returning to their home stations and counties. Today, 30 personnel will remain on the fire lines. Officials with the Oregon Department of Forestry's Western Lane District also thanked the staff and crews with the City of Eugene's Parks Department. Officials say that over the past 15 years, city teams have worked to reduce potential fuels and restore habitat in Moon Mountain Park. Forestry officials say that provided firefighters with better and safer access and a lighter fuel load. ; The Oregon Department of Forestry is working to reduce the risk of wildfire across the state and is accepting grant applications from various communities and partners interested in funding specific projects over the next couple of years. The minimum award from the Landscape Resiliency Program is \$300,000, with a focus on joint efforts to treat larger areas. The program was created by state lawmakers two years ago with an initial \$20 million and is set to receive another \$10 million this biennium. Officials are working to target some of the highest-risk areas in the state. The projects can include mechanical and non-mechanical efforts on forest and rangeland. That might include removal of slash through piling and burning, chipping, masticating, and grinding. Prescribed fire, fuel breaks, invasive species treatment and native species planting also may be used. / RECREATION: Not everyone can plan their coastal camping trips in advance, which makes this pretty exciting news from Oregon State Parks. Visitors hoping to camp at the last minute at the coast can now check online to view and book same-day openings when sites are available at the coast. Previously, visitors could only make online reservations 24 hours or more in advance of their arrival. Now coast visitors can make online reservations on the same day that they plan to camp. The new option is part of a pilot program at the coast. The goal is to offer campers the security of knowing they have a site booked before they leave home, and to give park staff more time to offer interpretive opportunities and maintain park facilities and landscapes and provide a safe camping experience. / EVENTS, SPORTS: The USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships get underway today at Eugene's Hayward Field. It brings some of the nation's top competitors to town through Sunday. The meet will determine which Americans compete next month in Budapest, Hungary, at the World Athletics Championships. The competition on the University of Oregon campus begins this morning at 11:25 with a number of sprint and field events. The National Anthem is set for 2:45 this afternoon. Things wrap up at 8:30 p.m. with the men's 10,000 meters. The competition also includes the U20 or "Under 20" championships. The first of those events takes place on Friday. Tickets are still on sale if you wish to attend. Parking is available for \$5 at the parking garage in the research district across Franklin Boulevard from the main University of

Oregon campus. ADA parking is available first come, first served, on 15th Street near Hayward Field. Planning to bicycle over? There's a bike valet set up during the afternoons in front of the UO Law School. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: That terrible crash Wednesday evening on Oregon Highway 126 a few miles west of Walton left three people dead. Oregon State Police say it happened when a westbound Dodge Challenger operated by a 51-year-old Idaho man went across the double-yellow centerline and sideswiped a white Nissan Frontier that was pulling a travel trailer. Investigators say the Dodge Challenger continued out of control in the eastbound lane and struck a green Toyota Tacoma pickup carrying four Eugene residents nearly head-on. The Idaho driver, David Allen Weaver, Jr., died at the scene. So, too, did two passengers in that third vehicle—the Toyota Tacoma. They are identified as 28-year-old Lacy Nicole Taylor and 58-year-old Michele Denise Taylor of Eugene. The Tacoma's driver, 31-year-old Derek Xavier Powell, and another passenger, 59-year-old David Michael Taylor, were seriously injured and taken to the hospital. The two women from Florence who were in the second vehicle, the Nissan Frontier pulling the travel trailer, were not injured during the collision. The crash and investigation closed that stretch of Highway 126 on Wednesday evening for close to four-and-a-half hours. / HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL: An unusual public war of words between federal judges in the Western U.S. over a case involving homeless campers in Grants Pass. It came after a three-judge panel on the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to re-hear an earlier case. The panel found that if cities do not provide enough shelter space or designated spots for homeless people, they cannot bring criminal charges against those who sleep in public places. In the original ruling in September, the trio of liberal justices said homeless people with nowhere else to go have a right to sleep in public. But that prompted strong statements of dissent from 16 other judges on the Ninth Circuit, including some powerful conservatives. Many had disagreed with the original decision or felt it was an error to not refer the matter to the full appeals court. The dissents from some in the court's conservative wing said citizens in Western state are being deprived of public spaces and communities are under siege from an overwhelming epidemic of homelessness. But two judges who were part of the initial ruling defended the denial of a full court review and stood by their 2022 opinion. They say those criticizing it have mischaracterized it. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, UTILITIES, SAFETY: A new government study finds nearly half of the tap water in the U.S. contains potentially harmful compounds known as "forever chemicals."

The chemicals are grouped under the acronym PFAS (say: PEE'-fäss) and are referred to as "forever chemicals." The compounds are used in firefighting foam, often on military bases and at commercial airports. They also are found in household products like nonstick pans, food packaging, waterproof jackets, carpets, and more. But PFAS don't break down easily and scientists say they can persist in the human body and in the environment for decades. The U.S. Geological Survey said Wednesday that PFAS chemicals are found in private wells in addition to public systems. The agency based its report on samples taken from 716 locations around the nation, including urban centers as well as rural sites. This spring, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and her counterpart in Washington state filed suit against 21 companies – including DuPont and 3M. They say contamination from chemicals in their foam products, which are used to battle fires, have caused decades of health and environmental problems. Attorney General Rosenblum says the companies profited from the products while disregarding the damage created by the use. Researchers said people can use the findings when considering whether to have their water tested or install filters. An environmental group says the study shows a need for regulation of the pollutants. /

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SAFETY: Eugene Springfield Fire crews responded to what became a two-alarm blaze yesterday evening in West Eugene. Officials say it was in the 2400 block of Pershing Street, off Bethel Drive. When firefighters arrived, they saw several outbuildings on fire with the blaze extending to two nearby homes. The growing fire also ignited trash in a dumpster at a neighboring apartment building, prompting an evacuation. No reports of injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The blaze came during a busy afternoon and evening for crews, who also responded to a grass fire at Highway 99 and Royal Avenue, and a separate incident in West Eugene during which an individual was treated for burns. ; While technology has made it easier to call 911 for help in an emergency, it's also made it easier to dial the number by accident. Oregon's 43 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) have seen a 40 percent increase in accidental dialing of 911 over the past year. A growing list of safety features added to smartphones, smartwatches and tablets give users more ways to reach out in an emergency. Android and iPhones offer crash detection and emergency SOS features that can potentially trigger false 911 calls. When these features are activated, an alarm may sound, and a countdown timer will appear on the phone to allow the user to cancel. If the countdown isn't canceled, the phone will call 911. In other cases, dropping a device, putting it in a pocket or purse, or holding certain buttons too long can trigger an emergency mode that, if not responded to, can automatically call 911. Even voice assistants can result in a false call if triggered accidentally. A few prevention tips from Oregon Emergency Management: If you do misdial, don't hang up. Stay on the line, let the telecommunicator know it was an accident, and answer the questions they may have. If you do hang up, the telecommunicator will call you back. Answer the call and explain what happened. Deactivated cell phones will still call 911 if the phone turns on. Don't let kids play with deactivated cell phones unless the battery is removed or dead. Teach kids about 911. It's not a game when a child is calling 911 repeatedly and hanging up or making false statements to the telecommunicator. Turn off the automatic dialing setting so your phone doesn't accidentally dial 911. Place your phone on sleep mode when you put it in your pocket. Emergency settings can be changed or turned off, depending on the phone. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's deputies said late Friday morning they had arrested a suspect in a hit-and-run in the Cottage Grove area involving a vehicle and a motorcycle. It came after they identified the vehicle as a gray 2009 Honda Civic and its driver as 24-year-old Modesto Ramos-Lopez.

Ramos-Lopez was charged with Assault in the 2nd Degree, Hit & Run, Reckless Driving, and Assault in the 4th Degree. The crash happened Thursday evening in the 77000 block of London Road. The motorcycle's operator was helicoptered to a hospital with life-threatening injuries and their passenger was transported to a hospital with serious injuries. / ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, CIVIL LIBERTIES, MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME: A federal judge on Friday ruled that Oregon's voter-approved gun control measure – one of the toughest in the nation – is constitutional. U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut ruled that banning large capacity magazines and requiring a permit to purchase a gun falls in line with "the nation's history and tradition of regulating uniquely dangerous features of weapons and firearms to protect public safety." Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the decision comes after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Second Amendment that has upended gun laws across the country, dividing judges and sowing confusion over what firearm restrictions can remain on the books. It changed the test that lower courts had long used for evaluating challenges to firearm restrictions, telling judges that gun laws must be consistent with the "historical tradition of firearm regulation." Oregon voters in November narrowly passed Measure 114, which requires residents to undergo safety training and a background check to obtain a permit to buy a gun. The legislation also bans the sale, transfer or import of gun magazines with more than 10 rounds unless they are owned by law enforcement or a military member or were owned before the measure's passage. Those who already own high-capacity magazines can only possess them at home or use them at a firing range, in shooting competitions or for hunting as allowed by state law after the measure takes effect. Large capacity magazines "are not commonly used for self-defense, and are therefore not protected by the Second Amendment," Immergut wrote. "The Second Amendment also allows governments to ensure that only law-abiding, responsible citizens keep and bear arms." The latest ruling in U.S. District Court is likely to be appealed, potentially moving all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Oregon measure's fate has been carefully watched as one of the first new gun restrictions passed since the Supreme Court ruling last June. / EVENTS: The annual Lane County Fair begins on Wednesday in Eugene and continues through Sunday. Gates open at 11 a.m. each day. They close at 11 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Wednesday, July 19, is Grange Day: Kids 10 and under are FREE when they bring a dressed-up fruit or veggie (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ONLY). One entry per person. Thursday, July 20 is Weyerhaeuser Family Day, honoring all Seniors, First Responders & Military Personnel: Seniors (65+) pay \$2.00 admission all day in honor of our Senior Social (11 am to 2 pm in the Auditorium). Active, Disabled and Retired Military Personnel from all branches of the Armed Forces including National Guard receive \$2.00 admission on Thursday of Fair with valid military ID. Friday, July 21 is Pepsi Day: (No admission special). Saturday, July 22 is T-Mobile Day at the Fair: (No admission special). Sunday, July 23 benefits Food For Lane County: FREE admission from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a donation of 3 canned food items per person. / MILITARY: A mobilization ceremony took place Friday in Salem for 10 members of the Oregon National Guard who are preparing to deploy to Africa. Governor Tina Kotek and the ONG's Adjutant General, Major General Michael Stencel, hosted the ceremony in the State Capital Library. The members of the A-641st Aviation unit will provide fixed-wing air capabilities in support of the

Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa and AFRICOM. Unit members will first travel to Ft. Bliss, Texas for approximately two weeks of training prior to deploying overseas. The unit has a long history previously deployed overseas to support Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007 and later Operation New Dawn in Iraq in 2010. Some members of the unit also deployed to Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom. Their most recent mobilization was in 2017 when they deployed to Kuwait to support Operation Enduring Freedom followed by Operation Spartan Shield. The unit also takes part in numerous active-duty missions, ranging from wildfire and pandemic response to locating missing hikers and others. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Starting last night and continuing for up to seven weeks, crews have closed the eastbound Beltline Highway on-ramp from Prairie Road. They've also closed the ramp from the eastbound Beltline Highway ramp onto the Northwest Expressway. If you're traveling on Prairie Road and need to get onto the eastbound Beltline, consider doing so from Highway 99. If you need to get onto the Northwest Expressway, consider taking the Prairie Road off-ramp and across on Irving, or take the River Road Exit. The ramps will remain closed 24/7 for up to seven weeks to replace bridge rails. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's a longtime tourist attraction that has been increasing in popularity as people from across Oregon, the U.S., and other countries visit the remote area with its crystalline waters—then share photos and details on social media. But many who visit Tamolitch Falls or Blue Pool underestimate the energy needed to hike in on a hot summer day, aren't prepared for the water's icy temperatures, or misjudge the location of submerged rocks when they leap into the pool. Over the past few days, first responders from multiple agencies in Lane and Linn Counties have responded to five major injury calls at Blue Pool. They say the remote location and challenging terrain make for a long and complicated rescue. In many cases, patients are so badly injured they must be loaded into an emergency basket and carried out. Most calls to Blue Pool require close to 20 responders from multiple agencies. Complicating the issue, emergency service responses can be delayed because the remote area has no cell service, meaning callers must hike out to dial 9-1-1. Emergency officials are again asking you to take precautions and stay safe when you visit Tamolitch Falls. Officials say if you are planning to hike into the area, ensure you have the fitness level to do it, are well-hydrated and prepared, and use caution in accessing Blue Pool. / WILDLIFE, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: A cougar that climbed onto iconic Haystack Rock off Cannon Beach over the weekend has left the area, allowing the reopening of the popular adjacent beach. Wildlife officials suspect the big cat climbed onto the massive seastack to hunt birds. Multiple agencies and organizations, from local and state police to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Parks and Recreation, responded to Sunday morning's sighting of the cougar on Haystack Rock. The beach was closed to protect people and allow the cat space when it was ready to leave. A game camera captured an image of it climbing off the rock Sunday night, and federal officials say tracks were also found heading away. State biologists believe

the cougar ventured to Haystack Rock at low tide Saturday night to hunt birds, a behavior not previously witnessed at that site. ODFW experts acknowledge that the forested areas along the coast are prime habitat for cougars. But they say it is unusual for a cougar to make its way onto Haystack Rock. Biologist Paul Atwood noted in a statement that the big cat's primary food source is deer, but that they will also consume elk, other mammals, and birds. Cougars have been documented traveling to other similar rocks, seastacks, and small offshore islands on Washington state's Olympic Peninsula. Haystack Rock is protected as part of the Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It teems with seabirds and sea life in the summer. From March through September, tufted puffins, common murrelets, pigeon guillemot and black oystercatcher raise their young on the formation. Part of the rock is closed year-round to all public use to protect nesting and roosting birds. / WILDFIRES, WEATHER: Eugene Springfield Fire crews responded to a grass fire at approximately 3:05 pm Monday near South Danebo and Pacific Avenues in West Eugene. The fire was being pushed south by gusty winds, which prompted arriving firefighters to call in a second alarm. They corralled the blaze after it had scorched an area twice as long and half again as wide as a football field and briefly threatened nearby structures. The cause of the fire is being investigated. ; In Southwest Oregon, the Flat Fire has grown to 5,477 acres. It is burning on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest two miles southwest of the community of Agness on the burn scar of the 2018 Biscuit Fire. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued an Air Quality Advisory for parts of Curry and Josephine Counties as wildfire smoke settled across the area. Officials say the blaze started Saturday evening at the Oak Flat Campground on the Illinois River. It's being driven by hot temperatures, dry vegetation, and high winds which are carrying embers along steep terrain and starting spot fires up to one-quarter mile away. In the Cascade foothill 20 miles southeast of Portland, the 224 Fire has burned more than 30 acres outside the city of Estacada, prompting some rural evacuation warnings. Crews are battling the blaze on steep slopes amid dry vegetation with the help of helicopters making water drops. The cause of the blaze is under investigation. / WILDFIRES, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH: On Sunday, Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley visited the University of Oregon to announce his latest legislation to boost communities' resilience to wildfire smoke and heat threats. He also toured the new Center for Wildfire Smoke Research and Practice, for which he helped secure funding. The Smoke Center officially launched in April to help ensure Oregon communities are better prepared for wildfire smoke events. It draws data from a network of air quality sensors and wildfire cameras and studies how heat, drought, and other factors aggravate wildfire risk, smoke, and health. / HEALTH, CHILDREN: U.S. officials on Monday approved the first long-acting drug to protect babies and toddlers against RSV, a respiratory virus that sends tens of thousands of American children to the hospital each year. RSV is a cold-like nuisance for most healthy people, but it can be life-threatening in the very young and the elderly. The Food and Drug Administration approved the injection for infants and children up to 2 years old who face increased risk of severe RSV. Last year, a surge in RSV cases flooded U.S. hospitals with wheezing children. There are no vaccines for babies yet, though Pfizer and other companies are working on them. AstraZeneca's drug, to be sold under the brand name Beyfortus, is a laboratory-

made version of an antibody that helps the immune system fight off RSV. Under the FDA approval, babies — including preterm infants — can receive a single injection to protect against their first season of RSV, which typically lasts about five months. Children up to age 2 can receive another dose to protect them during their second season facing the virus. FDA officials approved the drug based on three studies showing Beyfortus reduced the risk of RSV infection between 70 percent and 75 percent among infants and children 2 and younger. Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will meet early next month to recommend exactly who should get the drug. A similar antibody drug won FDA approval more than 20 years ago, but it's only recommended for high-risk babies and requires monthly injections. Pediatricians say the drug is underutilized and they expect the longer-lasting effect of AstraZeneca's shot to improve uptake. In the U.S., about 58,000 children younger than 5 are hospitalized for RSV each year and several hundred die. After decades of setbacks for RSV research, drugmakers have made big strides this year, launching the first vaccines against the virus. In May, the FDA approved two RSV vaccines for older adults from GlaxoSmithKline and Pfizer. In August, the FDA is expected to make a decision on approving Pfizer's vaccine for pregnant women, with the aim of passing along protection to their newborns. / CRIME: Authorities in Portland's Multnomah County say the deaths of four women whose bodies were found over three months are linked and that at least one person of interest has been identified. Police initially had said the cases appeared to be unconnected. The bodies were found in wooded areas starting in February, with the last recovered found in May. The state medical examiner says the cause and manner of their deaths remain undetermined. The announcement is an about-face from a June 4 Portland Police Bureau statement saying the four deaths—along with two others—did not appear to be connected. But on Monday, prosecutors with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office dropped their bombshell, saying four of the cases are linked and "at least one person of interest" has been identified. At the same time, they say there is no current danger to the community. Officials say they have worked with multiple law enforcement agencies and interviewed multiple people in connection with the cases. Several Portland media outlets reported a man is in custody and has become a focus of the investigation. The four women include 22-year-old Kristin Smith, who was reported missing in December and whose body was found in February in a wooded area in a southeastern Portland suburb. 24-year-old Charity Perry's body was found April 24 near a state park along the Columbia River, east of Portland. The body of 31-year-old Bridget Webster was recovered on April 30 near a creek in a rural part of Polk County. 22-year-old Ashley Real was last seen at a fast-food restaurant near Portland on March 27. Her body was found on May 7 in a forested area southeast of Portland. Authorities say investigators from nine law enforcement agencies, including the prosecutor's offices in three Oregon counties and the Oregon State Police, have been collaborating on the cases. /

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WILDFIRES, WEATHER, SAFETY: Another dry, hot, windy day. Another round of brush fires in the Willamette Valley. The National Weather Service in Portland is predicting skies above Eugene-Springfield will turn hazy later this morning. The haze also will arrive over the McKenzie Valley and is expected later tonight over much of the rest of Western Oregon. Wildfires around the region and one large industrial fire in Southwest Washington are contributing to the reduced air quality. ; One of yesterday's biggest local blazes was a six-acre vegetation fire near 30th Avenue and Eldon Schafer Drive—one of the access roads to the main campus of Lane Community College. Crews from Eugene Springfield Fire, Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and others stopped its spread then spent hours mopping up. The Lane County Sheriff's Office provided traffic control. No injuries and no structures lost, but smoke lingered for hours. ; Southeast of Salem, a fast-moving brush fire prompted the evacuation of residents in a rural area near the town of Marion. The blaze was contained after several hours after pulling fire crews from at least seven nearby agencies. ; North of Salem, a big brush fire near the town of Brooks prompted lane closures on nearby Interstate Five, backing up northbound traffic while crews responded. ; In Longview, Washington, a large industrial fire has been burning in log decks and wood chip piles at a Weyerhaeuser facility since yesterday evening. Smoke from that fire began drifting into the Portland area a few hours later and became thick enough to impact air quality. ; In the Cascade foothills 20 miles southeast of Portland, the 224 Fire has burned close to 40 acres outside the city of Estacada. But it is 50 percent contained, so officials have lifted evacuation warnings in several rural areas. Officials expect ground crews assisted by helicopter water drops will finish building a line around the fire later today. In Southwest Oregon, the Flat Fire has grown to more than 8,200 acres and remains zero percent contained. The blaze, on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, is located two miles southwest of the community of Agness. It is on part of the burn scar of the 2018 Biscuit Fire. Officials say the blaze started Saturday evening at the Oak Flat Campground on the Illinois River. It's burning on steep terrain amid hot temperatures, dry vegetation, and high winds. / COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: The municipal water tank levels are low because amid the hot, dry weather usage has been high. That means the storage tanks are not refilling fast enough to keep up with demand. Junction City officials yesterday issued a Stage 2 Alert for a Moderate Water Emergency. They are calling on residents and

businesses to make a 30 percent reduction in their water usage. This includes limited the watering of lawns, landscaping, and gardens. Any watering of those areas should happen after 6 p.m. and before 6 a.m. This is not the time to add water to decorative fountains. Major water users are asked to further reduce their lawn or landscape watering. Do not use Junction City's municipal water to wash sidewalks, walkways, streets, driveways, or parking lots. Hold off on washing vehicles. If you dine at a Junction City restaurant, you'll see a posted drought notice on the way in and glasses of water only will be served on request. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES: It will feature 81 affordable housing units at a site in West Eugene. And in an innovative approach supporting young families, it will include an Early Learning Center to help children get a good start in life and assist their parents with childcare. Officials with Homes for Good—Lane County's Housing Authority—announced this week that Ollie Court—a development planned at West 13th and Chambers—is receiving \$11.3 million from the Oregon Housing Stability Council. It will feature one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. The project already has received financial support from the City of Eugene and other state entities. Homes for Good partnered with Head Start of Lane County and Early Childhood CARES to create the on-site Early Learning Center. It will focus on preschool-age youngsters and daycare for families. / GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, FAMILIES, BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT: Employees who need to take time off for important life events can apply for benefits for Paid Leave Oregon starting August 14. Paid Leave Oregon covers paid family leave, medical leave, and safe leave for working Oregonians. Employees can apply for the following reasons: To care for themselves or members of their family during the birth of a child, or to bond with a child after birth, adoption, or placement of a child in their home through foster care; To care for themselves during a serious health condition; To care for a family member when they have a serious health condition; Or if they or their child experience sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking. To apply for leave, employees will use the Oregon Employment Department's (OED) new online system called Frances Online at <https://www.oregon.gov/employ/frances/Pages/default.aspx/> The state Legislature created Paid Leave Oregon in 2019 (House Bill 2005), making Oregon one of 11 states, along with Washington D.C., to offer paid family and medical leave. Oregon's unique program also covers safe leave in addition to family and medical leave. Safe leave supports survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking so they can take time to seek safety. In January 2023, employers and employees began contributing to a trust fund that will pay for employee paid leave benefits. During the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 31, which requires the employment department to ensure the Paid Leave Oregon trust fund is solvent before launching benefits. Based on the latest data and projections, it appears payments will begin the week of September 3. That will be the first week employees may take paid leave, with payments expected out within two weeks. Detailed information for employees, including eligibility requirements, tutorial videos, a benefits calculator, and much more, will be available on the Paid Leave website on Aug. 14. Employees can now go to the employee overview page at <https://paidleave.oregon.gov/employees/overview.html> and find many resources, including a guidebook. / EVENTS: WasteWise Lane County and the nonprofit

Toolbox Project are holding a “Fix-It Fair” on Saturday, July 22, in Cottage Grove. The free event takes place during the South Valley Farmers Market (7th and Main Street in Cottage Grove). It runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fix-It Fairs promote reuse and repair by offering you the opportunity to have household items repaired by volunteer fixers. You can watch and learn repair skills, discover local repair resources, and extend the life of your household items—keeping more stuff out of the trash and saving money. Repairs take an average of 30 minutes, and attendees can only bring items that can be reasonably carried in. These include small appliances, tools, small electronics, textiles, clothing, furniture, bikes, and toys. Learn more at [www.fixitlanecounty.com/calendar](http://www.fixitlanecounty.com/calendar) WasteWise, which is part of Lane County’s Waste Management Division, is partnering with the ToolBox Project to offer these Fix-It fairs. Another is planned for Saturday, September 23, in Florence. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff’s deputies say one person died late Saturday morning during a two-vehicle crash in the 37500 block of Row River Road. Investigators say a westbound white Honda Accord failed to negotiate a righthand curve and struck an oncoming gray Dodge Avenger. A passenger in the Dodge Avenger was killed in the crash. No other details are being released at this time. But if you have information on the crash or the events leading up to it, please contact the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. /

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WILDFIRES, HEALTH, SAFETY: A wildfire burning approximately 13 miles southwest of Veneta in the Coast Range has grown to 100 acres. But they got it lined and plumbed overnight. The Haight Creek Fire, as it's been named, currently does not threaten any structures, powerlines, or other infrastructure. But officials quickly deployed ground crews, bulldozers, and aerial resources yesterday. The blaze is burning on Bureau of Land Management land and the Oregon Department of Forestry is taking the lead on the battle. Because of the firefighting activity, access to Oxbow Road in the Coast Range has been closed. The cause of the fire is being investigated. Yesterday, there were 15 aircraft working the fire, including eight airtankers and seven helicopters. Those included "Scooper" aircraft that skimmed the surface of Fern Ridge Reservoir to collect water for drops. Because of the firefighting activity, boaters on Fern Ridge are urged to use extreme caution and consider using other lakes. On the ground, officials deployed ten engines, more than 140 firefighters, eight water tenders, and five bulldozers pulled from local forestry districts and protective associations, the Bureau of Land Management, and private and public partners. Additional resources are enroute. Overnight, crews continued to begin building a line around the fire's footprint. Officials say the Haight Creek Fire is burning in challenging, steep terrain with very heavy fuels, which makes it difficult to reach and fight. The plume of smoke was clearly visible beyond the ridge to the southwest for the staff and residents of Veterans Legacy—located at the former sheriff's work camp near the hamlet of Alma. Smoke also was visible from parts of central Lane County and the Eugene-Springfield area. ; Drifting smoke from the Flat Fire in Southwest Oregon continued to make its way into central and eastern Lane County overnight. The blaze has grown to more than 12,700 acres and remains zero percent contained. More than 900 personnel are battling the fire, both on the ground and from the air. The Flat Fire is burning in steep terrain on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, about two miles southwest of the community of Agness, near the confluence of the Illinois and Rogue Rivers. The blaze started Saturday evening at the Oak Flat Campground on the Illinois River. Its cause is under investigation. / CRIME: Eugene Police say a bicyclist traveling the wrong way on West 11th Avenue near Chambers Streets late Tuesday morning entered the intersection without slowing, narrowly missed an oncoming car, then struck a dump truck going north on Chambers. The 22-year-old bicyclist, whose name has not been released, was badly injured. One motorist stopped to apply a tourniquet

to the man's leg while another bystander helped direct traffic until police arrived. The bicyclist was hospitalized. He also was cited for Failure to Obey a One-way Designation and Failure to Obey a Traffic Device. ; Eugene Police say they were able to safely disarm a man on Tuesday evening who had been sitting by a West Eugene bus stop when he reportedly took out a firearm and pointed it at his own head. It happened shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday near Roosevelt Boulevard and Foch Street. Because of the location, the presence of the firearm, and other safety hazards, police used an armored vehicle to approach, along with a drone. Officers were able to take the man into custody as he began walking north on Highway 99N. He is identified as 58-year-old Ricky Dwight Blount of Pomona, California. He was jailed on charges of being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon and Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A challenging rescue mission on the flanks of the North Sister in the Oregon Cascades. The Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue team received a report of an injured climber near the summit early Monday afternoon. The caller reported that her boyfriend had fallen approximately 300-500 feet downslope and was severely injured. The woman said she was unable to see where the victim had fallen or reach him due to the extremely steep and rocky terrain. The search began with the assistance of the Search and Rescue team, a Mountain Rescue volunteer, a LifeFlight Network helicopter, and others. It is believed the man fell into a very steep ravine filled with extremely unstable large boulders. But rescuers say the climber stopped responding verbally shortly before searchers arrived and he also could not be located by members of an Oregon National Guard Blackhawk crew. Officials say the area is extremely dangerous and inaccessible on foot. The search resumed on Tuesday with support from a high-resolution camera from the Civil Air Patrol and a ground team made up of volunteers with Corvallis Mountain Rescue and Eugene Mountain Rescue. They used a drone to further search the area where it's believed the victim fell. While they found no sign of him, searchers are poring over the high-resolution photographs using special software to try to find signs of him. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 3.5 percent in June, down from 3.7 percent in May. This was the fifth consecutive monthly drop in the unemployment rate, and it is down from a recent high of 4.8 percent in January. Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 5,700 jobs last month. Sectors making the largest gains included government (+2,400 jobs); other services (+1,800); leisure and hospitality (+1,600); and professional and business services (+1,500). Declines were largest in wholesale trade (-1,300 jobs); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-1,000); and manufacturing (-1,000). Since June 2022, several industries have continued to expand rapidly, while others have been relatively flat or declining. Construction, which added 6,500 jobs, or 5.7 percent, grew at one of the fastest rates of the major industries. In addition, the following three major industries each expanded by close to 4 percent, while adding close to 10,000 jobs each: leisure and hospitality; health care and social assistance; and government. However, a few industries cut jobs by about 2,000 each in the past 12 months, including manufacturing (-1.1 percent); wholesale trade (-1.9 percent); and transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-3.0 percent). /

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WILDFIRES, SAFETY, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Now that crews have a basic fireline and hoses laid around that 100-acre wildfire 13-miles southwest of Veneta, they're focusing on beginning mop-up. The Haight Creek Fire started Tuesday night in steep, wooded terrain. The cause of the blaze is being investigated. But officials say while it's sending plenty of smoke into the air, it does not threaten any structures, powerlines, or other infrastructure. Ground crews, aided by bulldozers, are working to strengthen firelines again today and extend the mop-up zone deeper into the burn area. Helicopters and aerial water tankers are assisting in knocking down hotspots. The blaze is burning on Bureau of Land Management. Because of the firefighting activity, the Oregon Department of Forestry has closed Oxbow Road in the Coast Range to clear the way for fire vehicles. ; In Southwest Oregon, the Flat Fire has grown to more than 15,200 acres and continues to send smoke across parts of Western Oregon, including eastern Lane County. Wildfire haze is expected to continue through early this morning in the Blue River – McKenzie Bridge area and through early afternoon in the Oakridge – Westfir area. The Flat Fire started Saturday evening at a campground along the Illinois River, about two miles southwest of the community of Agness along the Rogue River. Yesterday, Agness residents were told to evacuate while some of the 900-plus personnel battling the blaze worked to shore up protection for the community. Fortunately, they say there has been minimal spread on the north side of the fire. The most active area is on the blaze's western flank. Crews hope the slow arrival of marine air over the next couple of days will aid their battle. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Lane County Sheriff Search and Rescue personnel say have located the body of a missing climber on a dangerous ravine on the flanks of the North Sister. But whether they can safely recover it is another matter. The victim was 21-year-old Joel Tranby of Bend. He'd been climbing the mountain with his girlfriend, who called 911 early Monday afternoon to say Tranby had fallen several hundred feet down a loose and rocky slope. Crews used a helicopter, a drone, and high-resolution imaging to locate Tranby's body. But they say the extremely loose and steep rocky terrain has made it impossible to reach it on foot. The Lane County Sheriff's Search and Rescue leaders are consulting with expert climbers from a number of sources to determine whether there is a safe way to conduct the recovery mission. KTVZ-TV in Bend spoke with Joel Tranby's parents, who expressed gratitude to the search crews. They and people who knew him said he loved the outdoors. They added

that Tranby helped coach his former high school's Nordic Ski Team and was planning to graduate college in December. / Sports, Women: The United States begins its quest for another Women's World Cup title with the same confidence it had in winning the last two tournaments. The top-ranked Americans open play today against Vietnam, which is making its World Cup debut. The Americans are the only four-time World Cup winners, claiming titles in 1991, 1999, 2015 and 2019. The United States is led by holdovers Megan Rapinoe and Alex Morgan and rising stars Sophia Smith and Alyssa Thompson. In addition, there are numerous players with U.S. ties competing in the tournament for other countries. Players with Oregon ties include Crystal Dunn and Sophia Smith, who play for the Portland Thorns; and Megan Rapinoe, who played at the University of Portland and has played for the past decade in Seattle for the Reign. The 38-year-old Rapinoe says she is retiring after the tournament. An estimated 20,000 Americans are coming to New Zealand for the Women's World Cup and many have arrived in the days before the U.S. women's team plays its opener against Vietnam. The fans of the U.S. women's team who are making the journey have a Facebook group with about 9,000 members. /

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WILDFIRES, RECREATION, HEALTH, SAFETY: There's a big plume of smoke coming from the Bedrock Fire along Fall Creek. The blaze began on Saturday afternoon near the Bedrock Campground on the Willamette National Forest and quickly grew to more than 300 acres by yesterday afternoon. The cause of the fire is being investigated. The fire is burning in standing timber and crews with the Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service are working to protect on buildings on private land. There are no evacuation notices right now. But the Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking you to avoid Big Fall Creek Road to keep it clear for emergency vehicles. Several nearby campgrounds along Big Fall Creek Road also are closed because of the firefighting activity. Also, officials remind you to keep drones out of the area. Drones pose a direct safety threat to firefighters on the ground and prevent firefighting aircraft from operating. Fire danger level on the Willamette National Forest remains " very high." ; The Golden Fire continues to grow near the Klamath County community of Bonanza. The blaze, which was reported early Saturday afternoon, has charred more than 2,500 acres and is zero percent contained. Its cause is being investigated. The fire prompted several evacuations of nearby areas, and the Red Cross and Klamath County Community Emergency Response opened a shelter at Bonanza School for those fleeing the blaze. Yesterday, as the fire grew in hot, dry, windy conditions, the governor declared the blaze a conflagration, allowing the state fire marshal to deploy nine task forces from various counties to assist crews already battling the blaze. They include teams of firefighters, fire apparatus, and support vehicles from Lane and Douglas Counties. They could be deployed for up to two weeks, working to protect structures while wildland firefighters battle the blaze. ; Over the weekend, the Flat Fire in Southwestern Oregon grew to more than 20,200 acres and is three percent contained. It started a week ago Saturday at a campground along the Illinois River, about two miles southwest of the community of Agness—which lies at the confluence of the Illinois and the Rogue. Close to 1,500 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and in the air. Cooler weather has helped firefighters control the lines over the past two days. / CRIME: Eugene Police detectives say Friday night's incident where shots were fired in a parking lot outside the Lane County Fairgrounds was not a random act. One person was wounded, but police said on Saturday the victim's injuries were not life-threatening. It happened shortly before 9 p.m. near 16th Street and Friendly Avenue, south of the fairgrounds. Investigators still are working to identify the

suspect in the case and are asking anyone with leads or video evidence to contact investigators. ; Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office said Friday that the woman whose body was found early that morning off Prairie Road has been struck by a vehicle around 11 p.m. Thursday night. It happened near the intersection of Prairie Road near Leghorn Road. The woman's body was spotted the next morning by an employee arriving at a nearby business. Her identity will be released after relatives are notified. Investigators would like to speak with the occupants of a late-model sedan that was involved in the crash. The vehicle is believed to be charcoal or gray-metallic in color. It is likely missing a side-mirror and possibly has front-end damage or damage to the passenger side. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. / EVENTS, SPORTS, YOUTH: Welcome to the thousands of competitors, family members, and fans in town for 2023 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. The competition features qualifying American athletes between the ages of seven and eighteen. The action begins today and continues through Sunday at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus. / HEALTH, SAFETY, CHILDREN: More than 345,000 children's cups are being recalled due to lead levels that exceed the federal content ban, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The manufacturer, Soojimus, is recalling 8-ounce and 12-ounce models of its Cupkin Double-Walled Stainless Steel Children's Cups — sold on Amazon and the Cupkin website from 2018 through earlier this year. Consumers in possession of the recalled Cupkin cups are urged to stop using them immediately and contact Soojimus for a full refund. No illnesses or injuries related to the recall have been reported to date. Company officials released a statement saying lead was not detected during the products' initial development. /

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CRIME, SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's Office Detectives say they served a search warrant this morning at an illegal butane hash oil operation in the 29800 block of Kelso Street this morning. That's in an area populated with residences and businesses—and a large nearby lumber mill. Kelso Street is located off Prairie Road north of Irving. One detective said it was a miracle the lab had not exploded yet. Investigators say they found extremely dangerous conditions that included the use of highly volatile chemicals close to poorly constructed and unpermitted electrical work. Officials say they seized large quantities of butane hash oil—a cannabis concentrate—in various stages of processing. They say the site also contained a large-scale psilocybin mushroom operation. Investigators took one person into custody on charges related to the search. They say that suspect, 47-year-old Brandon Dylan Whitmer was wanted on an Arson warrant out of Linn County related to a butane hash oil lab explosion in May of 2021. They add that Whitmer also had been injured in a BHO lab explosion in Eugene in August of 2021. Detectives also served a search warrant on Whitmer's residence in the Coburg area and say they discovered additional processed marijuana and evidence related to the manufacturing of marijuana products. / WILDFIRES, HEALTH: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has issued an Air Quality Advisory for drifting wildfire smoke, which is in effect until 6 AM Thursday. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through at least Wednesday night. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. Simple cloth, dust, and surgical masks do not protect from the harmful particles in smoke. N-95 or P-100 respirators approved by NIOSH might offer protection, but they must be properly selected and worn. Select a NIOSH-approved respirator with a N, R or P alongside the number 95, 99, or 100. ; The Bedrock Fire along Fall Creek has grown to close to 3,200 acres since it was spotted on Saturday afternoon. It continues to put out large amounts of smoke. The smoke is drifting into some communities. That includes locations on the east side of the mountains. The blaze started near the Bedrock Campground on the Willamette National Forest. The cause of the fire is being investigated. The fire is burning in standing timber. Crews with the Oregon Department of Forestry and U.S. Forest Service are working to protect on

buildings on private land. There are no evacuation notices right now. But the Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking you to avoid Big Fall Creek Road to keep it clear for emergency vehicles. Several nearby campgrounds along Big Fall Creek Road are closed because of the firefighting activity. If you have a drone, keep it out of the area. Drones pose a direct safety threat to firefighters on the ground and prevent firefighting aircraft from operating. ; Mop-up is continuing on the Haight Creek Fire, burning about 13 miles southwest of Veneta. Crews with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Bureau of Land Management say the blaze was 40-percent contained by Sunday morning. They say firefighters gained more access into the fire's perimeter, which allowed them to expand their efforts after clearing overhead hazards near the line for crew safety. Nearby residents might notice increased smoke as the interior of the fire burns the fuel that remains within the fire's footprint. Officials say wildfires can smolder for months and continue to emit smoke. Oxbow Road in the Coast Range remains closed near the fire for firefighter safety. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. / LEGAL, UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT, FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT: Conservation and fishing groups have given 60-day notice of their intent to sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, seeking removal of the Snake River dams. The Capital Press reports the notice comes from attorneys representing the organizations Columbia Riverkeeper, Idaho Rivers United, Idaho Conservation League, and the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association. The groups claim in a letter that the dams cause, quote, "hot water conditions that kill and injure Snake River sockeye salmon in violation of the Endangered Species Act." The Corps and agricultural stakeholders have long argued that only Congress can authorize removal of the dams. Reporter Matthew Weaver writes that Northwest RiverPartners, the non-profit organization representing farmers, ports, and not-for-profit utilities, issued a press release responding to the notice. In it, the group says Snake River sockeye returns are some of the best in recent memory and that dams and fish can and do co-exist. The conservation and fishing groups say removing the Lower Snake River dams will cool the river and help salmon survive. They say efforts are already underway to replace the Lower Snake River dams' transportation, irrigation, and energy services. /

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WILDFIRES, HEALTH: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has issued an Air Quality Advisory for drifting wildfire smoke, which is in effect until 6 a.m. Thursday for areas including eastern and southern Lane County, including Cottage Grove, Vida, McKenzie Bridge, Jasper, Lowell, and Oakridge. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through at least tonight. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. ; The Bedrock Fire continues to burn its way east along the Fall Creek drainage. The blaze started on Saturday afternoon near the Bedrock Campground on the Willamette National Forest. It now covers more than 4,400 acres and moved through forested areas that include the Bedrock and Puma Campgrounds, along with two of the Fall Creek Trailheads. The cause of the fire is being investigated. Since so many people were either camping or playing in the area on Saturday, U.S. Forest Service investigators would like to hear from anyone who has videos, photos, or other leads that might help them pinpoint how the blaze started. And a reminder: If you have a drone, keep it out of the area. Drones pose a direct safety threat to firefighters on the ground and prevent firefighting aircraft from operating. ; A wildfire that started over the weekend about 20 miles northeast of Klamath Falls has burned dozens of homes. The Oregon State Fire Marshal says preliminary damage assessments from the Golden Fire near the community of Bonanza include 43 destroyed residences along with more than 40 outbuildings. Most are believed to have burned Saturday, as the fire sparked and spread rapidly during hot weather and gusty winds. Crews were unable to get into those areas until yesterday because of unsafe conditions. The fire also significantly damaged a fiber optic line affecting most of the 8,200 residents in neighboring Lake County, causing a loss of 911, internet, and phone service. It's not known when the line will be restored. 911 calls were being rerouted to Klamath County, and emergency officials are working to put up temporary telephone and internet towers. The blaze has burned more than 2,100 acres and is 15 percent contained. It's cause is under investigation. Officials with the Klamath County Sheriff's office say it appears the blaze might have started on private property that was the site of an illegal marijuana grow. Nine task forces from various counties are assisting in the battle, including firefighters, fire

apparatus, and support vehicles from Lane and Douglas Counties. They could be deployed for up to two weeks, as they focus on protecting structures while wildland firefighters battle the blaze. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Members of a divided Eugene City Council this week approved the final details of a package of renter protections. The intent is to better protect renters from no-cause evictions in our tight housing market. Supporters of the effort say the protections will provide more stability to tenants who pay their rent on time and are complying with terms of their leases. They say it will make it less likely tenants will receive unexpected evictions and, with available units at a premium, risk becoming homeless. Opponents say the new rules—which go into effect starting August 25—would prompt some landlords to sell their properties rather than rent them. And they warn rents might increase to cover potential costs from some elements of the plan. Among the elements endorsed by the council this week: requirements that rental applications be reviewed in the order they are received; caps on security deposits of the equivalent of two months' rent; and relocation assistance for someone evicted for no fault of their own. / CRIME: One detective said it was a miracle the lab had not yet exploded. Lane County Sheriff's Office Detectives say they served a search warrant Monday morning at an illegal butane hash oil operation in a mixed residential and business neighborhood on Kelso Street, located off Prairie Road north of Irving. Butane hash oil or BHO is a cannabis concentrate. Investigators say they found highly volatile chemicals stored close to poorly constructed and unpermitted electrical work. They say the site also contained a large-scale psilocybin mushroom operation. Investigators took one person into custody on charges related to the search. They say that suspect, 47-year-old Brandon Dylan Whitmer already was wanted on an arson warrant out of Linn County related to a BHO lab explosion in May of 2021 and also had been injured in a BHO lab explosion in Eugene three months later. Detectives also served a search warrant on Whitmer's residence in the Coburg area and say they discovered additional processed marijuana and evidence related to the manufacturing of marijuana products. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: Former Oregon Ducks star Justin Herbert is set to become the NFL's highest-paid quarterback by annual salary. He agreed to a five-year, \$262.5 million extension with the Los Angeles Chargers on Tuesday. Herbert's total value and \$52.5 million average per season surpasses the \$260 million, five-year extension Baltimore's Lamar Jackson signed three months ago. Herbert is getting \$218.7 million guaranteed, according to a person close to the negotiations. The Chargers are set to hold their first training camp practice today. The 25-year-old Herbert — the sixth overall pick in 2020 — is the first quarterback in NFL history to begin his career with three consecutive seasons of at least 4,000 passing yards and is one of two players to throw 25 touchdown passes in each of his first three years. But despite those stellar numbers, the Chargers still have not been leading Super Bowl contenders. Los Angeles is 25-25 including the playoffs with Herbert under center. Last season, the Chargers went 10-7 and reached the postseason for the first time since 2018. They blew a 27-point first-half lead and lost to Jacksonville 31-30 in the first round of the playoffs. ; Two U.S. senators have introduced a bipartisan college sports bill that would require athletes to disclose how much they money make from name, image, and likeness deals, regulate collectives and agents, and put restrictions in transferring players. The plan is the second to come out of the Senate in the past week. This one, from

Democrat Joe Manchin and Republican Tommy Tuberville, would the legislation includes the creation of a national public registry to record and track the deals, enhanced healthcare coverage for both current and former college athletes and strict rules regarding athletes' usage of the transfer portal. Athletes would only be able to transfer and play right away after completing their first three years of academic eligibility. Exceptions to this would include a death in the player's family or a head coach or position coach leaving the school. /

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WILDFIRES, RECREATION, SAFETY: Popular recreation spots along Fall Creek, including campgrounds, trailheads, and a fire lookout, are under an emergency U.S. Forest Service closure as the Bedrock Fire continues to grow. The blaze has spread across more than 7,100 acres and remains zero percent contained. The Lane County Sheriff's Office yesterday issued a safety advisory: Firefighting aircraft are scooping water from Lookout Point Reservoir when flight conditions allow. Boaters: Use extreme caution and consider going elsewhere for now. If you are on the lake, give those aircraft plenty of space. The Bedrock Fire started on Saturday afternoon near the Bedrock Campground on the Willamette National Forest. Its cause is being investigated and Forest Service investigators would like to hear from anyone who has videos, photos, or other leads that might help them pinpoint how the blaze started. ; Fire danger remains "Very High" across the Willamette National Forest. And yesterday, the Siuslaw National Forest issued open fire restrictions that went into effect this morning at 8 a.m. All campfires, charcoal or briquette fires, pellet fires, or any other open fires are prohibited outside of designated campgrounds. There are exemptions for sand camping campfires in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and Sand Lake Recreation Area. Portable cooking stoves and lanterns using liquefied or bottled fuel are allowed as they can be instantly switched off. Smoking is prohibited except within an enclosed vehicle or building or a developed recreation site. Generators are permitted only in places devoid of vegetation, such as paved areas or developed campsites. Motorized vehicles may operate only on designated trails and roads. Offroad and off-trail driving is permissible within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area or Sand Lake Recreation Area where designated by the Siuslaw National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map. The fire restrictions will be in place until rescinded. / WEATHER, HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: President Biden today is announcing new steps to address the extreme heat that has threatened millions of Americans, including additional worker protections, improved weather forecasting, and more accessible drinking water. The president is directing the Labor Department to increase inspections of potentially dangerous workplaces such as farms and construction sites. He also wants heightened enforcement of heat safety violations. Labor officials also will issue hazard alerts notifying employers and employees about ways to stay protected from extreme heat, which has killed 436 workers since 2011, according to federal statistics. The Biden administration plans to spend \$7 million to develop

more detailed weather predictions to anticipate extreme weather like heat waves, plus \$152 million to boost drinking water infrastructure and climate resilience in California, Colorado and Washington. The Department of Labor is developing a standard for how workplaces deal with heat. The proposed rule by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration would require employers to provide adequate water and rest breaks to outdoor workers, as well as medical services and training to address signs and symptoms of heat-related illness. The Department of Health and Human Services has expanded its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to provide more access to air conditioning and cooling centers such as libraries, senior centers, or other public buildings. The Environmental Protection Agency also has provided assistance to help communities develop cooling centers within schools. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has been helping cities and towns map “heat islands” with dense buildings and fewer trees, and the Department of Agriculture issued guidance for creating more tree canopy coverage, which helps with cooling environments. / SPORTS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS: Another potential blow to the Pac-12 and, by extension, Oregon and Oregon State. The University of Colorado’s board of regents has scheduled a special meeting later today. Athletics operations are on the agenda, amid speculation the school will leave the Pac-12 Conference and return to the Big 12. ESPN is reporting that Big 12 member schools’ presidents and chancellors voted unanimously yesterday to accept Colorado as a new member. Colorado would need to formally apply for membership. The departure would further weaken the Pac-12 Conference. USC and UCLA are departing next year to join the Big Ten. At last week’s Pac-12 football media days, Commissioner George Kliavkoff had said that the 10 remaining conference members were committed to staying together. Pac-12 leaders have spent months struggling to negotiate new media rights contracts. The conference’s current broadcast deals with ESPN and Fox expire after this school year. The Big 12 last year came to an agreement with ESPN and Fox on a six-year extension worth more than \$2 billion that runs through 2030-31. And more poaching might be in the works: The Big 12 has 14 members this year, but Texas and Oklahoma are leaving for the Southeastern Conference next year. A person familiar with the Big 12’s discussions says the conference would ideally like to expand to 16 schools with Arizona, Arizona State, Utah and Colorado all moving from the Pac-12 to create a Western wing of the league. Colorado was an original member of the Big 12 in 1996, and joined the Pac-12 in 2011. The Buffaloes’ football team has had only one winning record over a full season since joining the Pac-12, and went 1-11 last year, leading to the hiring of former NFL star Deion Sanders. / EDUCATION: The Coalition of Oregon School Administrators says school districts across Oregon have struggled to hire and retain superintendents in the last five years. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the job has become contentious for school leaders dealing with continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and tensions from school boards. Krista Parent, the coalition’s deputy executive director, says 60 of Oregon’s 197 school districts have superintendents in the first or second year of the job. Twenty-five districts will have new superintendents this year. Four districts were still seeking a superintendent as of this week. Parent says Oregon and the entire country are in “crisis mode” for school district leadership. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS, ENERGY: Seven major automakers say they’re joining forces to build a North

American electric vehicle charging network that would rival Tesla's and nearly double the number of fast-charging plugs in the U.S. and Canada. Officials with General Motors, BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mercedes and Stellantis say that they will share in a multi-billion dollar investment to build "high power" charging stations with 30,000 plugs in urban areas and along travel corridors. The dramatic move is intended to speed up the adoption of electric vehicles, allaying fears that chargers won't be available for long distance travel. But even with 30,000 more plugs, the U.S. will need far more chargers. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory estimates that 182,000 fast chargers will be needed by 2030. There are currently just under 8,700 direct-current fast-charging stations in the U.S. and Canada with close to 36,000 charging plugs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. / SAFETY: Federal officials are considering a crackdown on defective lithium-ion batteries that power hoverboards, scooters and motorized bicycles because of a rash of deadly fires caused by exploding batteries. The effort comes as New York City implements new laws meant to reduce the number of fires, injuries, and deaths in a city where e-bikes have become commonplace. One of the new laws requires that all e-bicycles and batteries are certified as safe by an independent testing company. The number of e-bikes in New York City has swelled to 65,000, as homebound city dwellers grew reliant on food delivery workers for meals during the COVID-19 pandemic. / CRIME: Springfield Police yesterday arrested a 33-year-old man they say was engaging in sexually explicit conversations and sending sexually explicit photos and videos to a 15-year-old girl in Salem using the social media platform Instagram. It came during an investigation with Salem Police. Edwin Paul Johnson of Springfield, was lodged at the Marion County Jail on charges of luring a minor and second-degree online sexual corruption of a child. /

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: A big contract extension for Oregon Head Football Coach Dan Lanning. He's inked a deal to remain in the program's top job through 2028. Lanning's new deal will pay him a total of \$45 million in base salary over six years. There are incentives that will extend the deal an additional year for up to three years whenever Oregon wins 10 games in a season. He would have to pay a \$20 million buyout if he leaves for another job prior to completion of the contract. Lanning joined the Ducks after four seasons at Georgia—the last three of which he was the dogs defensive coordinator. Oregon notched a 10-3 record last season, including a win over North Carolina in the Holiday Bowl. Six of his players were NFL draft picks last season. Oregon Athletics Director Rob Mullens says Lanning has exhibited tremendous leadership and unwavering commitment to the Duck Football program and its athletes. ; Colorado is leaving the Pac-12 to return to the Big 12—another blow to Oregon, Oregon State, and other schools remaining in the West Coast's major conference. Colorado University's board of regents voted unanimously yesterday to make the move in 2024. That means the Pac-12 will lose three schools next year as Colorado goes to the Big 12, and USC and UCLA head for the Big Ten. For the Buffaloes, the decision largely came down to money and greater media exposure with earlier game times. Colorado is expected to receive more than \$31 million in annual television revenue. That's after the Big 12 last year came to an agreement with ESPN and Fox on a six-year extension worth more than \$2 billion that runs through 2030-31. Pac-12 leaders, meantime, have spent months struggling to negotiate new media rights contracts. The conference's current broadcast deals with ESPN and Fox expire after this school year. More poaching might be in the works. The Big 12 has 14 members this year, but Texas and Oklahoma are leaving for the Southeastern Conference next year. Sources say the Big 12's leaders would like to expand to 16 schools, possibly by adding three more current Pac-12 members: Arizona, Arizona State, and Utah. Along with Colorado, they would create a Western wing of the league. Pac-12 leaders were set to hold an emergency meeting yesterday to discuss their options. / SAFETY: Ford is recalling more than 870,000 F-150 pickup trucks in the U.S. because the electric parking brakes can turn on unexpectedly. The recall covers certain pickups from the 2021 through 2023 model years with single exhaust systems. The company says in documents posted by government safety regulators that a rear wiring bundle can come in contact with the axle housing. That can chafe the wiring and cause a short circuit, which can turn on the parking

brake. Ford says it has not received any reports of crashes or injuries connected to the problem. As part of the recall, dealers will inspect the rear wiring harness. If the protective tape is worn through, the harness will be replaced. If the tape isn't worn, they'll install a protective tie strap and tape wrap. / WILDFIRES: The Bedrock Fire continues to burn east of Lowell on the Willamette National Forest. It has spread across than 8,252 acres and remains zero percent contained as it slowly spreads to the north, east, and south. As close to 470 personnel continue to fight the flames, the Willamette National Forest earlier this week issued emergency closures through late October for many popular recreation spots along Fall Creek. These include six campgrounds, an historic fire lookout, and seven trailheads—plus firefighting aircraft scooping water from Lookout Point Reservoir. Firefighting aircraft are scooping water from Lookout Point Reservoir when conditions allow. If you are boating on the reservoir, use extreme caution and consider recreating elsewhere for now. If you are on the lake or other bodies of water during aircraft operations, give them plenty of space. / HEALTH: More than 100,000 people in the U.S. have become allergic to red meat since 2010 because of a syndrome triggered by tick bites. In a government report released Thursday, health officials say they believe many more have the problem but do not know it. A second report estimated that as many as 450,000 Americans have developed the allergy. Health officials said they are not aware of any confirmed deaths, but people with the allergy have described it as bewildering and terrifying. It's not caused by a germ, but by a sugar known as alpha-gal that is in tick spit. When the sugar enters the body through the skin, it triggers an immune response and can lead to a severe allergic reaction. The reaction occurs hours after an infected person eats beef, pork, venison or other meat from mammals — or ingests milk, gelatin or other mammal products. Many patients said they never connected it to their meals because it happened so many hours after eating. Some patients have only stomach symptoms, but people with the syndrome also can experience symptoms including hives, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, severe stomach pain, difficulty breathing, dizziness and swelling of the lips, throat, tongue or eye lids. Many U.S. cases are tied to the lone star tick, which despite its Texas-themed name is most common in the eastern and southern U.S. But as the world's climate warms, those ticks are expanding their range, which could mean many more cases in the years ahead. Doctors counsel patients to change their diet, carry epinephrine, and avoid more tick bites. /

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WILDFIRES, HEALTH: An Air Quality Advisory is in effect through noon Tuesday for Eastern Lane County and parts of Central Oregon for drifting smoke and haze from the Bedrock Fire. Air quality will reach unhealthy levels at times through at least Monday night. ; The Bedrock Fire continues to burn east of Lowell on the Willamette National Forest. It has spread across than 9,500 acres and is three percent contained as it slowly spreads to the north, east, and south. Officials say 652 personnel are battling the flames. The Willamette National Forest earlier this week issued emergency closures through late October for many popular recreation spots along Fall Creek. On Saturday, forest supervisors expanded the area to a mix of public lands, roads, trails, and recreation sites. Fire personnel are making progress on constructing fire lines in critical areas. On the southwest edge of the fire, the line has been completed from Big Fall Creek Road south for more than three miles. Hand crews and heavy equipment continue to work on fire lines along the fire perimeter further to the southeast. To the west of the fire, north of Big Fall Creek Road, large sections of the 1817 road system have been cleared and prepared for use as indirect fire lines. Fuels are being reduced with masticators and chippers, and by removal of logs along roads. North of the fire along the ridgeline from Little Cowhorn Mountain to Symbol Rock, a fire line is being established. This ridgeline crosses multiple ownerships, private and federal. Oregon Department of Forestry fire personnel and others are coordinating with the Forest Service to locate and prepare the lines using a mix of existing roads and areas cleared by bulldozers and hand crews. Firefighting aircraft continue to scoop water from Lookout Point Reservoir when conditions allow. If you are boating on the reservoir, use extreme caution and consider recreating elsewhere for now. If you are on the lake or other bodies of water during aircraft operations, give them plenty of space. / WILDFIRES, RECREATION: A park along Eugene's Ridgeline Trail has reopened after a wildfire earlier this month. Moon Mountain Park reopened on Friday after crews removed hazardous trees, cleared and stabilized the trail, and reinstalled park boundary markers. That said, areas outside of the official trail system have not been evaluated for hazards and might contain very irregular ground and unstable trees. You're encouraged to avoid those areas, both for your safety and to avoid further damaging fragile spots. The cause of the fire has not been determined. But experts say the prairie and oak savanna that burned during the blaze is expected to recover. They say visitors will see large wildflower patches next spring and the oak trees should also rebound

as long as you don't climb them or otherwise stress them. More restoration work will get underway this fall. A public tour hosted by Eugene Parks staff will be offered in September. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: There's a "supermoon" that will be visible Tuesday evening—the first of two this month. Supermoons are full moons that appear larger and brighter because the moon is closer to Earth. ; A nice addition to a popular state park. Visitors to Silver Falls State Park in the mountains east of Salem now can hike the new North Rim Trail, a 1/2-mile connection, to an overlook of North Falls. Oregon parks officials say the new trail is six-feet wide with a compacted surface that has less than a 5 percent grade, making it more accessible than some of the park's other trails. The trail is accessible from the new North Canyon Day-Use Area. That new area also includes about a dozen picnic tables, 59 new parking spots—including 3 that are ADA accessible—and an ADA-accessible bathroom. The site also links to the park's nature play area and enjoy access to the Canyon Trail and the Trail of Ten Falls. Funding came from the Oregon legislature, state lottery funds, and the Friends of Silver Falls. Many volunteer groups donated their time to help create the trail. Long-term plans call for eventually adding a new North Gateway campground with restroom and shower facilities and a new North Gateway Visitor Center, along with updated water, electrical, and sewer systems. / RECREATION, SAFETY: Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office said Friday that a 17-year-old boy drowned Thursday evening on Triangle Lake after the canoe in which he was riding capsized, and he did not resurface. Officials say he was not wearing a life jacket. The teen's identity will be released after relatives are notified. Officials say the canoe capsized shortly before 7:45 p.m. Thursday. Bystanders began searching the area—about 50 feet from the main boat ramp—but could not locate him. Sheriff's Office divers found the victim's body about three hours later. / CRIME: On Thursday, July 27, Eugene Police SWAT, Crisis Negotiation Team, and Street Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at a home in the 1100 block of W. 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Investigators say they'd learned that a felon, 41-year-old Stephen Allan Laszlo, was in possession of several firearms, fencing stolen property, and dealing narcotics. Officials say Laszlo was living in a small, 15-unit low-income housing development for people with children but had no children living with him. During the search of the unit, police say Laszlo jumped from his second-story window onto a covered porch, injured his ankle, and was taken into custody. The search of the apartment yielded a large cache of firearms, ammunition, methamphetamines and fentanyl, U.S. currency, stolen bicycles, body armor, a stolen guitar, and myriad tools. They included eleven handguns, three of which were stolen and three of which had obliterated serial numbers. Police also seized nine rifles and one AR-15-style "ghost gun." Law enforcement also recovered stolen bicycles; a stolen Les Paul Guitar; \$2,100 in cash; 1.6 pounds of methamphetamine; 300 fentanyl blue counterfeit Oxy 30; scales and packaging material; and a currency counter. ; Criminals have created a fraudulent website that uses the name of our local bus system—the Lane Transit District. But LTD officials warn that unless you're at the official site at [www.ltd.org](http://www.ltd.org) you could lose money and unwittingly share your personal information. The transit agency's leaders have notified the FBI's Cybercrime Unit and the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Fraud Division. They also have made a fraud report to Google asking the internet giant to delist the scammer's site in Internet searches. Lane Transit's legal counsel also has sent "take down" demands to the website's

host provider. But because know one has been able to determine who operates the bogus website or whether that person is even within the U.S., LTD's options otherwise are limited. If you have been defrauded and lost money to the scammers, you may file a complaint with the FBI Cybercrime Unit at <https://www.ic3.gov/> People who file a complaint will be prompted to provide details such as affected bank account numbers, check numbers, and so on. / SAFETY, CRIME: Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office on Friday released the name of the woman who was struck a week earlier by a vehicle near the intersection of Prairie Road near Leghorn Avenue. They say she was 45-year-old Alisha Diane Rife of Junction City. She was killed around 11 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. Investigators say the vehicle in the case is believed to be a 2015–2019 model BMW 3 Series car. They say its color is "mineral gray." The vehicle likely is missing a passenger side mirror and possibly has front-end damage or damage to the passenger side. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: Oregon's governor said Friday she will not veto a bill that ends a longtime ban on self-service gasoline. By allowing it to become law, it will end a rule that dates back more than 70 years. The question now is when it will take effect. The legislative bill, which was approved earlier this month, will require gas stations to ensure they still staff at least half of their open pumps. Additionally, station owners will not be able to charge a higher price per gallon when attendants do the fueling. If the governor signs it, it will go into effect immediately. If she allows it to become law without signing it, it will take effect on August 4. Kotek has not said whether she will sign it. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the governor said earlier this month said she wanted to hear from Oregonians before deciding whether to allow the self-service bill to become law. She received close to 5,000 messages from both sides of the issue. The proposal had bipartisan legislative support. It builds on legislation from eight years ago that legalized self-serve gas pumps at night in rural and coastal counties. The state fire marshal also has lifted the self-serve ban every summer since 2020 during wildfires or heat waves. Motorcyclists already were allowed to pump their own gas. In past years, similar efforts failed amid concerns it would cost station attendants their jobs. Now, many service station operators say they continue to have a tough time filling those jobs, and that allowing self-serve will shorten the wait for customers. / ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES, TRIBES, UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Work has begun on the largest dam removal project in U.S. history. Crews have mostly dismantled the first of four dams along the Klamath River near the California-Oregon border. The other three dams are expected to come down by the end of next year. The demolition is part of a national movement to return the natural flow of the nation's rivers and restore habitat for fish and the ecosystems that sustain other wildlife. More than 2,000 dams have been removed in the U.S. as of February, with the bulk of those having come down within the last 25 years, according to the advocacy group American Rivers. The removal of four hydroelectric dams along the Klamath River is the movement's greatest triumph and its greatest challenge. When demolition is completed by the end of next year, more than 400 miles of river will have opened for threatened species of fish and other wildlife. By comparison, the 65 dams removed in the U.S. last year combined to reconnect 430 miles of river. The project will empty three reservoirs over about 3.5 square miles near the

California-Oregon border, exposing soil to sunlight in some places for the first time in more than a century. The removal project will cost about \$500 million and is opposed by some homeowners near the lakes that will be drained. Once the dams are gone, crews will work to replant billions of seeds from native plants. / FISHERIES, RECREATION, WEATHER: A big fishing closure went into effect today on the North Umpqua River and its tributaries. They are closed to angling through the end of November amid low numbers of returning wild summer steelhead. The closure stretches from the river's mouth to the marker below Soda Springs Dam. ODFW biologists project the run will fall short of 1,200 returning wild fish, which is well below a critical level. They fear fishing over the next few months would place the entire wild summer steelhead population in jeopardy. Officials said last week that the number of wild summer steelhead passing Winchester Dam are less than half the amount needed to meet what's needed for the year. Similar conditions and low returns also closed fishing in this area in 2021. Last year, numbers were better. What's causing the dwindling population? Experts say a lot of it comes down to ocean conditions, which play a major role in fish survival and ultimately run size. Low water flows and water temperatures approaching 80 degrees in the lower North Umpqua and mainstem Umpqua rivers also play a role in the emergency angling closure. And non-native smallmouth and striped bass also are eating more of the young fish, likely contributing to lower runs. There are also areas where habitat in and along the North Umpqua need to recover from wildfires and other challenges to help cool the water and provide better conditions for native fish. /

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WILDFIRES, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Some roads in and around Pleasant Hill will be a bit busier starting today, now that the base camp for the Bedrock Fire has relocated to the Pleasant Hill area. Keep an eye out for crews, especially on Highway 58, Parkway, Wheeler, and Jasper-Lowell Roads. Incident commanders say moving to the new site allows them to accommodate additional firefighters and equipment. More than 725 personnel now are assigned to the blaze. The Bedrock Fire has burned more than 10,600 acres east of Lowell and is three percent contained. It is spreading smoke and haze throughout parts of Eastern Lane County and Central Oregon. Crews are working to create fire lines around the entire blaze. Firefighting aircraft are scooping water from Lookout Point Reservoir when conditions allow. The Willamette National Forest has issued emergency closures through late October for many popular recreation spots along Fall Creek and across nearby public and private lands. ; Fire crews responded to the Churchill High school sports field early this morning. A grass fire behind one of the bleachers was sending flames and smoke into the air. Crews knocked it down quickly. There was minor damage to the bleacher. The cause of the blaze is being investigated. / SAFETY, RECREATION: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say a kayaker drowned Saturday afternoon on the Willamette River when his watercraft struck a log, became entangled, and overturned. Marine Search and Rescue crews responded and located the victim underwater but were unable to revive him. His name will be released after relatives are notified. Officials say the paddler put in at the Middle Fork Boat Launch and that a second person had been floating with him on an innertube attached to the kayak. That second person was able to make their way to shore. Investigators say the victim was not wearing a life jacket, although a life jacket was found attached to his kayak. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: Pac-12 leaders meet today to hear from Commissioner George Kliavkoff (klee-AV'-koff), who is expected to present them with details of a long-awaited potential media rights deal. Sources say the session will include university presidents, chancellors, and athletic directors. The meeting, which was first reported by Oregon-based sports blogger John Canzano (can'-ZAW'-noh), comes less than a week after Colorado announced it was leaving the Pac-12 after this year and re-joining the Big 12. Pac-12 leaders said publicly that they want to keep the conference together and appeared cautiously optimistic the league's next media rights deal would provide enough revenue to do so.

Kilavkoff has been pursuing a new deal to replace the ones with ESPN and Fox

that expire in 2024. That's the year USC and UCLA move to the Big Ten and Colorado returns to the Big 12. With Colorado's planned departure, the Pac-12 is down to nine still-committed members. If Kliavkoff can't deliver a deal that gets close to the \$31 million per year per school—which is what Big 12 members are set to receive—there could be more defections. /

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WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Tense moments yesterday in the mid-Willamette Valley, as firefighters from multiple agencies rushed to stop the progress of a 39-acre blaze that threatened a rural neighborhood outside the city of Lebanon—and evacuated nearby homes. The fire was reported around 1:45 p.m. one mile northwest of the town of Sodaville, and it came as some crews already were already battling a vegetation blaze near Scio. As the wind-driven flames moved toward nearby structures, crews used engines, water tenders, bulldozers, an aircraft, and a helicopter to stop its progress. Some nearby residents also joined the effort. They got the fire under control by 3:00 p.m. Mop-up continued into the afternoon and evening. Officials say the blaze started on a partially harvested field and was sparked by farm equipment. ; The Bedrock Fire has burned more than 10,600 acres east of Lowell and is five percent contained. It is spreading smoke and haze throughout parts of Eastern Lane County and Central Oregon. Officials say 745 personnel are battling the blaze. Crews are working to build fire lines while firefighting aircraft scoop water from Lookout Point Reservoir to douse hot spots. The Willamette National Forest has emergency closures in place through late October for many popular recreation spots along Fall Creek and on nearby public and private lands. Fire managers and others battling the Bedrock Fire are holding another public meeting this evening to update residents. It takes place at 6:00 p.m. at McKenzie High School. Last night's session in Lowell is available for viewing on the "Bedrock Fire 2023" Facebook page. /

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, FINANCES: Drivers are in for another headache at the pump as U.S. gas prices continue to rise. According to motor club AAA, today's prices at the pump remain far lower than they were last year, when energy costs soared worldwide in the months following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, experts say such a jump is unusual. But global supply production cuts and the impacts of this summer's extreme heat on refineries are driving the increase. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, average prices for a gallon of regular gasoline stand at \$4.58, up four cents from one week ago, but down six cents per gallon from last month. Diesel is averaging \$4.38. /

SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION; Pac-12 member schools met behind closed doors yesterday to discuss a possible media rights deal. Sources say there were no votes, but there is continued speculation about whether the deal will be lucrative enough to prevent more schools from heading to other conferences. The meeting comes just days after Colorado announced it would re-join the Big 12 in 2024.

USC and UCLA earlier said they, too, would leave in 2024 and become part of the Big Ten. With nine members still trying to stick it out, the new broadcast contract could make or break the Pac-12. ESPN is reporting that the media rights deal would make Apple's online streaming service, Apple TV, the primary home for Pac-12 football games. The total value of the agreement would be dependent on the number of subscriptions purchased. The current Pac-12 broadcast contract relies on ESPN and Fox. But the expanded Big Ten and Big 12 area grabbing much of that airtime with their new deals. There's speculation that three more Pac-12 schools might be considering moves to the Big 12, including Arizona, Arizona State, and Utah. The Big 12 agreed last fall to a six-year extension on its media rights deal with ESPN and Fox that will pay each school about \$32 million per year. That deal sets a measuring stick for the Pac-12 in its pursuit of an agreement many hope will keep the league together for at least another five or six years. Oregon and Washington are the Pac-12's most notable remaining brands. After the Big Ten added USC and UCLA there was speculation the Ducks and Huskies could be next, though the new Big Ten commissioner has tried to tamp down talk of further expansion. Northern California schools Stanford and California, both elite academic institutions, might be of some interest to the Big Ten. They also have similar profiles to several Atlantic Coast Conference schools, but geographically are located nowhere near any of them, which would mean long road trips. Oregon State and Washington State seem most in danger of being left out of a so-called power conference altogether. The Pac-12 has already contacted San Diego State and SMU about possibly joining the conference as replacements for USC and UCLA, but first the current members must decide if they want to stick around. /

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CRIME: Investigators say the suspect in a fatal hit-and-run crash that occurred last month on Prairie Road has turned himself in. 53-year-old Troy Dean Erne of Eugene also turned over his vehicle, a 2015 BMW sedan, to officials for examination. Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office on Friday released the name of the woman who was struck a week earlier by a vehicle near the intersection of Prairie Road near Leghorn Avenue. They say 45-year-old Alisha Diane Rife of Junction City was killed around 11 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. Anyone with additional information in the case is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office. ; FBI officials say a woman who escaped her kidnapper by punching her way out of a homemade cinder block cell at a home in Klamath Falls likely saved other women from a similar fate. The victim fled, flagged down a passing driver, and alerted investigators to a man they now suspect in sexual assaults in at least four other states. Investigators say the suspect, 29-year-old Negasi Zuberi, posed as an undercover police officer and kidnapped the woman in Seattle. FBI officials say Zuberi drove hundreds of miles to his home in Klamath Falls, stopping along the way to sexually assault the victim, then locked her in the cell in his garage. Officials say the woman bloodied her hands breaking the door to escape. After the woman escaped from his home in Klamath Falls, Zuberi fled the city but was arrested in Reno, Nevada, the next afternoon. Zuberi faces federal charges that include interstate kidnapping, and authorities said they are looking for additional victims after linking him to the other assaults. Investigators interviewed Zuberi's wife and neighbors, but authorities declined to say if there was any indication that any of them had been aware of the abduction. A grand jury in Portland on Wednesday returned an indictment charging Zuberi with interstate kidnapping and transporting an individual across state lines with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity. He could face up to life in prison if convicted. According to the FBI, Zuberi also went by the names Sakima, Justin Hyche and Justin Kouassi, and he has lived in multiple states since 2016, possibly including California, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, Utah, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Alabama, and Nevada. / CRIME, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: Close to 1.7 million Oregon Health Plan members will be receiving letters or emails in the next couple of weeks, alerting them to a computer breach at the state-run Medicaid provider. Investigators say hackers breached the computer systems of a third-party vendor that handles health data for a number of programs in several states, including OHP. The criminals took advantage of the same

security flaw that led to the hack of a number of big banks and other large companies across the country, as well as government agencies in many states. That included June's breach at Oregon's Department of Motor Vehicles that exposed three million driver records. Officials are urging OHP members to monitor their credit and sign up for free credit reports from monitoring agencies Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. The third-party vendor, PH Tech, also is offering free credit monitoring. Learn more about the breach at <https://response.idx.us/PHTECH/> You also may contact PH Tech at 888-498-1602. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: A group of Big Ten presidents has begun discussing the possibility of adding more West Coast schools to the conference if the Pac-12 continues to crumble. That might include Oregon, Washington, Stanford, and Cal. The Pac-12 is down to nine schools after this year, after USC and UCLA earlier announced plans to shift to the Big Ten in 2024 and Colorado said it would return to the Big 12 next year. Earlier this week, representatives from the Pac-12 schools met behind closed doors to hear about the latest proposed media rights deal. But the proposal from the Pac-12 commissioner reportedly included a shift of most games to Apple TV, which would bring in substantially less money than the current deals with ESPN and FOX. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES, FINANCES: Americans are expected to spend record amounts on back-to-school and back to college this year, and they plan to do most of that spending in physical stores. That's according to Forbes, which says back-to-school shopping, the second-biggest season of the year for retailers in terms of dollars spent. The shopping period increasingly is becoming the most important opportunity of the year to draw people into brick-and-mortar retail stores, create new customer relationships, and strengthen existing ones. The forecast from the National Retail Federation, which bases its projections on consumer estimates of what they expect to spend, predicts Americans will spend more than \$41 billion for back-to-school items for grades K-12. That's up 12 percent over. The retail federation expects back-to-college spending to jump to a record \$94 billion. And while most shoppers are buying new stuff for their kids and teens, some who are feeling the effects of inflation are looking for good second-hand items. / BUSINESS, UTILITIES, WILDFIRES, LEGAL: Five winery companies in Oregon's Willamette Valley are seeking \$28 million from PacifiCorp. They claim that smoke damage from wildfires ignited by the private utility's electrical system tainted their grapes, rendering the crop unusable. The Capital Press reports the lawsuits were filed in four separate county circuit courts. They accuse PacificCorp of negligently causing multiple fires over the Labor Day 2020 weekend by refusing to turn off its power lines as a precaution during dangerously dry winds. The wineries include Brigadoon Vineyards in Lane County, along with Willamette Valley Vineyards south of Salem, Elk Cove Vineyard in Yamhill County, and two Polk County wineries. The complaints claim PacifiCorp ignored warnings from state officials about catastrophic fire conditions and that the winds knocked trees and branches into electrical lines, setting off sparks that caused the wildfires. As the fires burned for weeks, the plaintiffs say smoke particles in the air infused their grapes, creating an unpleasant flavor that was not always possible to remove. The suits claim the smoke taint reduced or eliminated the value of the grapes, increased production expenses, decreased wine sales and damaged their winemaking reputations. A representative of PacificCorp says the company has resolved and will continue to resolve reasonable claims related to the 2020

wildfires. But a representative of the utility said the company's ability to provide essential utility services is being threatened by spurious lawsuits like these. /

**WILDFIRES:** The Bedrock Fire has burned close to 11,200 acres east of Lowell and is five percent contained. It is spreading smoke and haze throughout parts of Eastern Lane County and Central Oregon. Officials say 766 personnel are battling the blaze. Most are working to build fire lines, often using existing roads, lines from previous fires, and natural barriers including ridgelines. They've also set some strategic backburns to deprive the blaze of fuel. Special aircraft continue to scoop water from Lookout Point Reservoir to douse hot spots. The Willamette National Forest has emergency closures in place through late October for many popular recreation spots along Fall Creek and on nearby public and private lands.

**/ SAFETY:** Officials say a man's body was recovered late yesterday morning from the Willamette River in Eugene near the Knickerbocker bicycle and pedestrian bridge after it was spotted by a passerby. Investigators describe the victim as an adult male and are working to confirm their identity and cause of death. /

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: An emergency meeting this morning that could determine the survival of the Pac-12 conference. ESPN and Yahoo Sports say university presidents and higher ed chancellors are meeting with conference officials to hear a final plea to remain in the Pac-12. It comes amid the overnight question of, if the Big Ten offers an invite, will Oregon say yes? There's been increased speculation and word from anonymous sources that Oregon and Washington are close to a decision to leave the Pac-12 and join to the Big Ten in 2024 in order to get better television revenues. If that happens, they will follow USC and UCLA, who also intend to make the jump next year. The University of Washington's Board of Regents held a special late-night meeting yesterday, but members made no public remarks after discussing the matter for 90 minutes behind closed doors. Meantime, the Oregonian and OregonLive quote unnamed sources who anticipate the Ducks ultimately will be invited to the Big Ten and, if it happens, will accept the invitation and make the move in the summer of 2024. The Big 12 is making moves of its own that will further erode the Pac-12. Officials with Colorado last week announced they'd rejoin the Big 12 after this season. Arizona is reportedly in serious talks, and Arizona State—according to unnamed sources—is in preliminary discussions. / TRANSPORTATION, FINANCES, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Later today, Oregon's governor is expected to sign that much-debated bill into law that ends a longtime ban on self-service gasoline. It will take effect immediately. The plan allows self-serve statewide but requires gas stations to still staff at least half of their open pumps. Additionally, station owners will not be able to charge a higher price per gallon if attendants are doing the fueling. Governor Kotek said earlier this month said she wanted to hear from Oregonians before deciding whether to allow the self-service bill to become law. She received close to 5,000 messages from both sides of the issue. A spokesperson says that's why the governor is including a "signing statement" when she places her signature on the official paperwork. It's expected to outline some of the key points shared by Oregonians. In past years, similar efforts to pass a self-serve gasoline bill failed amid concerns it would cost station attendants their jobs. Now, many service station operators say they continue to have a tough time filling those jobs, and that allowing self-serve will shorten the wait for customers. The soon-to-be law builds on legislation from eight years ago that legalized self-serve gas pumps at night in rural and coastal counties. The state also has lifted the self-serve ban every summer since 2020 during wildfires

or heat waves. Motorcyclists already were allowed to pump their own gas. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Hyundai and Kia are telling the owners of nearly 92,000 vehicles in the U.S. to park them outside because an electronic controller in an oil pump can overheat and cause fires. The Korean automakers are recalling the vehicles and also are telling owners to park them away from structures until repairs are made. The recalls cover certain 2023 and 2024 Hyundai Palisades, as well some 2023 Tucson, Sonata, Elantra and Kona vehicles. Affected Kias include the 2023 Soul and Sportage as well as some 2023 and 2024 Seltos vehicles. Dealers will inspect and replace the oil pump controller if necessary. Hyundai owners will be notified by letter on Sept. 25. Kia will notify owners starting Sept. 28. / **CRIME:** Another big drug raid in rural Lane County, this time southeast of Cottage Grove at a property in the 36000 block of Shoreview Drive. A secondary law enforcement search was conducted at a residence in the 1400 block of Deal Street in Junction City. Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say the target was an illegal large-scale marijuana growing operation. They were assisted by personnel from other agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration and Springfield Police. At the property in South Lane County, officials say they found 1,700 marijuana plants, a room that was being used for an organized cockfighting operation, five firearms, \$11,000 in cash, and evidence that portions of the grow operation had spread onto adjoining Weyerhaeuser land and involved damming and diverting water from a nearby stream. They also briefly detained a number of migrant workers on the property, but released them later amid evidence they were victims of human trafficking. Several workers told officials they had been promised pay, but never received it. The property's owner, Thongkhahn Phandanouvong, was cited and released for the marijuana manufacturing crimes, being a felon in possession of a firearm, and participation in a cockfighting operation. He likely will face additional charges related to code and water violations. / **HEALTH:** U.S. health officials are recommending that babies get a recently approved drug to protect them against a respiratory virus. An infection with RSV is a cold-like nuisance for most healthy people, but it can be life-threatening for the very young and the elderly. The virus sends tens of thousands of American children to the hospital each year. There are no vaccines for babies yet so the new drug, a lab-made antibody that helps the immune system fight off the virus, is expected to fill a critical need. The drug is expected to be ready in the fall before the RSV season, typically November through March. / **FISHERIES, BUSINESS:** The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission today considers extending rules restricting the number of crab traps in the water and how deep they can drop in the late-season months when humpback whales are more likely to swim through those waters. Oregon's Dungeness crab fishery faces multiple economic challenges from warming oceans, undersized crabs, and increased concerns about whale entanglements. The fishery is one of the backbones of the Pacific Northwest's coastal economy. In 2021-2022, bolstered by high market prices, Oregon crabbers landed more than 17 million pounds of crab and delivered a record \$91 million in crab. / **WILDFIRES, SAFETY, RECREATION:** The Bedrock Fire has burned more than 12,200 acres east of Lowell and is five percent contained. It is spreading smoke and haze throughout parts of Eastern Lane County and Central Oregon. Officials say more than 700 personnel are battling the blaze. Most are working to build fire lines, often using existing roads, lines from previous fires, and natural barriers

including ridgelines. They've also set some strategic backburns to deprive the blaze of fuel. The next couple of days promise some challenging weather, at times. There's a slight chance of thunderstorms and the possibility of lightning that could ignite new fires in the mountains. The approaching weather might also bring with it wind gusts of up to 20 miles per hour. Note to boaters: Firefighting aircraft continue to scoop water from Lookout Point Reservoir to douse hot spots. Stay clear of the water. Drivers, keep your eyes on the road for safety. ; With fire danger increasing and Red Flag Warnings issued for a large area east of the Cascades, the Oregon State Fire Marshal is moving some firefighters and equipment in Central Oregon to speed any response. Two task forces from Clatsop and Washington counties mobilize this morning. They'll deploy to Jefferson County for 72 hours and will stay longer if needed. The task forces can add more members and equipment, if needed. With Oregon in the heart of wildfire season, the state fire marshal's office encourages you to be aware of the dry conditions and take extra steps to avoid sparking a human-caused fire. If you spot an unsafe situation or a wildfire, please report it immediately. / EVENTS: The 2023 Oregon Jamboree gets underway today in Sweet Home. New Country 93.3 welcomes tonight's headliners, Ashley McBryde and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Gates open at 1 p.m. Get there early to catch music by Toast & Jam, followed by Larry Fleet. /

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: The super-conference era has arrived in college sports, and it has swallowed the Pac-12. After the Big Ten paved the way Friday morning for Pacific Northwest rivals Oregon and Washington to join, the Ducks were first to make it official with a unanimous vote by the school's 13 trustees. Washington followed suit. In 2024, they will join USC and UCLA in the Big Ten. The Los Angeles schools announced their move last year. The Big Ten will become an 18-team coast-to-coast conference, with four West Coast members. "Our student-athletes will participate at the highest level of collegiate athletic competition, and our alumni, friends, and fans will be able to carry the spirit of Oregon across the country," Oregon President John Karl Scholz said. At the heart of the Pac-12's downfall was the failure to land a suitable media rights deal. Commissioner George Kliavkoff presented a deal with Apple to the conference members last week that fell short of expectations. The Ducks and Huskies will receive a reduced payout, Scholz confirmed, compared to current Big Ten members and to USC and UCLA, which are projected to receive more than \$60 million each in media rights revenue from the league starting next year. A person familiar with the negotiations said the Ducks and Huskies would receive about \$30 million per year for its first six years in the conference, with annual escalators and the ability to draw on future payments. The Big 12, meanwhile, had three more Pac-12 schools in its sights, a week after luring away Colorado. Just hours after the Big Ten welcomed Oregon and Washington to grow its new West Coast wing next year, the Big 12 announced it would add Arizona, Arizona State and Utah as members in 2024. The additions of the Arizona schools and Utah give the Big 12 16 schools, stretching from Florida to Arizona. Beyond this school year, the Pac-12 is down to Oregon State, Washington State, Stanford, and Cal. Washington's administration said its committed to keeping alive its Apple Cup meetings with Washington State in all sports in "nonconference competitions." Oregon's leadership said the same about the Ducks and Oregon State. ; To say the schools remaining next year in the Pac-12 are angry about Friday's events would be an understatement. After Oregon and Washington announced they would follow USC and UCLA to the Big Ten—and Arizona, Arizona State, and Utah said they would bolt and join Colorado in the Big 12—officials at Oregon State weighed in. OSU Athletic Director Scott Barnes said he was furious. He said the defections in 2024 severely damaged the great history and tradition of the Pac-12 Conference. "Traveling to the Eastern seaboard

multiple times a year is not in the best interest of student-athletes. "I'm furious because it puts this university in harm's way and our student athletes in harm's way. There's some damage done that we're going to have to mitigate." Some athletes outside of football took to social media after Friday's wave of moves to express their frustrations about the impact of decisions that seem mostly related to football. Some complained that academics had been pushed to the sidelines, and that long road trips with the possibility of proctored exams in hotel rooms would do little to support student mental health. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT: Self-service gasoline now is legal in Oregon. Governor Tina Kotek on Friday signed a legislative bill into law. It took effect immediately. While the new law allows self-serve statewide, it requires gas stations still to staff at least half of their open pumps. Additionally, station owners may not charge a higher price per gallon if attendants are doing the fueling. / SPORTS: The United States played its best game of this Women's World Cup and it wasn't good enough to stop the two-time reigning champions from being eliminated in the round of 16. The Americans' bid to win an unprecedented third consecutive title ended Sunday on penalty kicks against Sweden. It is the earliest exit in tournament history for the United States, four-time winners of the World Cup. / WILDFIRES: The Priceboro Fire continues to burn east of Coburg and Harrisburg. But fire managers say crews say have it 45 percent contained. The blaze broke out around 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon and, fanned by winds from the north, quickly spread south from near the junction of Priceboro and Gap Roads south along the base of the Coburg Hills. The cause of the fire is being investigated. The 310-acre blaze, eight miles northeast of Eugene, prompted evacuations in Linn County among rural homeowners in the Mount Tom Road area. In northern Lane County, residents in the east Coleman Road area were placed on evacuation standby. Members of the equestrian community also rushed to a nearby stable with their trailers to relocate horses during the evacuation. Crews from multiple agencies rushed to cut fire lines by hand and with bulldozers and lay hose. They were assisted by private contractors and nearby landowners. Aircraft ranging from helicopters to a jet carrying retardant quickly deployed to douse hotspots. At one point in the battle, a portion of the fire was stopped one-quarter of a mile from a subdivision. Crews also were able to save a cabin by burning out dry grass and brush from around the property. By the middle of the weekend, the evacuations were downgraded, although residents were asked to stay alert should conditions change. ; Over the weekend, a new fire broke out five miles east of Oakridge. The Salmon Fire, as it's been named, has burned an estimated 40 acres in very steep terrain. It is located on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. Crews yesterday were supported by engines and a helicopter, and more personnel arrive today. The cause of the fire is being investigated. ; The Bedrock Fire has burned close to 13,000 acres east of Lowell and is five percent contained. Officials say more than 770 personnel continue to battle that blaze, which began on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground in the Fall Creek recreation area. It's cause is under investigation. /

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HEALTH, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME: Eugene Police continue to warn of a series of deaths—eight of them in recent days—that appear to be related to drug overdoses. Initial investigation suggests they might be connected to fentanyl use. Over the weekend, the agency issued a warning that some of the fentanyl currently circulating in the community might be more potent and deadly than normal. The Eugene-Springfield area, like many other cities, has seen an increase in street drugs containing fentanyl. The powerful, illicit opioid carries a high risk for overdose. Investigators say they have seen fentanyl contamination in cheap, counterfeit pills mimicking oxycodone, Adderall, and Xanax. Police also have reports of fentanyl being found in white or colored powdered drugs that might be sold as cocaine, MDMA, or methamphetamine. Officials say you should assume that any illicit drug could contain fentanyl. Lane County Public Health officials warn against taking any pills not obtained from a pharmacy. And they urge people who use illicit drugs to take precautions and to not use alone. Officials also say that anyone who uses drugs or knows someone who does should carry Narcan (naloxone), an overdose reversal nasal spray. It also is possible to test drugs for fentanyl with a fentanyl testing strip. And know the signs of an overdose and call 911 immediately if someone appears to be experiencing an overdose. Narcan is available at any pharmacy upon request. State Law requires pharmacists provide it and many insurance plans cover it. You may also obtain free Narcan and a brief training from HIV Alliance's Eugene location during drop-in hours. Young adults can access Narcan by contacting CORE Eugene. Like many states, Oregon in recent years has grappled with a surge in opioid overdose deaths fueled by fentanyl, a highly addictive and potentially lethal drug. Fentanyl was developed to treat intense pain from ailments like cancer. Use of fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that is cheap to produce and is often sold as is or laced in other drugs, has exploded. Because it's 50 times more potent than heroin, even a small dose can be fatal. Fentanyl has quickly become the deadliest drug in the nation, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. Two-thirds of the 107,000 overdose deaths in 2021 were attributed to synthetic opioids like fentanyl, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. / VETERANS: It's been almost one year since President Joe Biden signed new legislation that expands disability benefits and healthcare coverage for veterans, particularly those who were exposed to toxic burn pits while serving overseas after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. This is the largest expansion of veterans benefits in decades.

The law is commonly known as the PACT Act, and any veterans who file for benefits by Aug. 9 – or just indicate their intention to file – can have their compensation backdated to Aug. 10 of last year. The PACT Act smooths the process for veterans to receive expanded benefits by assuming that certain cancers and other ailments were caused by exposure to burn pits, which were used to dispose of trash on military bases. Similar steps are taken for Agent Orange, which was used during the Vietnam War. About 111,000 veterans who are believed to have toxic exposure have enrolled in VA health care since the law was enacted. In addition, more than 4.1 million veterans have completed toxic screenings, which are questionnaires to analyze their potential exposure and determine whether additional tests are required. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: We're a little more than three-and-half weeks from the start of Oregon and Oregon State's fall football season and both squads are ranked in the Top 25 in the USA Today coaches' poll. The Ducks are Number 15; the Beavers are Number 18. Three other Pac-12 squads are in the preseason poll: USC at Number 6, Washington at Number 11, and Utah at Number 14. No surprises at the top: Two-time defending national champion Georgia is Number 1, with Michigan and Number 2 and Alabama at Number 3. Oregon opens its 2023 season on Saturday, September 2, against Portland State in Autzen Stadium. Oregon State opens its 2023 season with a Sunday game on September 3 when the Beavs visit San Jose State. ; With eight of the Pac-12 schools heading for the Big Ten and Big 12 conferences in 2024, the four remaining schools still aboard — Oregon State, Washington State, Stanford, and Cal — still have options. Sources say the Atlantic Coast Conference is exploring the possibility of adding the West Coast schools, with a focus on the Bay Area schools, Cal and Stanford. The ACC's presidents are expected to meet today to discuss the matter. The American Athletic Conference or AAC also is interested in expanding West and adding all four Pac-12 teams, according to another source. The AAC has schools as far West as the Dallas area. The Mountain West Conference is, geographically, the most logical spot for the Pac-12 schools to land. A person familiar with discussions says Mountain West leaders have been discussing expansion since last week. The Mountain West and the AAC are part of what are known as the Group of Five conferences. Adding Power Five schools would be considered an upgrade in most cases. The ACC, by comparison, is a fellow Power Five conference with 14 members. The Pac-12 lost five members last week after a potential media rights contract with Apple left the schools seeking a better deal. A person familiar with the now-abandoned Pac-12 deal with Apple said it would have guaranteed \$23-25 million per year per school with escalator clauses based on subscribers. The deal also provided no guarantees of games being sold to linear TV networks, but it would have left that possibility open for consideration. Oregon and Washington decided to follow Southern California and UCLA to the Big Ten next summer. Arizona, Arizona State and Utah will join Colorado in the Big 12 in 2024. The abrupt departures have raised the possibility that the Pac-12, which dates to 1916, will completely dissolve sooner rather than later. / WILDFIRES: Crews continue to battle the Salmon Fire, about five miles east of Oakridge. Yesterday, the Lane County Sheriff's Office issued a Level 1 "Be Ready" evacuation notice for some areas around Oakridge should the blaze begin moving to the west. A "Level 1" notice means it is time to prepare should you need to evacuate. But you also, as a precaution, should begin moving any

persons with special needs, mobile property, pets and livestock. The areas affected by yesterday's "Be Ready" notice include High Prairie, McFarland Road, Westoak Road, Oakridge north of Roberts Road, and Oakridge east of Salmon Creek, as well as related side streets. The fire has burned between 50-75 acres but has stayed fairly contained as it continued to burn uphill and to the north. High temperatures, low humidity, and dry fuels are contributing to the growth of the blaze. The first crews to respond came from the Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell. They were set to be joined yesterday by a hotshot crew. Two helicopters are providing air support yesterday expected to be joined by an air tanker. The Bedrock Fire, meantime, has burned more than 13,600 acres in and around the Fall Creek recreational corridor and is five percent contained. Officials say more than 830 personnel continue to battle that blaze. It began on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground. Its cause is being investigated. ; Crews also continue to respond to the much smaller Lookout Fire, which started Saturday afternoon on the McKenzie Ranger District. It was initially estimated at half an acre, but officials say it is probably a bit bigger. A thick forest canopy, dense vegetation, and heavy smoke have made it harder to map. But crews are working on the ground while a helicopter makes aerial water drops. More personnel are expected to arrive today. Two smaller nearby blazes were quickly contained over the weekend. ; The 310-acre Priceboro Fire, burning east of Coburg and Harrisburg, is 55 percent contained. Crews are working to access burned areas to mop up hot spots. Close to 175 personnel are battling the blaze. That includes firefighters from the Oregon Department of Forestry, local fire districts, protective associations, forest landowners, and private contractors. The fire, located roughly eight miles northeast of Eugene at the base of the Coburg Hills, sparked around 4 p.m. on Friday. Its cause is under investigation. Fire managers say nearby residents should expect to see light smoke from the burn area as hot spots continue to cool.

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY: Tuesday was a big media day for Oregon State University Athletics. The Beavers offered a firsthand look at the massive renovations to Reser Stadium. The work included the demolition and complete reconstruction to the west side of the facility. The project cost more than \$160 million and puts the finishing touches on the stadium that's been the home to the Beavers since 1953 and seen a series of earlier upgrades. But as much as OSU Athletic Director Scott Barnes and his staff wanted the focus to be entirely on the new features to the stadium – with its plush premium areas, unique concessions experience, a university wellness clinic, and a welcome center to the school — the uncertainty lingered. This season. Pac-12 football will be played inside the roughly 36,000-seat stadium. Beyond that? It's a question players, coaches, fans, and alums are pondering. After last week's defections of more teams in the 2024 season, Oregon State is scrambling to determine whether to jump to another conference or work to preserve what's left of the Pac-12. "I'm not naïve to not think these guys are reading and wondering and all of that," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said of his team. "And as we get information, we're going to get it to them. But I do feel like the attention to detail from the meetings to the walkthroughs to practice has been really solid. So it's not a massive distraction taking away from things. At the same time, yeah, they're interested to see how it plays out." "We continue to work 24/7 to put our student athletes in Beaver Nation in the highest and best position we can. And that's all I want to say today," Oregon State athletic director Scott Barnes said Tuesday during a tour of the school's renovated Reser Stadium. / CRIME, FINANCES: With the help of technology, scammers are tricking Americans out of more money than ever before. But there are steps you can take to keep your money and information safe. In 2022, reported consumer losses to fraud totaled \$8.8 billion — a 30 percent increase from 2021, according to the most recent data from the Federal Trade Commission. The biggest losses involved investment scams, including cryptocurrency schemes, which cost people more than \$3.8 billion, double the amount in 2021. Younger adults ages 20-29 reported losing money more often than older adults ages 70-79, the FTC found. But when older adults did lose money, they lost more. Many retirees have assets like savings, pensions, life insurance policies or property for scammers to target. With the rise of the digital economy, scammers now reach targets by social media and text, as well as phone and email. Online payment platforms, apps, and marketplaces have also

increased opportunities. Still, many of their tactics and strategies are similar. The first thing they'll do is get you into a heightened emotional state, because we don't think clearly when we're agitated, panicked, or excited. You might be told you have overdue bills, are facing arrest, or maybe won a sweepstakes. Whatever the scam, it's hard to think clearly when we're in that state. And it lowers your defenses. "When approached with urgency, give it an extra three-second pause," said Amanda Clayman, a financial therapist who works with digital payment network Zelle around issues of fraud. "When someone is trying to get us to take action quickly, that's usually a red flag indicating we should do the opposite." "If you get a robocall out of the blue paying a recorded message trying to get you to buy something, just hang up," aid James Lee, chief operating officer at the Identity Theft Resource Center. "Same goes for texts — anytime you get them from a number you don't know asking you to pay, wire, or click on something suspicious." Lee urges consumers to hang up and call the company or institution in question at an official number—not the number the scammer leaves during the robocall.

/ BUSINESS: Anheuser-Busch on Monday announced the sale of eight of its craft beverage brands to Canadian cannabis-product company Tilray. They include a couple in Oregon: Bend's 10 Barrel Brewing, Portland-based Widmer Brothers Brewing, and Widmer's Square Mile Cider, as well as Seattle's Red Hook. The \$86 million cash deal is expected to close in September and will make Tilray the fifth-largest producer of craft beer by volume in the U.S. It's not the company's first round of craft beverage acquisitions.

/ POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon's elections chief says the 10 Republican state senators who had more than 10 unexcused absences during a walkout in the most recent legislative session can't run for reelection in 2024. Those affected include one Lane County lawmaker, Republican State Senator Cedric Hayden of Fall Creek. Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade made the announcement Tuesday in a bid to clear up confusion over reelection rules following the GOP walkout. Under a ballot measure approved by voters in 2022, lawmakers with more than 10 unexcused absences were supposed to be disqualified from being reelected for the following term. But some Republicans had questioned the measure's vague wording. Griffin-Valade's new guidance clarifies that they're disqualified from running in 2024. Senate Republicans said they will challenge it in court.

/ WILDFIRES: Wednesday morning wildfire updates: Crews continue to battle the 102-acre Salmon Fire, about five miles east of Oakridge. Officials say 160 personnel are fighting the flames. A Level 1 "Be Ready" evacuation notice remains in effect for some areas on the north and east sides of Oakridge should the blaze begin moving to the west. The fire also has prompted the closure of some nearby hiking trails. ; The Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell, has burned more than 14,200 acres in and around the Fall Creek recreational corridor and is five percent contained. Officials say more than 800 personnel continue to battle that blaze. It began on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground. Its cause is being investigated. ; The Lookout Fire has burned seven acres on the McKenzie Ranger District. It started Saturday afternoon and the cause is unknown. More personnel arrived yesterday. Two smaller nearby blazes were quickly contained over the weekend. ; The 310-acre Priceboro Fire, burning east of Coburg and Harrisburg, is 65 percent contained. Close to 175 personnel are battling the blaze. The Lane County Sheriff's Office yesterday canceled its Level One "Be Ready" evacuation notice for the East Coleman Road area. The fire, located roughly eight miles northeast of

Eugene at the base of the Coburg Hills, sparked around 4 p.m. on Friday. Its cause is under investigation. ; In Linn County, the 50-acre Wiley Fire continues to send smoke into the air in the mountains east of Sweet Home—and south of Cascadia State Park and U.S. Highway 20. While its location is relatively remote, the Linn County Sheriff's Office yesterday issued a Level 2 "Be Set" evacuation notice for residents of some rural homes. The Oregon Marine Board has temporarily closed boat ramps and other public access to Green Peter Reservoir so firefighting aircraft can dip water from the lake. ; With fire danger "Very High," the Willamette National Forest has issued additional safety restrictions. They include prohibitions on all campfires, charcoal or briquette fires, pellet fires, or any other open fires—including in campgrounds and wilderness areas. Smoking is only allowed inside an enclosed vehicle or building or at designated spots at a developed recreation site. Generators are permitted only in areas devoid of vegetation, such as a paved area or developed campsite. Motorized vehicles may operate only on designated trails and roads. /

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FAMILIES, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: On Monday, employees who need to take time off for important life events can begin applying for benefits under the state's new Paid Leave Oregon program. In January 2023, employers and employees began contributing to a trust fund that will pay for employee paid leave benefits. Yesterday, state employment department officials said they are on track to begin distributing benefits next month. They estimate 12,000 people will apply each month, with the first benefits expected to be paid in mid-September. Processing the payments takes about two weeks after an application is approved. Employment Department officials say the application process should take about 30 minutes. Paid Leave Oregon allows employees to apply to: Care for themselves or members of their family during the birth of a child, or to bond with a child after birth, adoption, or placement of a child in their home through foster care; Care for themselves during a serious health condition; Care for a family member when they have a serious health condition; Or if they or their child experience sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking. The state Legislature created Paid Leave Oregon in 2019 (House Bill 2005), making Oregon one of 11 states, along with Washington D.C., to offer paid family and medical leave. Oregon's unique program also covers safe leave in addition to family and medical leave. Safe leave supports survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment, or stalking so they can take time to seek safety. During the 2023 legislative session, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 31, which requires the employment department to ensure the Paid Leave Oregon trust fund is solvent before launching benefits. Detailed information for employees, including eligibility requirements, tutorial videos, a benefits calculator, and much more, will be available on the Paid Leave website on Aug. 14. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: The Atlantic Coast Conference presidents last night chose not to take a vote on whether to add Stanford and California to the league. That keeps the Bay Area schools in limbo as they look to escape the crumbling Pac-12. Sources stopped short of calling the league's exploration of westward expansion dead after three days of meetings on the subject but added that it was clear getting the necessary 12 votes to add the Northern California schools would have been difficult. The ACC also has considered adding a Texas school—SMU. Cal and Stanford have been searching for a path from the Pac-12 to another Power Five conference for days, also reaching out to officials with the Big Ten, two people with knowledge of that situation said. But the Big Ten has not so far

been moved toward adding two more West Coast schools to go along with Southern California, UCLA, Oregon and Washington, which are set to join in 2024. / RECREATION, SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is warning of a water obstruction on the McKenzie River in the Blue River area. A log is blocking the river-right channel near River Mile 62.5. That is close to the area of McKenzie River Drive and Mill Creek Road. Officials say the obstruction is difficult to see from upstream. Boaters: Please use extreme caution and stay to the left side of the channel. / EVENTS: The 2023 Scandinavian Festival begins its four-day run in Junction City. Today is Norwegian Day. ; The annual Perseid meteor shower reaches its peak this weekend. The best viewing will be from Saturday night into early Sunday morning, when viewers might be able to spot a meteor per minute. And the moon will be just a sliver in the sky, making it easier to spot the streaking lights. Those who want to catch the show should look for a dark sky without clouds or light pollution. You don't need any equipment to see the Perseids. Just lie on your back, let your eyes adjust to the dark and take in the night sky. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY: A Fire Weather Watch is in effect Saturday afternoon through Monday evening for an increased risk of fire in the Southern and Mid-Willamette Valley. High temperatures, low humidity, and sometimes gusty winds increase the risk of rapid fire spread. ; An Excessive Heat Watch is in effect Sunday morning through Thursday evening in the Southern Willamette Valley. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Friday morning wildfire updates: Crews continue to battle the 135-acre Salmon Fire, about five miles east of Oakridge. It is ten percent contained. Officials say more than 130 personnel are fighting the flames. It's burning on Forest Service timberlands in steep terrain. Its cause is undetermined. A Level 1 "Be Ready" evacuation notice remains in effect for some areas on the north and east sides of Oakridge should the blaze begin moving to the west. The fire also has prompted the closure of some nearby hiking trails. ; The Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell, has burned more than 15,100 acres in and around the Fall Creek recreational corridor and is ten percent contained. Officials say 925 personnel are battling the blaze. It began on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground. Its cause is under investigation. ; The lightning-caused Lookout Fire held at 15 acres yesterday on the McKenzie Ranger District. It is zero percent contained. It started Saturday afternoon in heavy timber within the confines of an old-growth experimental forest. Crews are working through thick brush and shrubs, as well as severely overgrown grasses and weeds. ; Crews are continuing their mop-up operations on the 310-acre Priceboro Fire. It is burning east of Coburg and Harrisburg and is 75 percent contained. The fire in the Coburg Hills is putting out light smoke. Once the blaze is contained and out, crews will patrol the area throughout the summer to monitor conditions. Its cause is under investigation. ; The state fire marshal has sent two task forces to join crews battling the Wiley Fire east of Sweet Home. The blaze has burned across 220 acres and is five percent contained. There are Level 1 "Get Ready" and Level 2 "Be Set" evacuation notices posted for some rural areas near the fire perimeter. / WILDFIRES, LEGAL, UTILITIES: We still don't know what caused the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. There's been speculation that the high winds amid hot, dry conditions might have toppled trees or limbs, striking electrical lines and causing a spark. But Lane County officials said this week that they're withdrawing from a lawsuit against two local utilities. Members of the county board say it comes after concluding that any damages the county might receive would be minimal, and that leaving the suit would leave more potential money for the remaining plaintiffs

should they win the case. The suit, against the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) and Lane Electric Cooperative (LEC), was filed last year. Plaintiffs include residents and businesses in the McKenzie Valley, along with dozens of insurance companies. The Holiday Farm Fire was one of several massive blazes that started over Labor Day Weekend in 2020. The blaze left one man dead, and destroyed 723 homes and businesses. The plaintiffs claim Lane Electric failed to shut off power to its lines. They also say EWEB placed its lines too close to the other utility's. The suit claims the utilities did not inspect their lines immediately after they were downed, and did not properly maintain equipment and managing trees and vegetation around the lines. The utilities deny the plaintiffs' claims. Preliminary findings from the case estimated total damages between \$500 million and \$1 billion, while county counsel Erin Pettigrew said EWEB and LEC will be able to pay at most \$50 million because of their resources. In the motion to dismiss, commissioners also cited a judge's decision to limit recovery to physical property damage and limited projected payout, at most \$2.5 million, according to Pettigrew, as reasons to drop the case. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: COVID-19 has taken a toll on the nation's heart health but its extent is still being determined. Heart attack deaths spiked early in the pandemic, erasing years of progress in battling cardiovascular disease. According to researchers, for up to a year after a bout of COVID-19, some people can develop problems ranging from blood clots to irregular heartbeats to a heart attack. It's not clear why the risk occurs. Doctors are working to help patients navigate the risks. But among the questions: Who's most likely to experience these aftereffects? Are they reversible — or a warning sign of more heart disease later in life? Heart disease has long been the top killer in the nation and the world. But in the U.S., heart-related death rates had fallen to record lows in 2019, just before the pandemic struck. COVID-19 erased a decade of that progress. Heart attack-caused deaths rose during every virus surge. Worse, young people who are not supposed to have heart attacks saw a nearly 30 percent increase in heart attack deaths among 25- to 44-year-olds in the pandemic's first two years. High blood pressure is one of the biggest risks for heart disease and health data analysts say people's blood pressure has actually measurably gone up over the course of the pandemic. Cardiovascular symptoms are part of what's known as long COVID, the catchall term for dozens of health issues including fatigue and brain fog. The National Institutes of Health is beginning small studies of a few possible treatments for certain long-COVID symptoms. In the meantime, patients and doctors need to know that sometimes, cardiovascular trouble is the first or main symptom of damage the coronavirus left behind. Blood flow jumps when people move around and subsides during rest. But some long COVID patients don't get enough of a drop during rest because the fight-or-flight system that controls stress reactions stays activated. Some also have trouble with the lining of their small blood vessels not dilating and constricting properly to move blood through. More recent research confirms the need to better understand and address these cardiac aftershocks. An analysis this spring of a large U.S. insurance database found long COVID patients were about twice as likely to seek care for cardiovascular problems including blood clots, abnormal heartbeats, or stroke in the year after infection, compared to similar patients who'd avoided COVID-19. ; New numbers indicate that suicides in the U.S. hit an all-time high last year. About 49,500 people took their own lives, according to new government data posted Thursday. Officials with the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention say the data suggests suicides are more common now than at any time since the dawn of World War II. The largest increases were seen in older adults. Deaths rose nearly 7 percent in people ages 45 to 64, and more than 8 percent in people 65 and older. White men, in particular, have very high rates, the CDC said. Many middle-aged and elderly people experience problems like losing a job or losing a spouse, and medical experts say it's important to reduce stigma and other obstacles to them getting assistance. Suicides in adults ages 25 to 44 grew about 1 percent. The new data indicates that suicide became the second leading cause of death in that age group in 2022, up from No. 4 in 2021. Experts caution that complicated factors contribute to suicide, and that recent increases might be driven by higher rates of depression or limited availability of mental health services. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention says another main driver is the growing availability of guns. Suicide attempts involving guns end in death far more often than those with other means, and gun sales have boomed — placing firearms in more and more homes. Despite the grim statistics, some say there is reason for optimism. A national crisis line launched a year ago, meaning anyone in the U.S. can dial 988 to reach mental health specialists. The CDC is expanding a suicide program to fund more prevention work in different communities. And there's growing awareness of the issue and that it's OK to ask for help, health officials say. There was a more than 8 percent drop in suicides in people ages 10 to 24 in 2022. That may be due to increased attention to youth mental health issues and a push for schools and others to focus on the problem, CDC officials said. /

**SAFETY:** Nationwide retailer Target is recalling 2.2 million candles amid concerns they could cause laceration and burn hazards. The recall affects Threshold-branded glass jar candles sold in multiple sizes and various scents — including frosted vanilla cupcake, rose petal & lotus, and pumpkin spice, among others. According to Thursday's notice published by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the jars of the candles can break during use, posing the risk of burns and lacerations. This is not the first time Threshold candles have been recalled. In May, Target recalled nearly 5 million Threshold candles amid similar safety concerns. /

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EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY: Oregon's unemployment rate tied a record last month, as it dropped to 3.4 percent in July. This was the sixth consecutive monthly drop in the state unemployment rate, which stood at 4.8 percent in January. The last time our jobless rate stood at 3.4 percent was before the pandemic, in November and December of 2019. We're also one-tenth of a percent below the national unemployment rate of 3.5 percent. The largest job gains last month were in health care and social assistance (+3,400 jobs); government (+1,600); professional and business services (+1,000); and construction (+900). The biggest job declines were in financial activities (-600 jobs); manufacturing (-500); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-500); and private educational services (-500). Over the past 12 months, three major industries—health care and social assistance; leisure and hospitality; and government—have added nearly all of Oregon's net new jobs, with each up by close to 10,000 jobs while expanding by about 4 percent to 5 percent. /

FISHERIES, TRANSPORTATION: The Biden administration on Wednesday announced nearly \$200 million in federal infrastructure grants to upgrade tunnels that carry streams beneath roads but can be deadly to fish that get stuck trying to pass through. The narrow passages or culverts are made from metal pipes or concrete. Many were built in the 1950s and experts say they contribute to population declines of salmon and other fish that live in the ocean but return to freshwater streams to spawn. As a result, fisheries — including tribal-run operations in the Pacific Northwest — have experienced losses they blame in part on such barriers. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said in an interview with The Associated Press, "You don't have to be a fish enthusiast or ecologist to care about this. It's very important for the livelihoods, economies and way of life in many parts of the country." Some of the 169 projects that make up the first batch in a \$1 billion initiative being rolled out over five years across the West under the 2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. It will upgrade the culverts or replace them with bridges to allow water — and fish — to flow more freely. /

WILDFIRES, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES, HOUSING, SAFETY: If you were affected by the big Oregon wildfires of 2020 and 2021 can take advantage of a state grant program to help rebuild or upgrade your home or business with fire-resistant materials. The process is known as "fire hardening." It includes using materials for siding and roofing that resist ignition during a wildfire, installing fire-resistant windows to protect openings, or using attic ventilation devices that help

reduce ember intrusion. The grant program was set to expire at the end of June, but state lawmakers extended the program. So far, it has dispersed more than \$3.3 million to help more than 800 wildfire survivors. It is being managed through the Oregon Building Codes Division and administered through local county building departments. If you own a home – including a manufactured home – or a business that was damaged or destroyed by the 2020 or 2021 wildfires you can qualify to receive money for using more fire-resistant methods and materials when you rebuild. If you've already rebuilt, you also can qualify. / CRIME: A 37-year-old man has been charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon after Eugene Police say he arrived in a vehicle and fired some rounds in a backyard before being escorted into an apartment unit by others. It happened around 1 p.m. yesterday in the 700 block of West 12th Avenue. Because shots had been fired, officials say they deployed their Patrol, K9, Crisis Negotiation, SWAT, and Drone teams during the incident. There were no reported injuries. Initially, three people were detained before police arrested the suspect, identified as 37-year-old Paul Craig. He was described as being intoxicated. Police also say they located firearms in the apartment. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Friday morning wildfire updates: Evacuation levels remain in effect for areas near the lightning-caused Lookout Fire. The blaze has burned more than 4,200 acres on the McKenzie Ranger District. It is zero percent contained. ; A Level 3 "Go Now" Evacuation Notice is in place for residents on the north side of Highway 126 stretching from Blue River Reservoir Road to Drury Lane near McKenzie Bridge. That includes Taylor Road, North Bank Road, the Mona and Lookout Campgrounds, and the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest headquarters. ; There also is a Level 1 "Be Ready" Evacuation Notice for residents south of Highway 126 between Blue River Reservoir Road east to Foley Ridge Road. That includes McKenzie River Drive. It also includes areas where the highway turns and heads north, the area west of the highway between it and the fire zone. That includes areas stretching from D. Scott Road to just before Clear Lake. ; The Bedrock Fire, ten miles northeast of Lowell, has burned more than 27,400 acres in and around the Fall Creek recreational corridor and is 25 percent contained. ; Crews have held the Salmon Fire, five miles east of Oakridge, to 135 acres. It is 95 percent contained. ; The 245-acre Wiley Fire, east of Sweet Home, is 45 percent contained. All evacuation levels have been lifted. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, GOVERNMENT, HOUSING: The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has released the 2020 Labor Day Wildfire Disaster Recovery Operations After-Action Review. The unprecedented recovery operation employed approximately 1,500 professionals from across the state and around the U.S. Oregonians impacted by the 2020 wildfires received more than \$39 million in relief from Federal Emergency Management Agency programs guided by Oregon Emergency Management staff. Those residents continue to receive assistance from Long-Term Recovery Groups. Nearly \$500 million has been allocated to repair infrastructure and rebuild communities. More funding is expected. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they've arrested a 35-year-old man, Alexander Hibdon, and charged him in connection with using and distributing narcotics in the West University and Downtown areas. Investigators say much of the criminal activity took place in Hibdon's apartment, located in the 300 block of East 13th Avenue. Because officials say the suspect was believed to possess a firearm and had made previous statements about an armed confrontation with police, investigators had members of the Eugene Police SWAT Team back them up as they took Hibdon into custody outside his residence. They say a search of that unit resulted in</p>

seizure of drug-related evidence and a rifle. Hibdon was charged with Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine, Being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, First-Degree Child Neglect, and counts related to Domestic Violence. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: Stanford has not given up on getting an invitation to join the Atlantic Coast Conference as its fellow Pac-4 members in the Pacific Northwest hope to rebuild their plundered league and wait to find out if the Cardinal are in. Leaders from Stanford, California, Oregon State and Washington State spoke Thursday, and sources say Stanford told its colleagues it had informed the ACC that it would be open to joining the conference at greatly reduced or even no media rights payout for several years. The future of the Pac-12 appears to hinge upon Stanford's next move. Eight members of the more-than-100-year-old conference will be leaving after the 2023-24 school year—including Oregon, which will head to the Big Ten. Meanwhile, Oregon State and Washington State are in limbo. Oregon State athletic director Scott Barnes yesterday re-iterated remarks the school's president made late last week, saying the school is committed to rebuilding the Pac-12. The other options for Oregon State and Washington State would be joining the Mountain West or American Athletic Conference. As for a timetable, Barnes said they need to know whether Stanford and Cal are in as soon as possible. ; Beaver Nation! Get a closer look at the new additions to Reser Stadium in Corvallis on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Construction is finished on the \$160.5 million rebuild. It includes a student Welcome Center and a 30,000-square-foot Health Center that's a partnership between Corvallis-based Samaritan Health Services and OSU Student Health Services. Donors have contributed more than \$90 million to the Completing Reser Stadium effort. Oregon State Athletics and Hoffman Construction Company, which led the project, are hosting the open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. OSU Athletics staff will be on hand with promotional items. They'll also answer questions about ticketing and other aspects of the new stadium. Beaver student-athletes will be in attendance to meet fans and sign autographs, inflatables will be set up on the field, and concession stands will be open. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Oregon coast visitors are seeing many dead and dying fledgling common murrelets right now on state beaches. Some commercial fishermen report also seeing this at sea. It's not always easy watching wildlife struggling to survive. But experts at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are asking you to let nature take its course because interfering can reduce an animal's chance of survival. At this time of the year, biologists say young birds are trying to survive on their own for the first time. It's not uncommon to get reports of some sick or dying birds. The severity of this year's event is uncommon and might be related to a combination of a large production year for common murrelets and extremely warm ocean conditions along the Oregon coast. Warm ocean temperatures generally have a negative impact on the production of food in the lowest levels of the food web. That impact trickles up through the food web affecting many species, including common murrelets. Biologists say most of the young birds they've seen appear to be starving or cold, however samples were sent to ODFW's Wildlife Population Health Lab for further examination. Without proper nutrition, the young birds cannot maintain their body heat. And while ocean temperatures are warmer, the water is still below the average body temperature of these birds. Still, biologists ask people to refrain from disturbing or picking up sick or dying birds to give them the best chance for

survival. With a healthy and thriving population of common murre in Oregon, rehabilitation is not an option. /

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SPORTS, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: Oregon State University Football fans got a closer look at the new additions to Reser Stadium in Corvallis on Saturday. And it is nice! The \$160.5 million rebuild includes expanded seating and donor seating areas. There is a student Welcome Center and a 30,000-square-foot Health Center that's a partnership between Corvallis-based Samaritan Health Services and OSU Student Health Services. Donors have contributed more than \$90 million to the Completing Reser Stadium effort. Hoffman Construction Company led the project, but there were lots of companies and workers who had a hand in the Reser project. / WILDFIRES: Crews are hoping to take advantage of slightly cooler temperatures and slightly higher humidity to add to their containment lines on the leading edge of the Lookout Fire, north of McKenzie Bridge. It's burned across more than 11,000 acres north of Highway 126 and stretches from an area near Tokatee Golf Course (east of Blue River) to north of McKenzie Bridge. Most of the fire's spread is occurring on its eastern flank, where the fire is backing downslope toward Deer Creek Road. Firefighters, fallers, and heavy equipment are working to clear vegetation along this road to help slow the blaze's progress toward Highway 126. Crews also are installing pumps and hose along the McKenzie River where necessary to check the fire's spread and protect nearby homes, campgrounds, and other recreational areas. To relieve congestion at the command post at the McKenzie River airstrip, an additional incident base of operations is now in place in Walterville. Motorists are advised to use caution as an increase in fire vehicle traffic is occurring in the Camp Creek Road area and along Highway 126. The blaze is putting out a lot of smoke and, with the weekend's hot and windy forecast, officials expanded the Level 3 "Go Now!" and Level 2 "Get Set" evacuation areas near the blaze. That included a mix of rural homes and buildings, along with campgrounds and other recreation areas. That includes Blue Pool and Sahalie Falls, along with a Western portion of Highway 242, the scenic Old McKenzie Highway. The lightning-started fire remains zero percent contained. More than 1,000 personnel are on hand. They performed some tactical burns over the weekend to deprive the blaze of fuel and slow its advance. ; East of Lowell, the Bedrock Fire covers more than 30,000 acres and is 35 percent contained. More than 880 personnel are working the fire lines. Here, too, crews are setting some strategic fires to deprive the blaze of fuel. ; Crews continued to hold the Salmon Fire, five miles east of Oakridge, to 135 acres. Mop up is underway in many areas. It is 95 percent contained. The 245-acre Wiley

Fire, east of Sweet Home, is 55 percent contained. Crews are continuing to strengthen containment lines and mop up hot spots. Just south of the Oregon-California border, the lightning-sparked blazes in the Smith River Complex have charred more than 25,000 acres. The fires also have prompted Pacific Power to deenergize lines to Crescent City and some small communities along the Lower Klamath River, amid concerns winds might throw debris into power lines and spark new fires. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION, FAMILIES, FINANCES: Consumers are expected to spend more this year on both back-to-school and back-to-college shopping, according to the National Retail Federation. Nationwide, back-to-school spending is expected to hit a record \$41 billion, up by close to \$5 billion. Back-to-college spending is expected to ring in at \$94 billion, about \$20 billion more than the record set last year. Retailers say they prepared for months to make sure they were well-stocked with essential items. Much of the shopping peaked in July, but store visits remain strong this month. Families with children in elementary through high school plan to spend an average of \$890 on back-to-school items this year, about \$25 more than last year. The rise in spending is primarily driven by more demand for electronics and computer-related accessories. That includes laptops, tablets, and calculators. College students and their families are expected to spend an average of more than \$1,300 per student. Since 2019, back-to-college spending has nearly doubled. / RECREATION, ECONOMY: When we think about travel and leisure spending, we often think about tourists and others visiting our area. But locals shell out quite a bit of money, too. Last year in Lane County, the largest share of visitor spending—more than 25 percent—was in food service, including restaurants and other venues. Close behind was spending on hotels, motels, and other lodgings. After that came retail sales; spending on arts, entertainment, and recreation activities; local transportation and fuel; food stores; and visitor air transportation. Travel-related jobs make up five percent of the county's workforce. Analysts with the Oregon Employment Department and research firm Dean Runyan say travel spending grew rapidly in the two years following the pandemic, reaching \$1.4 billion last year—well above pre-pandemic levels. Part of that was because of pent-up travel demand, the remainder because of higher prices. During the pandemic, travel and tourism spending in Lane County dropped 46 percent. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, RECREATION: In 2024, when eight Pac-12 schools leave the conference to head to either the Big Ten or the Big-12, fans who travel regularly to follow their teams will need to budget a bit more money. Among the routes: A one-way flight to see Oregon at Rutgers involves flying 2,900 miles. Longer plane rides and potentially higher fares are just two of the challenges. While distance and cost are the greatest factors, there are other things to consider — weather-related flight delays, cold weather destinations late in the season, the quality of an opponent, and things to do while visiting a distant destination. Travel industry analysts say it's typically about the experience when</p>

fans travel big distances. They say the core group of fans might not mind because they have the money for longer road trips and enjoy the experience and the camaraderie of other fans along with the game itself. But for others, consistently higher airfares and hotel rates, coupled with longer time commitments, could reduce the traveling fan base. Experts say some fans will be excited to travel across the country or here to Oregon once or twice. But they say it's unlikely many will plan a third or fourth visit. But for those whose families are from Big Ten or Big-12 states or attended college at those schools, there is potential for additional spending. Still, realignment brings disappointment to many fans of former Pac-12 schools who will no longer automatically see those teams at the Rose Bowl or Levi Stadium for signature football game or in Las Vegas for the Pac-12 basketball tournaments. TV money has lured Oregon, Washington, Southern Cal, and UCLA to the Big Ten after this season. Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, and Utah will join the growing Big 12. Oklahoma and Texas will debut in the Southeastern Conference. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office has reduced some of the Level 3 "Go Now!" evacuation warnings on the southern and western edges of the Lookout Fire, burning north of McKenzie Bridge. But other areas on the active side of the fire remain at Level 3, while officials also keep existing Level 1 and Level 2 notices in place. The fire's footprint covers more than 12,100 acres. It was sparked by lightning on August 5 and is five percent contained. Crews hope to have it fully lined by the end of September. More than 1,100 personnel are battling the blaze. Most of the fire's spread is occurring on its eastern flank, where the fire has backing downslope toward Deer Creek Road. Firefighters, fallers, and heavy equipment are working to clear vegetation to help slow the blaze's progress toward Highway 126. Crews have installed pumps and hoses at spots along the McKenzie River to halt the fire's spread and protect nearby homes, campgrounds, and other popular recreational areas. Crews also performed some tactical burns over the weekend to deprive the blaze of fuel and slow its advance. To relieve congestion at the command post at the McKenzie River airstrip, an additional incident base of operations is now in place in Walterville. Drivers, use caution because more fire vehicle now are using the Camp Creek Road area and Highway 126. That included a mix of rural homes and buildings, along with campgrounds and other recreation areas. That includes Blue Pool and Sahalie Falls, along with a Western portion of Highway 242, the scenic Old McKenzie Highway. Highway 126 remains open to drivers in the Upper McKenzie Valley, but officials warn that could change if winds shift and begin expanding the fire significantly. ; East of Lowell, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has reduced all Level 3 "Go Now!" evacuation notices related to the 30,000-acre Bedrock Fire to Level 2 "Get Set." That allows affected residents to return to their homes, although officials say they should remain ready to evacuate should conditions change. Returning residents are asked to keep traffic in the area to a minimum to allow fire crews to continue to operate safely. The Bedrock Fire has burned across more than 30,500 acres. It is 35 percent contained. More than 760 personnel are working the fire lines. The blaze started on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground along Fall Creek. Its cause remains undetermined. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they arrested a man Friday night after he broke into a home, then started a fire on the stove. Callers say the man was yelling as he attempted to get into the house in the 2800 block of Van Avenue. Smoke was

coming from the residence when police arrived. Eugene-Springfield Fire crews extinguished the blaze while police took 38-year-old Nicholas John Hedberg into custody a short time later at a house in the 2700 block of Brackenfern Road. Investigators say Hedberg had allegedly been threatening a man who lived at the home throughout the day and that the victim had left the residence before the break-in. Hedberg was jailed on charges of First-Degree Arson, First-Degree Burglary, and Menacing. /

**HEALTH:** Federal health regulators have approved the first RSV vaccine for pregnant women so their babies will be born with protection against the scary respiratory infection. RSV hits infants and toddlers especially hard every fall and winter, sending many to hospitals. The Food and Drug Administration yesterday cleared Pfizer's third trimester maternal vaccination that regulators say guards against a severe case of RSV when babies are most vulnerable — from birth through 6 months of age. Final approval will come from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The vaccine, named Abrysvo, will be one of two vaccines available this fall to older adults who also are at high risk for complications from RSV. Pfizer competitor GSK also is rolling out its vaccine for adults ages 60 and older in the coming months. /

**TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation is proposing new rules designed to encourage seat belt use by car and truck passengers, including those sitting in the back seat. Experts with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration want to require manufacturers to equip vehicles with additional seat belt warning systems for the right front passenger and for rear seats. The proposals would establish a visual and audio warning that would continue until both the driver and front passenger seats have their belts buckled. For the rear seats, the rules establish a visual notice lasting at least 60 seconds when the vehicle is started, plus an audio warning if a rear seat belt is unbuckled while the vehicle is in operation. /

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DISCUSSED HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY: PeaceHealth officials yesterday announced the start of an effort to close their longtime hospital in Eugene. But the state's largest nurses' union and some local officials are saying, "Not so fast." The health systems leaders—who are based in Vancouver, Washington—say it's time to begin shutting down PeaceHealth's University District hospital, located at 13th and Patterson Streets in Eugene. PeaceHealth leaders say the facility is underused and is losing money—to the tune of about \$2 million per month. They want to gradually shutter and relocate all Eugene-based inpatient rehabilitation, emergency services, and related medical services to PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. While the news release notes that's less than six miles from the Eugene hospital, it feels too far away to residents who say they've relied on the University District location for years. PeaceHealth officials say their nearby clinics and Home & Community Services would continue to operate in nearby University District buildings. But while PeaceHealth would continue offering its Behavioral Health services at the University District location, that would only continue until there is a sustainable alternative in the community. The news release notes that would likely be a 42-bed crisis stabilization center planned by Lane County and local partners with a tentative opening date in 2025. All of these changes would require regulatory approval. And yesterday, leaders of the Oregon Nurses Association said they strongly oppose PeaceHealth's plan, calling it dangerous and irresponsible. Union leaders say it not only impacts more than 100 ONA-represented nurses, but hundreds of other staff at the Eugene hospital and the thousands of patients in area who will lose nearby access to emergency services. PeaceHealth says it will work to find equivalent positions for qualified caregivers at its Springfield complex, but provided no numbers. Union leaders say wait times for PeaceHealth RiverBend's Emergency Department in Springfield are often long. And they worry consolidation will harm PeaceHealth's ability to provide adequate care for local residents. For their part, PeaceHealth officials say growing numbers of patients have stopped using the University District hospital and instead go to RiverBend. Officials with the health system say they have capacity in Springfield for the consolidation and that PeaceHealth plans to increase its care and services in the coming years. The plan would call for closure of the University District hospital's Emergency Department in November. PeaceHealth's 27-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit in Eugene would move to RiverBend in early 2024. Officials say

that's part of a larger effort to jointly open with LifePoint Health a 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility on the RiverBend campus in 2026. PeaceHealth leaders say the 67,000-square-foot hospital would double inpatient rehabilitation capacity and feature a 12-bed traumatic brain injury unit — a first for the area. And PeaceHealth reiterated that it intends to continue serving patients at the current behavioral health location at University District until there is a sustainable alternative in the community. Officials say the unit provides inpatient services for 1,100 vulnerable, often complex patients per year. / WILDFIRES: The Lane County Sheriff's Office made another small reduction yesterday to some of the Level 3 "Go Now!" evacuation warnings near the Lookout Fire, which is burning north of McKenzie Bridge. But other areas remain at Level 3 along with previous Level 1 and Level 2 advisories. The fire has spread across more than 12,300 acres. It was sparked by lightning on August 5 and is six percent contained. Crews hope to have it fully lined by the end of September. More than 1,100 personnel are battling the blaze. ; The Bedrock Fire, burning east of Lowell, is 35 percent contained. It has burned more than 30,500 acres. Some Level 2 "Get Set" evacuation notices remain in place. The blaze started on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground along Fall Creek. Its cause remains undetermined. / SPORTS: The Pac-12 appears to be a true football power this season with five ranked teams, including Oregon and Oregon State. The conference also has perhaps the nation's best collection of quarterbacks, headlined by the reigning Heisman Trophy winner. It might turn out to be a climactic final act. With eight teams headed to other conferences next year, the lights could go out for good on Pac-12 After Dark following the 2023 season. Oregon, Washington, USC, and UCLA are headed to the Big Ten. Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Arizona State are moving to the Big-12. That leaves the "Conference of Champions" with an uncertain future after being whittled down to a Pac-4 of Oregon State, Washington State, Cal, and Stanford. No. 15 Oregon had a successful first season under coach Dan Lanning, earning 10 wins and a bowl victory. The Ducks have one of the Pac-12's best quarterbacks in Bo Nix and should be improved on defense, the weak link a year ago. Also count Oregon State to be in the mix for the Pac-12 title. The 18th-ranked Beavers have been building something in Corvallis under coach Jonathan Smith, going from an also-ran program to winning 10 games last season, including a blowout of Florida in the Las Vegas Bowl. The addition of former Clemson quarterback DJ Uiagalelei could push them to the next level. /

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SPORTS: Wear yellow if you're attending Saturday's game at Autzen Stadium. The 15th-ranked Oregon Ducks host Portland State in their season opener. The Pac-12 Network is carrying the game with a broadcast that begins at noon. The Ducks are coming off a 10-3 season that wrapped up with a victory at the 2022 Holiday Bowl. Quarterback Bo Nix is back for his final season, along with some other key players. ; The Number 18 Oregon State Beavers open their season on the road with a Sunday game at San Jose State. KVAL-TV (CBS) is carrying the 12:30 p.m. broadcast. It'll be mostly sunny and 77 Sunday afternoon in San Jose. The Beavs have a number of returning players and a group of experienced quarterbacks. They'll be back in Corvallis for their home opener on September 9. ; The conference commissioners who manage the College Football Playoff have met for the first time since a wave of realignment tore apart the Pac-12. The changing landscape raises the possibility that they might change the number of automatic bids in the 12-team format. This is the final year of the four-team playoff. ; ESPN plans to show six of this season's bowl games and the College Football Playoff national championship game in movie theaters. Ticket prices will be determined by local theaters. / ECONOMY, RECREATION: Travelers are marking the unofficial end of summer over Labor Day Weekend. According to automobile club AAA, most who are driving are leaving this afternoon and evening or midday tomorrow. Holiday weekend travel is forecasted to be at or slightly above pre-pandemic levels. The Pacific Northwest is expected to see somewhat heavier traffic than many other parts of the country. Drivers will likely see gas prices slightly higher than last year. The average price this week in Eugene-Springfield is around \$4.70 for a gallon of regular-grade fuel. That's up a nickel from Labor Day Weekend in 2022. This summer, gas prices spiked in July because of tight supply and the high cost of oil. The beginning of this month brought some relief. But as hurricane season heats up, so do concerns about higher gas prices. Prices normally drop a bit in mid-September when the transition to winter fuel blends begins. / SAFETY, RECREATION: Labor Day Weekend signifies the end of the summer boating season, and the Oregon State Marine Board offers the following tips: Wear your life jacket. Each boat (including canoes and kayaks, inflatable boats, and stand-up paddleboards) must have a properly fitted life jacket for each person on board and at least one sound-producing device. Life jackets need to be in good shape and readily accessible – not under a hatch or in their packaging. All youth younger than 13 must wear a life

jacket when in a boat that's underway. Accidents happen unexpectedly. Always wear a life jacket. Know your waterway. Look out for large woody debris, rocks, and low water levels. Check the status of boat ramps on the Marine Board's website. Know the rules. There are all types of watercraft on the market; some are considered boats and others are pool toys. Boats are designed differently, and by state law, have specific equipment requirements. If you plan to float in a river, remember that pool toys are designed for use in a swimming pool, have no directional control, and can puncture easily. Boat in a watercraft designed for a river. These include craft that won't easily puncture and come equipped with a paddle so you can maneuver away from obstructions. It's state law: Any boat with a motor, even temporarily mounted, must be titled and registered. Paddlecraft (including stand up paddleboards) 10 feet and longer are required to carry a Waterway Access Permit. Boat Sober. Leave the alcohol on the shore. If arrested for Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUI), violators can be fined up to \$6,250, lose boating privileges for up to three years, and even serve jail time. Intoxicants include marijuana, illicit drugs, and even some prescriptions. Sit on the seat inside the boat. Many boaters are tempted to ride on a swim platform, in lounge chairs behind the transom, and on stern, sides, and the bow of open motorboats. But the stern can be a dangerous place for exposure to carbon monoxide and a prop-strike safety hazard. It is illegal to ride on the bow, decks, gunwales, or transoms of a motorboat when the boat is underway. Sit on designated seats – especially when the boat is towing someone. Just because new boats have seats on the transom or swim step does not make them legal for use when the boat is underway. Slow down, keep scanning, and be courteous. Know the boating regulations for your area of operation. Boaters, including personal watercraft, are responsible for damage caused by their wake. Remember to slow down within 200 feet of a dock, launch ramp, marina, moorage, floating home or boathouse, pier, or swim float, even if they don't have a "Slow No-Wake" buoy or sign. Paddlers should stay closer to shore, crossing busy channels at right angles only when it is safe and allow motorboats to pass in deeper water. The leading cause of fatal boating incidents this year involves capsizing. So far in 2023, there have been 11 recreational boating-related fatalities. Nine of those victims drowned. Of the nine, only one was wearing a life jacket. It was an inflatable style that malfunctioned. / ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT: If you're an Oregon taxpayer, you'll be receiving some money back next year in the form of a generous tax credit. State analysts say the economy remains strong and that's produced large amounts of tax revenue. The result: a record rebate under Oregon's unique "kicker" law. Whenever actual revenues from personal income taxes come in at least two percent higher than the forecast, Oregon taxpayers get the excess returned in the form of a tax credit. This year's amount isn't just bigger—it's almost three times larger and totals \$5.6 billion. The typical Oregonian is expected to receive a \$980 credit when they file their state income taxes next year. State economists say Oregon also will have plenty to spend on public services because corporate tax collections are increasing our still-strong post-pandemic economy. That led to multiple state and legislative leaders outlining their priorities for the additional \$437 million over the next two fiscal years. Democratic Governor Tina Kotek said the money should be used to invest in housing production and other urgent needs to support Oregon families, as well as in the state's long-term economic growth. Republican

legislative leaders urged that the funds be dedicated to combatting crime and the flood of fentanyl into the state. Others suggested shoring up funding for access to health and mental health care, and education. Others say it's important to spend first on shoring up infrastructure, from roads to sewers. State economists add that inflation has posed a challenge to Oregonians over the past two years, but that income gains are slowly outpacing price increases, leading to rising standards of living. / FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: The Oregon Department of Human Services today begins issuing close to \$39 million in additional food benefits to roughly 325,000 lower-income students. These additional food benefits are part of a temporary COVID-19 response program meant to provide additional nutritional support. Students are eligible if they received free or reduced-price National School Lunch Program meals at school or attended a Community Eligibility Provision school in May of this year. Through the end of September, \$120 in food benefits will be issued to each eligible child in the form of state EBT cards. The electronic benefit cards may be used at participating food retailers. Newly eligible students will receive two pieces of mail addressed to them: A letter notifying them they will receive P-EBT and a separate envelope containing their P-EBT card. Oregon also has received federal approval to provide additional food benefit cards to children under age six who received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—or SNAP—food benefits between July of 2022 and August of this year. Details about when and how these children will receive their P-EBT food benefits will be announced soon. These food benefits are issued in addition to regular SNAP benefits and are not considered in any public charge test. The additional benefits also do not replace any child nutrition program already being offered. Families are encouraged to continue to participate in meal programs in their schools and communities. / ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, CRIME: Lot of folks are watching to see if the federal government is getting closer to relaxing its legal stance on marijuana and catching up what's already happened in Oregon and dozens of other U.S. states. The federal Department of Health and Human Services has delivered a recommendation to the Drug Enforcement Administration. It's the first step toward easing restrictions on the drug. Recreational and medicinal use of marijuana and cannabis products might be legal here in Oregon and in many other states, but at the federal level, it's still considered a Schedule I (one) controlled substance, right alongside heroin and LSD. DHS is recommending marijuana be moved to the much lower Schedule III (three), which currently includes ketamine and some anabolic steroids. Should the Drug Enforcement Administration follow through and reschedule the drug, the action would reduce or potentially eliminate criminal penalties for possession. President Biden requested the review in October 2022 as he pardoned thousands of Americans convicted of "simple possession" of marijuana under federal law. Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, the Democrat who chairs the Senate Finance Committee, issued a statement calling for marijuana to be completely descheduled. But he noted the Schedule III recommendation from Health & Human Services and said if that is implemented, it will be an "historic step for a nation whose cannabis policies have been out of touch with reality." / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY: Wildfires continue to burn across parts of Western Oregon. The Lookout Fire and several spot fires near the town of McKenzie Bridge yesterday morning forced the closure of Oregon Highway 126 between U.S. Highway 20 at Santiam Junction and the junction with the Old

McKenzie Highway, about five miles past McKenzie Bridge. The best routes to Central Oregon now are either Highway 20, Oregon Highway 22, or Oregon Highway 58. The growth of the main fire and the ember-driven spot fires, along with the nearby Horse Creek Fire, also prompted more Level 3 "Go Now" evacuations yesterday. The evacuations include both rural homes and some popular recreation spots. The Lookout Fire was sparked by lightning on August 5 and now covers more than 24,000 acres and is 17 percent contained. The Horse Creek Fire was started by lightning one week ago. It has burned across more than 750 acres and is 10 percent contained. The 31,500-acre Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell, is 80 percent contained. To the east and near the Cascade crest, the 385-acre Petes Lake Fire has closed the Pacific Crest Trail and other areas located about six miles west of Elk Lake and west of Central Oregon's Cascade Lakes Highway. East of Florence, on the Siuslaw National Forest, the 65-acre Three Buttes Fire is zero percent contained. The Rock Creek Fire, ten miles west of Corvallis, is 75 percent contained. ; In Douglas County, the Tyee Ridge Fire has grown to close to 2,900 acres in the Coast Range, west of Sutherlin. It is five percent contained. Yesterday saw more evacuations from rural homes. It is one of dozens of blazes started by last Thursday's lightning storms. Other lightning-sparked Douglas County wildfires include the 1,390-acre Chilcoot Fire, which has closed some BLM recreational areas; and the nearby 236-acre Ridge Fire. Both are burning in the Cascades on the Umpqua National Forest, a few miles above the North Umpqua River. On the Oregon-California border, the Smith River complex of fires is now at more than 79,000 acres and only seven percent contained. A stretch of U.S. Highway 199 through the Siskiyou remains closed with no local detour. /

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION; Now it's down to the "Pac-2." Campus leaders with the Atlantic Coast Conference this morning cleared the way for Stanford and Cal to join the ACC next year. That leaves just Oregon State and Washington State after earlier defections by Oregon and other West Coast schools to the Big Ten and the Big-12. The official announcement about Stanford and Cal is expected later this morning. Starting in August of 2024, the ACC—which began in North Carolina—will add the two Bay Area schools along with SMU, increasing its number of football schools to 17 and becoming another cross-country conference. For the ACC, adding three schools will increase media rights revenue from its long-term deal with ESPN, and allow the conference to spread much of that new money to existing members. The Big Ten lured away Oregon and Washington earlier this month. That came a little more than a year after Southern California and UCLA started the Eastern migration by West Coast schools when they announced they were leaving the Pac-12 for the Big Ten in 2024. The Big 12 has poached four Pac-12 schools for next year: Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah. With the Pac-12 now down to Oregon State and Washington State, the question becomes how do the Beavers and Cougars move forward. While officials in Corvallis and Pullman had hoped to rebuild the conference, they now appear more likely to be forced to join either the Mountain West or American Athletic Conference. But it's possible they still might try to rebuild the conference—especially since, as the last schools standing, they might own a larger share of Pac-12 assets—although they would also come with some liabilities. / CRIME, MENTAL HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT: They say he is violent, extremely dangerous, escaped late Wednesday night from the Oregon State Hospital in Salem, and was last seen driving south on Interstate 5 in a stolen state van. Oregon State Police are asking for leads as they seek 39-year-old Christopher Lee Pray. But they say if you spot him, do not approach him. Instead, call 911. Pray had been arrested in Portland's Multnomah County on multiple serious charges, including Attempted Aggravated Murder. He'd been transferred to the State Hospital earlier in the day on Wednesday. But around 10:45 that night, officials say Pray escaped from custody, stole a white 2016 Dodge Caravan, with a publicly owned "E-plate," (E265614), and eluded law enforcement. Pray's whereabouts are unknown. While he was heading south, he has connections in the Portland metro area. At the time of his escape, officials say Pray was fully restrained and wearing leg shackles, a belly chain, handcuffs,

and a restraint connecting all three. He was wearing a white t-shirt, maroon sweatpants, and black rubber slippers. Pray is described as a white male standing six-feet tall, weighs about 170 pounds, has brown hair, brown eyes, and at the time of his escape had trimmed facial hair. He had stitches on his upper lip. And he has some tattoos, including one reading "PRAY" on his right arm, the letter "S" on his right forearm, and a tattoo on his neck that might read "supreme." Again, if you see him or know of his whereabouts, do not approach him. Call 911.

/ CRIME: A Springfield Police officer was hospitalized but is in stable condition after being struck by a round fired by a man inside a residence in the 1800 block of Market Street—a few blocks west of Mohawk Boulevard. A second officer was struck by fragments of shots and was treated at the hospital. It happened yesterday morning when Springfield 911 received calls shortly after eight a.m. about a man who was breaking items in the street and behaving erratically. When officers arrived, they say he retreated into his residence and, shortly after 8:30 a.m., police say the suspect fired multiple rounds in their direction. Additional support arrived from other law enforcement agencies. Nearby neighbors were evacuated. After negotiations, the man was taken into custody. The suspect's name has not yet been released. But Springfield Police ask if you have any information about the man or the incident you contact them. Call the Springfield Police Non-Emergency Line at 541-726-3714. ; It's a common trick by scammers seeking to separate you from your money: Call up, text, or email and pretend to be from law enforcement. Claim falsely that there are warrants out for your arrest, or that you've missed jury duty, maybe have unsettled legal business. Then, once they get your pulse pounding so you're not thinking straight, asking for financial or personal information. They'll even try to get you to provide checking or credit card information or persuade you to make money transfers or buy gift cards to "solve" the problem. This week, some scammers are pretending to be employees of the Lane County Sheriff's Office. In some instances, they create caller IDs that make it appear they're calling from official phone numbers or even providing callback numbers with voicemail inboxes that sound official. Don't fall for it! Neither the Lane County Sheriff's Office nor any other legitimate law enforcement agency will ever call and ask for money, gift cards, or other types of compensation over the telephone, or by text or email. If you are contacted by someone claiming to be a Lane County Sheriff's Office employee and you think you're being scammed, contact the real Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 and, when you hear the recording, select Option 1. ; Detectives with the Benton County Sheriff's Office have arrested a Eugene man in connection with the death of another man in a paraglider crash on July 1. Fifty-six-year-old Jarrod Karl Kaplan is charged with Criminally Negligent Homicide in the death of a 51-year-old Eugene man. Investigators say it came after the victim purchased a tandem flight online with Kaplan, whom officials say described himself as a paragliding instructor. Detectives say Kaplan was flying the craft over the Willamette River when it struck a power line and crashed into the water.

/ EDUCATION, FINANCES: Do you have a federal student loan? After more than three years of a pandemic-related pause on payments, they resume this fall. The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR) is reminding everyone with federal student loans that payments will resume for all borrowers in October, following a pause implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. Interest accrual resumes Sept. 1, potentially affecting borrowers' outstanding loan balances. Since March 2020, interest on

most federal student loans had been temporarily paused. To facilitate a smooth transition and ensure accurate communication, all borrowers are urged to log in to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov), the official U.S. Department of Education platform for federal student aid, and verify the accuracy of their contact and servicer information. Also, it is recommended that borrowers review their repayment options. Circumstances can evolve over time, making it essential to align repayment strategies with current financial status. DFR advises all borrowers to remain vigilant against potential scams. Instances of fraud have been reported in which scammers attempt to deceive people into making payments to unauthorized entities instead of their legitimate loan servicer. It is critically important for borrowers to find out their loan servicer's name and contact information, and understand their repayment plan and options. This knowledge empowers people to effectively manage their loan obligations. / WILDFIRES: It could be a smoky holiday weekend in parts of Western Oregon. Yesterday's rain and cooler temperatures are helping crews battling the blazes, but some continue to grow. Among them, the Grizzly Fire 20 miles southeast of Dorena. Yesterday it prompted some Level Two "Be Set" evacuation notices on private lands and mining claims in the Bohemia areas of the Cottage Grove Ranger District of the Umpqua National Forest. Officials yesterday also issued an emergency closure order for some recreational areas near the lightning-sparked Ridge Fire. But with containment at 80 percent on the Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell, officials with the Willamette National Forest eased some of their closures. But keep in mind that if conditions change, closures around many of this summer's blazes could increase, along with evacuation levels. /

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SPORTS: Bo Nix threw for 287 yards and three touchdowns before heading for the bench early in the third quarter and No. 15 Oregon built a 43-point halftime lead on the way to an 81-7 victory over Portland State on Saturday. It was the most points for the Ducks in a game in the modern scoring era, and a scoring record at Autzen Stadium. It was also Oregon's 19th straight win in a home opener. The Ducks have won 30 straight non-conference games at Autzen Stadium, dating to 2008. Oregon visits Texas Tech this Saturday. The game is being carried at 4 p.m. on FOX. ; DJ Uiagalelei got off to a fast start for his new team, throwing three touchdown passes and running for two more to lead No. 18 Oregon State to a 42-17 victory over San Jose State. The former five-star recruit who went from a promising prospect to the bench during his three years at Clemson looked very comfortable in his Beavers debut. Uiagalelei finished 20 for 25 for 239 yards to help the Beavers start the season on the right note as they try to build on last year's 10-win campaign. OSU hosts UC Davis on Saturday in the newly expanded Reser Stadium in Corvallis. The game airs at 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Network. ; We learned over the weekend that the Mountain West Conference made pitches late last month to Oregon State and Washington State, which will be the Pac-12's final two members after next year's realignment. Officials on Saturday confirmed that Mountain West Commissioner Gloria Nevarez made presentations to Washington State on Aug. 24 and to Oregon State on Monday. It came after leaders of Stanford and Cal announced on Friday that they will head to the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2024. Eight other teams from the onetime "Conference of Champions" previously announced plans to depart next year. Oregon, Washington, USC, and UCLA are headed to the Big Ten. Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, and Utah will play in the Big 12. That leaves the Beavers and the Cougars alone in the Pac-12 the middle of next year. Officials with OSU and WSU say they are working together on a solution. On Friday, OSU officials said any new conference alignment would mean less money for their athletics programs, but that they are committed to maintaining their existing mix of sports. In addition to the Mountain West, the teams also could attempt to build a new Pac-12 with teams from that conference or others. One possible option landing spot was ruled out on Friday when officials with the American Athletic Conference said they would not look at a westward expansion. / SAFETY, EDUCATION, CHILDREN, TRANSPORTATION: Every fall, millions and millions of children across the United States head back to school. Many walk or bike to school.

Drivers: Be especially vigilant before and after school hours. TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS: Pedestrians under 10 years of age should be accompanied by an adult when walking to and from school. Teach children the importance of using crosswalks and how to look left-right-left before crossing. Always walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic. If possible, choose a drop off point where children won't have to cross the street to reach their destinations. Avoid jaywalking. Encourage kids to always cross in clear view of traffic, and never from between parked cars. Just as you wouldn't text and drive, don't text and walk. Stay alert to your surroundings. TIPS FOR KID ON BICYCLES AND BOARDS: Make sure your child has the skills to ride a bike safely, such as riding in a straight line and signaling to vehicles when turning. Choose the safest bike route to school—one with fewer cars and lower speed limits. Use protected bike paths when they are available. Cyclists should understand traffic safety rules. Ride in the same direction as traffic and stop at all stop signs and signals. Teach children that wearing a helmet is important. The Insurance Institute of Highway Safety says wearing a helmet reduces the odds of head injury by half. Remain focused and alert when riding. Never use earbuds or electronics while in motion. TIPS FOR DRIVERS: Review Your Travel Route. Drivers can consider modifying their travel routes to avoid school zones and residential neighborhoods. A slightly longer route might actually be quicker by avoiding congestion and much lower speed limits in and around school zones. Allot Extra Travel Time. Back to school often means increased congestion and longer commute times. Mornings can be especially stressful. Drivers should allow extra travel time when school is in session to avoid any temptation to speed or disobey traffic laws in an effort to 'catch up' after being delayed. Slow down. Speed limits in school zones are reduced for a reason. Whether in a school zone or residential neighborhood, drivers should keep their speed low and be prepared to stop quickly for increased vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Obey Traffic Signs. Obeying traffic signs is something all drivers should do no matter where they drive. Unfortunately, many drivers violate stop signs in school zones and residential neighborhoods—many failing to come to a complete stop, rolling through a stop sign or not slowing down at all. / RECREATION, SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office on Sunday warned of an obstruction on the Willamette River about one-quarter of a mile below Clearwater Landing. A tree has come down across the channel, rendering it unnavigable. Boaters, paddlers, drifters, and floaters: Avoid this section of river until the hazard is cleared. If you must float this section of the Willamette, stay as far "river left" as possible and consider getting out on shore and portaging around the hazard. / CRIME: The man charged with attempted murder who escaped from a psychiatric hospital in Oregon while fully shackled was arrested on Friday after he was found floundering in a muddy pond near Portland. 39-year-old Christopher Lee Pray was found mired up to his armpits. Fire and rescue personnel extricated him using ropes and he was taken to a hospital. Police say Pray provided a false name, but a hospital employee recognized him and summoned officers. Oregon State Police are investigating. They say an employee who was driving the state vehicle stepped out and left the keys inside—then Pray leapt into the driver's seat and raced off. / EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT: The close to 70,000 attendees stranded for days after rainstorms at the site of the Burning Man festival in northern Nevada began leaving Monday afternoon as roads dried enough to handle vehicles. An unusual late-summer storm turned the week-long gathering

on a dry lakebed into a sticky, sloppy mess. The mud made it almost impossible to drive, bicycle, or walk and those on-site were urged to shelter in place. The event is remote on the best of days and emphasizes self-sufficiency. Amid the flooding, revelers were urged to conserve their food and water, and most remained hunkered down at the site. Organizers also discouraged attendees from walking out because many were getting stuck in the mud or risked injury from falls. Some did make the five-mile hike to the nearest paved road and were given lifts by motorists to nearby towns. They hitchhikers included celebrity DJ Diplo and comedian Chris Rock, who uploaded a video of the experience. The road closures came just before the first of two ceremonial fires signaling an end to the festival was scheduled to begin Saturday night. The event traditionally culminates with the burning of a large wooden effigy shaped like a man and a wood temple structure during the final two nights, but the fires were postponed as authorities worked to reopen exit routes by the end of the Labor Day weekend. ; The giant mud pit that was the annual Burning Man Festival is set for an in-depth cleanup. The event attracts tens of thousands to the northern Nevada desert, including many participants from this area. The San Francisco Chronicle noted that the normally dry and dusty playa was transformed into a shallow sea of sludge after a Friday night downpour forced organizers to shut down the festival's gate and temporary airstrip. The arid region that contains the playa absorbed two to three months' worth of rain in a 24-hour period Friday into Saturday, leading BLM and the Pershing County Sheriff's Office to close the entrance to the annual festival of art, music, DIY desert survival and extreme glamping. Every year, the federal Bureau of Land Management gives the festival team three weeks to return the playa to its natural state, at which point the BLM performs an inspection. Last year's restoration effort was unusually difficult, according to a post on the Burning Man website. Burning Man's restoration team recorded about 3,000 items left behind by attendees last year, including 1,023 spikes, tent stakes and cement stakes. Given this year's mess, it's likely that even more stuff will be abandoned and require cleanup. A BLM spokesperson said via email that the festival's restoration crew "does an outstanding job." He said that during the three-week cleanup, "they grid out the entire event area and pick up all trash. They also run trucks with large rakes behind them to smooth out the bumps and ruts. They also clean along the side of the county highways leading to and from the event." /

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WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, HOUSING: Tomorrow marks the third anniversary of the sparking of the Holiday Farm Fire, which swept across 173,000 acres in the McKenzie River Valley, destroying hundreds of homes and businesses. It was one of several major Oregon blazes that started over 2020's Labor Day Weekend. Those who've returned to the valley have spent the past 36 months clearing hazard trees and the burned debris that were once homes and outbuildings. They've tested soil, had new wells drilled, new septic systems installed. There were contractors to hire, loans to secure, permits and more permits, trees and shrubs to replant. It's been three years filled with challenges and heartache. Some say they still have nightmares, grow tense when they see or smell smoke from other wildfires. But they say they feel a fierce sense of community and a determination to rebuild. There will be quiet observances assessing what's been lost, but also recognition of the continued recovery. Challenges remain: Even with improved, centralized programs, many wildfire evacuees say they spent much of past few years grappling with insurance and clean-up efforts, securing financing and permits, finding contractors, dealing with record-high building materials prices, and finally getting work underway. Some, especially those who were renters, were permanently displaced or chose to move elsewhere. Others say they are committed to rebuilding on their land and in their communities, even as they acknowledge that the valley and their lives are different going forward. / CRIME: Modern home surveillance systems are becoming a valuable investigative tool. Case in point: Lane County Sheriff's investigators recently arrested two people in connection with a residential burglary. The thieves disabled the home security system, but not before cameras recorded them breaking into the home and uploading their images to the internet. Sheriff's officials say that helped them arrest the suspects ten days later. They're identified as 38-year-old Mathis Raymond Lambert and 44-year-old Kristin Dawn Hiatt. The burglary occurred on August 18 at a residence in the 23000 block of Highway 36. Investigators say the thieves stole more than \$2,000 in personal property. Detectives say they used a search warrant to recover additional evidence at the suspects' residence and also found items connected to an unrelated case of identity theft. / CHILDREN, CRIME, SAFETY, FAMILIES, LEGAL: The top prosecutors in all 50 states are calling on Congress to study how artificial intelligence can be used to exploit children through pornography. They want the U.S. House and Senate to come up with legislation to further guard

against such crimes. In a letter sent Tuesday to Republican and Democratic leaders of the House and Senate, the attorneys general urged federal lawmakers to establish a commission to study the means and methods that AI can be used to exploit children. And they want federal lawmakers to expand existing restrictions on child sexual abuse materials specifically to cover AI-generated images. The effort was led by attorneys general in Oregon, South Carolina, and North Carolina. Legal experts say among the dangers AI poses are the creation of what are known as “deepfakes” — videos and images that have been digitally created or altered using artificial intelligence or machine learning. They might use images of a child who already has been abused. Or they might alter the likeness of a child who has not been abused, but whose photograph was taken from social media. The new, AI-generated image might depict abuse. AI might also be used to create the image of fictitious children for the purpose of pornography. There have been some moves within the tech industry to combat the issue. In February, Meta, as well as adult sites like OnlyFans and Pornhub, began participating in an online effort, called Take It Down, that allows teens to report explicit images and videos of themselves from the internet. The reporting site works for regular images and AI-generated content. / EVENTS, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: The goal was 3,000 diapers for 120 babies. According to Lane County Diaper Bank, the community donated 5,437 diapers during the Lane County Diaper Bank. That means 217 children will have clean, dry diapers. Teresa Bauer of Lane County Diaper Drive said, “Wow, we are blow away by the support and commitment to the wellbeing of families in our community!” National Diaper Awareness Week is September 18 through 24. On Sunday, September 24, there will be a big event celebrating the diaper bank and its efforts. It takes place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Springfield’s Dorris Ranch. Activities include a 50/50 raffle, face painting, balloon art, Mexican cuisine with Calle Steelo Taqueria, goodie bags, and a free treat with Nothing Bunt Cake for the first 40 attendees. / AGRICULTURE, WEATHER: Some good news for farmers and ranchers in the Klamath Basin. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will not curtail water to the Klamath Project in Southern Oregon and Northern California. Earlier this year, the agency warned that might happen. But The Capital Press quotes experts with the Bureau now estimate there is enough water available this year to supply irrigators while protecting endangered fish. Farmers and ranchers worried any shutdown of water would result in millions of dollars of damage to row crops, including potatoes, onions and garlic. Tribes and environmental groups worried too much irrigation would harm fish and habitat. Experts say the water picture improved significantly the past two weeks because of recent heavy rains and runoff, despite a hot and dry month of July. / SPORTS, ECONOMY: Oregon moves up two spots to Number 13 in this week’s Associated Press Top 25 College Football rankings. It comes after the Ducks routed Portland State over the weekend. Oregon visits Texas Tech this Saturday. The game is being carried at 4 p.m. on FOX. Oregon State also moved up in the AP standings following its weekend win over San Jose State. The Beavs climbed two notches to Number 16. OSU hosts UC Davis on Saturday in the newly expanded Reser Stadium in Corvallis. The game airs at 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Network. ; Some of the world’s fastest humans return to Eugene next weekend. U.S. sprinters Sha’Carri Richardson and Noah Lyles say they’ll run in their respective 100-meter races at the Prefontaine Classic. The elite track-and-field competition takes place at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus on

Saturday, September 16. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster. Richardson and Lyles are coming off standout performances at the World Athletics Championships last month in Budapest. The Prefontaine Classic is the final meet in the Diamond League schedule, which attracts top track and field athletes from across the U.S. and the world, including both world and American record-holders.

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BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT: Two pieces of good news this week for Oregon employers: Next year, they'll pay less on average for their workers' compensation coverage through the state. Officials with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services say this will be the 11th year of decreases in the average "pure premium" rate. That is the base rate that insurers use to determine how much employers must pay for medical costs and lost wages. The average 6.7 percent decrease comes amid improved workplace safety and effort to control workers comp costs. And the SAIF board of directors yesterday declared a \$135 million dividend for its policyholders. SAIF is Oregon's not-for-profit workers' compensation insurance company. This marks the 14th straight year SAIF has been able to offer a dividend, and is the carrier's 26th dividend since 1990. More than 52,000 policyholders will receive the dividend. It will be based on premiums for policies whose term ended in 2022 and will be distributed in October. / EDUCATION, HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: If you want to make sure you have a good pool of prospective employees in the years ahead, make some investments now. PeaceHealth and Lane Community College officials yesterday announced a gift from the healthcare giant. The pledge of \$2.8 million will be distributed over four years to help expand LCC's nursing program and re-establish and expand the college's respiratory therapy program. Beginning with Fall term, the PeaceHealth funding will increase the first-year nursing cohort by up to 20 students. Lane Community College plans to restart its respiratory therapy program in the Fall of 2024. / EMPLOYMENT, FORESTS, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: The U.S. Forest Service is holding a hiring event for wildland firefighters later this month in Lane County. The agency is looking to hire close to 150 permanent seasonal positions on Forest Service hand and engine crews, hotshot crews, and for other openings. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, at the Holiday Inn Express on Kruse Way in Springfield. It's a chance for applicants to meet regional fire staff, get assistance competing their application, and learn about the jobs and Forest Service benefits. Applications will also be accepted online. Jobs will be posted on USAJobs.gov through Sept. 29. Employment start dates vary. / GOVERNMENT, WILDFIRES: Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley yesterday announced that four rural Oregon fire departments will share in a combined close to \$2.2 million to aid in recruiting and training firefighters. The money comes from FEMA—the Federal Emergency Management Agency—and is intended to help

stabilize staffing year-round. Among the agencies receiving a share of the recruitment and retention funding is North Douglas Fire in Drain and the Tenmile Rural Fire District in Roseburg. / MILITARY, FAMILIEIS: The Oregon Army National Guard has started a pilot program to assist soldiers with childcare during weekend drills. The goal is to assist National Guard members who often face challenges balancing family and military responsibilities. To qualify, a soldier must be assigned to an Oregon Army National Guard unit. They either must be single, dual military, or have a spouse who works or attends school on drill weekends. Their dependent children also must be between 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Once enrolled, soldiers can sign up quarterly to arrange for childcare during their National Guard weekends. The Oregon Air National Guard operates a similar program. / CRIME: The victim of Saturday's early-morning shooting at a Eugene convenience store has died from his wound. And yesterday, the suspect in the case turned himself in to Eugene Police. 22-year-old Jaisi Tavin Savath had been sought in connection with the incident at the East Broadway Avenue 7-11 store. The victim, 32-year-old Stephen Anthony Forest, was hospitalized in critical condition for several days before succumbing to his wound. Police detectives had shared surveillance photographs of the suspect, identifying him on Sunday as Savath and locating his vehicle. They also thank the public for tips in the case. ; No injuries but plenty of damage after yesterday's early-morning fire in a trash bin spread to a nearby vacant home on 8th Avenue near Jefferson Street. The blaze was reported around 3:00 a.m. Crews said the battle was a challenging one, as the fire quickly moved into the eaves and spread to the second floor of the structure. The condition of the building prevented crews from working inside, limiting their primary attack to training large streams of water from fire truck ladders. It took close to two hours for the fire to get under control. No damage estimate yet. The blaze remains under investigation. / SAFETY: Still no sign of a missing Yachats man whose vehicle was found on Labor Day on a remote road in northern Lane County, just over the Lincoln County line. Sheriff's officials say Dustin Steyding was reported missing on August 25 after he left work for the day in the Yachats area. Steyding, a former member of a hot shot firefighting team in New Mexico, was described as being in good physical condition. Those who know him say he is very experienced in the woods and commonly goes on hikes to stay in shape. While his vehicle was located in the Coast Range off Keller Creek Road, investigators have been unable to determine his direction of travel and after two days of searching have not located Steyding or any clues to where he might be. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Dustin Steyding should contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 541-265-0777 and reference case number 23S-07321. / WILDLIFE, CRIME: Poachers harm Oregon wildlife and everyone's outdoor experience. A 28-year-old Pendleton man just received a stiff federal sentence for what prosecutors said was a wildlife crime spree. Walter Erickson of Pendleton will pay \$75,000 in fines and serve jail time after killing numerous deer and elk in that part of Eastern Oregon. He pleaded guilty to 22 charges. Investigators say his poaching occurred during an 18-month timeframe, starting in the summer of 2020. When Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Troopers began gathering information and evidence, they served a search warrant at Erickson's residence. Troopers seized six sets of deer antlers, three sets of elk antlers including those of a 7x7 trophy bull elk, a rifle, a bow, and meat.

In addition to fines and jail time, Erickson forfeited the rifle and bow he used to commit the crimes, and all trophies and game parts. That includes a freezer full of meat that was transferred to the Blue Mountain Wildlife Center for their raptor rehabilitation program. As part of the sentence, Erickson also will serve 14 days in jail during elk hunting season for the next three years. Or, as lead prosecutor Jay Hall remarked, for this poacher, "Elk season is now jail season." / SPORTS: The No. 13 Oregon Ducks visit Texas Tech this Saturday. The game is being carried at 4 p.m. on FOX. The forecast for Saturday in Lubbock at the Red Raiders' stadium is hot and sweaty: Sunny with a slight chance of thunderstorms and a high of 97 degrees. No. 16 Oregon State hosts UC Davis on Saturday in the newly expanded Reser Stadium. The game airs at 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Network. The forecast for Saturday in Corvallis: Sunny and 80 degrees at kick-off, cooling into the upper 60s by the end of the game. /

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EDUCATION, FAMILIES, FINANCES, HOUSING: Now that students are returning to college campuses, it's time for families to check their insurance coverage. Experts with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation say if your student is moving into a dorm room, your homeowners' policy will likely cover their personal property in case of a loss. Ask your college student to tell you if they buy a new computer or other pricey items and have them keep receipts. Check with your agent or insurance company to ensure such items are covered. Students living off campus should consider renter's insurance. This coverage will protect students' personal property and provide liability coverage if someone is injured on the property. Premiums for renter's insurance are reasonable, and vary based on the location and size of the rental unit, and the value of the student's possessions. Students also should create a home inventory, whether they live on or off campus. This list of items will make any future insurance claim quicker and easier to settle. From housing to driving: Oregon law requires every vehicle on the road to have auto liability coverage. Auto liability insurance pays for property damage and bodily injury to someone else if you are found responsible for an accident up to your policy's limits. If the title to the vehicle is in your student's name, they must have their own policy. If your college student is driving a vehicle you own, your child can likely stay on your policy and be listed as a driver. Also, tell your insurance agent or company where the vehicle will be stored if the address differs from what is on your policy. Students have several options for health insurance coverage while at college. If they are covered under your insurance now, they still will be covered while at school. Any insurance plan that offers dependent coverage must make that available until the dependent is 26. If you are currently enrolled with a health maintenance organization (HMO), your adult child might need to return to your home area for routine care and might qualify for covered emergency care only while at school. Many colleges and universities also offer their own student health insurance plans. The premiums and features vary widely by school. Check with your student's school health center to see available coverage options. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The maker of an extremely spicy tortilla chip says it is working to remove the product from stores as Massachusetts authorities investigate the death of a teen whose family pointed to the One Chip Challenge popularized as a dare on social media as a contributing factor. Authorities also are raising the alarm about the social media challenge, in which people eat the extremely spicy

chip and attempt to avoid eating or drinking anything for as long as possible. The cause of the teen's death has not been determined and an autopsy is pending. But authorities in Massachusetts already have responded by warning parents about the challenge, which is popular on social media sites such as TikTok. Scores of people, including children, have posted videos of themselves unwrapping the packaging, eating the spicy chip, and then reacting to its heat. Some videos show people gagging, coughing, and begging for water. In the wake of the Massachusetts teen's death, Texas-based manufacturer Paqui has asked retailers to stop selling the individually wrapped chips. The 7-Eleven chain has already removed the product from shelves. The One Chip Challenge chip sells for about \$10 and comes wrapped in a sealed foil pouch enclosed in a coffin-shaped cardboard box. The package warns the chip is made for the "vengeful pleasure of intense heat and pain," is intended for adults and should be kept out of reach of children. The chip involved in the challenge was made with the Carolina Reaper, a pepper which has been measured at more than two million Scoville heat units, the scale used to measure how hot peppers are. Also in the chip's mix is the Naga Viper, which has been measured at just under 1.4 million Scoville units. By comparison, Jalapeño peppers are typically rated at between 2,000 and 8,000 Scoville units. / CRIME: Eugene Police say scammers are at it again. They recently received a report from a Eugene resident whose parent received a text message that a package addressed to them was unable to be delivered. The text instructed the recipient to click on the link for more details. But guess what? Doing that can download software that gives hackers access to your phone and your personal information. Experts say the best way to deal with such texts is to instead go to the website of the company with which you placed your order and check the order and tracking status. If you have an account with a package delivery service, check that. And a reminder: Scammers can make their messages appear to be coming from email contacts, people with whom you text, or local-looking phone numbers. Such tactics are known as "spoofing." Many scams try to alarm you or scare you. Others pretend to be a bank, streaming service, online company, or other businesses. Your cellular or internet provider likely offers tips on blocking the calls/texts/emails and regarding the spamming. If you receive a phone call and recognize that the call is a scam, please hang up immediately and report the information to [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov). If you are the victim of a scam and have incurred a loss, please call the EPD non-emergency at 541.682.5111. These cases provide an opportunity for a reminder on how to avoid becoming the victim of fraud. Scams are cyclical in nature. Eugene Police recommend to remain careful and skeptical of callers. If someone asks you for your cash, gift cards, credit card numbers, security log-ins, or other personal information (especially if you don't know them well), the safest move is to refuse their request and check with the police, or find an independent way to contact a legitimate business and follow up rather than responding right away to the caller. Don't give out computer or phone log-ins, personal or financial information to someone who calls you. If you are unsure, hang up and independently find the phone number of the alleged represented agency and call yourself. A law enforcement agency will not ask you for this type of information or request that money be sent by way of money order for any reason. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT: The former site of an Oregon correctional facility will become the new home for science on the Eliot State Research Forest. Officials yesterday

transferred ownership of the onetime Shutter Creek Correctional Institution to the Oregon Department of State Lands. Located in the Coast Range near Coos Bay and North Bend, the 82,000-acre forest for generations produced logs whose sales helped fund public schools. Now, it's being transformed into a living laboratory in conjunction with Oregon State University and local tribes. The intent is to further forestry's role in addressing the impacts of climate change, restoring habitat and endangered species, and advancing responsible management of timber and other forest products. Long-term, coordinators say the research will fuel economic growth and community-based jobs, along with conservation, education, recreation, and help advance of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures. Shutter Creek once held up to 260 inmates and closed in December of 2021. Its 49-acre site will become the Eliot State Research Forest's operational hub. The planned headquarters will include a laboratory, classroom, dormitory, office space, and might also house local and Tribal entities partnered on various projects. Oregon U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden secured \$4 million in Congress this year to pay for renovations at the site. /

**FAMILY, FINANCES:** Pets provide joy and companionship, but costs can add up quickly, especially if you're a first-time owner and don't know what to expect. Pet can add a lot to your life and become members of your family. But it's important to have realistic expectations so you don't face sudden expenses that could hurt your financial stability. And that includes choosing a pet that fits your budget and your lifestyle. Initial costs for a dog or cat go beyond the fee to purchase or adopt them. Vaccinations and routine wellness checks can cost around \$200 to \$300. Once you get them home, pets need a bed, food, leashes and harnesses and grooming supplies, among other things. While these items are fairly inexpensive individually, they can quickly add up. On average, analysts say you can expect to spend \$1,400 a year for a dog and \$1,200 for a cat. If you are a frequent traveler or are away from home for many hours at a time, you might need to spend some extra money on boarding or daycare. If you need to leave your house every day for work, you might also need to invest in daycare or dog walking services. Doing research on the breed of pet that you will adopt is important, not only because it will help determine if they fit your lifestyle but also whether you can afford them. /

**WILDFIRES:** Continued cooler weather has allowed firefighters to further shore up containment lines on dozens of active blazes. Yesterday, Forest Service officials said they were lifting many recreational closures associated with a trio of fires burning near McKenzie Bridge. There's still smoke rising from the Lookout, Horse Creek, and Pothole Fires. But officials say they've reopened many trailheads along with the McKenzie Bridge Boat Launch. The Clear Lake Day-Use Area, Resort, and Lost Prairie Campground are still inside the closure boundaries but are being allowed to continue to operate. Some areas remain closed, including Blue Pool and Sahalie Falls, Mona Campground, along with the McKenzie River Trail and trailheads. Other closures affect popular sites along Highway 242, including Proxy Falls and the Obsidian Trailhead. Planning an outing? Go online and check closure information before you head out. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TERRORISM: Bells tolled at Ground Zero and solemn tributes unfolded around the country as Americans gathered to remember and reflect on the 22nd anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Flags are flying at half-staff across the nation. There were commemorations this morning at memorials, firehouses, city halls, on campuses, and elsewhere. Today's tributes include tribute moments of silence, the tolling of bells, reading of names, candlelight vigils, and other activities. As another way of marking the anniversary, many Americans perform volunteer work on what Congress has designated both Patriot Day and a National Day of Service and Remembrance. The attacks were the deadliest on U.S. soil, leaving close to 3,000 people dead when hijacked planes crashed into the twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center, a section of the Pentagon, and another plane crashed in a farm field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The 9-11 attacks reshaped American foreign policy and domestic security. / BUSINESS, HEALTH, COMMUNITY, MENTAL HEALTH, LABOR: PeaceHealth officials recently started an effort to close their longtime hospital in Eugene. But local healthcare workers, along with city and county elected leaders, students and community advocates, and representatives of the state's nurses' union are holding an event outside the facility this afternoon to call for the facility to remain open. PeaceHealth's University District hospital is located at 13th and Patterson Streets in Eugene. Leaders of the healthcare system say the facility is underused and is losing money—about \$2 million per month. They want to gradually shutter and relocate all Eugene-based inpatient rehabilitation, emergency services, and related medical services to PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. But a move close to six miles away feels too far for many residents, who say they've relied on the University District location for years. Leaders of the Oregon Nurses Association have called the decision "dangerous" and "irresponsible," saying it would leave nearly 200,000 people in Oregon's second largest city without a hospital. Local officials have said they were surprised by the PeaceHealth decision and concerned that consolidation will hamper PeaceHealth's ability to provide adequate care for local residents. They also fear the long-term effect on Eugene's economy. Officials with the health system say they have capacity in Springfield for the consolidation and that PeaceHealth plans to increase its care and services in the coming years. Any PeaceHealth changes would require state regulatory approval. The plan would call for closure of the University District hospital's Emergency Department in</p>

November. PeaceHealth's 27-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit in Eugene would move to RiverBend in early 2024. Officials say that's part of a larger effort to jointly open with LifePoint Health a 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility on the RiverBend campus in 2026. PeaceHealth intends to continue serving patients at its current behavioral health location at the University District until there is a sustainable alternative in the community. PeaceHealth officials say they are collaborating with community partners on alternative care approaches and working with outpatient behavioral health organizations in Lane County and elsewhere that provide needed services. / BUSINESS, COMMUNITY: A planned merger of two grocery giants is getting pushback in Oregon and a number of other states. Officials with Kroger—the parent company of Fred Meyer—and Albertsons—which includes Safeway—announced on Friday that they will sell more than 400 stores and other assets for about \$1.9 billion. It is part of an effort to gain approval from antitrust regulators reviewing the deal that was first announced in October of last year. If okayed, the merger would combine two of the nation's largest grocery chains. Kroger and Albertson's have said some of the stores they are planning to sell are in the Pacific Northwest, including close to 50 in Oregon. But they have not said which locations would be affected. Any sale would include the divested stores' fuel centers and pharmacies. Kroger, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, last fall bid \$20 billion for Albertsons, agreeing to assume \$4.7 billion of Albertsons' debt as part of the process. The deal is anticipated to close early next year. The grocery chains say they must merge to compete with the likes of Walmart, Amazon and other major companies that have moved into the grocery business. They also point to consolidation throughout the grocery sector as companies look for ways to offset rising prices for everything from food to workers. C&S, which would buy the more than 400 divested locations, is a supplier to independent grocery stores. It currently supplies more than 7,500 independent supermarkets, retail chain stores, and military bases. It also runs a number of grocery stores in the Midwest and Carolinas. / WILDFIRES: Driving Interstate 5 through the mid-Willamette Valley today? You might see or smell smoke near the Brownsville-Halsey exit at Milepost 216. There was a two-alarm fire yesterday evening that destroyed a large barn being used to store hay bales. The fire was just a short distance past the truck stop on Oregon Highway 228, on the east side of I-5. Crews knocked it down, but the debris will likely smolder for days. / SPORTS: Bo Nix threw for 359 yards and two touchdowns, Jeffrey Bassa had a 45-yard interception return for a score in the final minute and No. 13 Oregon rallied for a 38-30 victory over Texas Tech. The Ducks twice rallied in the fourth quarter behind Nix, who led a pair of drives to go-ahead field goals. The Ducks host Hawaii on Saturday. "Wear Green" to Eugene's Autzen Stadium for the 5 p.m. kick-off on the Pac-12 Network. ; Damien Martinez ran for a 64-yard touchdown on Oregon State's first offensive play, setting the tone in the 16th-ranked Beavers' 55-7 victory over UC Davis. The Beavers had 450 total yards of total offense. On Saturday, Oregon State hosts San Diego State at Reser Stadium. The 12:30 p.m. game from Corvallis will be carried by FS1. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, LEGAL: Oregon State and Washington State on Friday filed a complaint in Washington state court against the Pac-12 and Commissioner George Kliavkoff, seeking to prevent departing members from getting in the way of their efforts to rebuild the disintegrating conference. A hearing on their request is set for today. The breach of bylaws complaint was filed in Whitman County,

home to Washington State. It requests a temporary restraining order that would keep departing members of the Pac-12 board of directors from meeting this week and taking any action regarding the status or governance of the conference. They claim that, under conference bylaws, by announcing plans to leave the Pac-12, Oregon and nine other schools have forfeited their right to call meetings or vote. The Pac-12 currently has 12 members, Oregon, Washington, USC, and UCLA are leaving next year for the Big Ten; Stanford and Cal are going to the Atlantic Coast Conference; and Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado, and Utah are leaving for the Big 12. There's a financial issue driving the legal filing: If the departing members of the Pac-12 are allowed to call a meeting, they could vote to dissolve the conference and allow all the schools to split millions of dollars in remaining assets. OSU and WSU seek to preserve those assets for their effort to rebuild the Pac-12. Oregon State and Washington State are likely heading for some type of partnership with the schools currently in the Mountain West, but whether they will join that conference or seek a "reverse merger" and retain the Pac-12 name is unresolved. /

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GOVERNMENT: Local officials yesterday called on the governor and leaders of the Oregon Health Authority to prevent PeaceHealth's planned closure of its Eugene hospital. City and county elected leaders were joined by local healthcare workers, representatives of the state's nurses' union, community advocates, students, and others for a rally outside the PeaceHealth's University District hospital at 13th and Patterson Streets. Leaders of the healthcare system say the facility is underused and is losing money—about \$2 million per month. They want to gradually shutter and relocate all Eugene-based inpatient rehabilitation, emergency services, and related medical services to PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. But Eugene mayor Lucy Vinis says closing the Eugene hospital poses a hardship for residents who will be forced to travel farther for care and could face longer delays for urgent treatment. Local officials have said they were surprised by the PeaceHealth decision. Officials with the health system say they have enough capacity in Springfield to handle the consolidated services and will increase their healthcare offerings in the coming years. Any PeaceHealth changes would require state regulatory approval. The plan would call for closure of the University District hospital's Emergency Department in November. PeaceHealth's 27-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit in Eugene would move to RiverBend in early 2024. Officials say that's part of a larger effort to jointly open with LifePoint Health a 50-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility on the RiverBend campus in 2026. PeaceHealth intends to continue serving patients at its current behavioral health location at the University District until there is a sustainable alternative in the community. PeaceHealth officials say they are collaborating with community partners on alternative care approaches and working with outpatient behavioral health organizations in Lane County and elsewhere that provide needed services. / HEALTH: U.S. regulators yesterday approved updated COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna, doses aimed at increasing protection from new variants of the virus this fall and winter. The Food and Drug Administration's decision is part of a shift to roll out COVID-19 vaccine updates much like annual flu vaccinations. Now that the FDA has given its approval, advisors for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention meet today to sign off on the updated doses. The panel also will issue any recommendations on which groups of Americans will benefit the most from the increased protection from COVID—most likely older adults and those with weakened immune systems.

The new COVID vaccine doses could become available later this week. Experts say both the COVID-19 and flu vaccines can be received at the same time. /

**WILDFIRES:** More encouraging news yesterday in the battle to contain the Lookout Fire and two smaller blazes, which are burning near the community of McKenzie Bridge. Officials say a combination of favorable weather and continued work by fire crews has made it possible to reduce most existing evacuation notices to Level 1 “Get Ready.” The only remaining Level 2 advisory is on Horse Creek Road, east of the Horse Creek Bridge. The 24,500-acre Lookout Fire now is 50 percent contained. The 105-acre Horse Creek Fire is 90 percent contained. And the 34-acre Pothole fire is 85 percent contained. /

**EVENTS, COMMUNITY, TERRORISM:** They each climbed 2,367 steps yesterday at Autzen Stadium, to honor those who died trying to rescue those killed in the 9-11 attacks. First responders and military personnel gathered at the Eugene stadium for yesterday’s commemoration. The 2,367 steps represented the 110 flights climbed by fire, medical, and police personnel at the World Trade Center site on September 11, 2001. As part of their tribute, many wore individual badges with photos of 9-11 first responders. Family, friends, and others who were unable to participate watched from the football field below. /

**SPORTS, BUSINESS, LEGAL:** A judge yesterday granted a request by Oregon State and Washington State Universities for a temporary restraining order to prevent departing Pac-12 members from meeting until it can be determined who has the right to chart the future of the disintegrating conference. At a hearing in Washington state, the judge ruled that a board of directors meeting scheduled for later this week—which would include the conference commissioner and leaders from 10 of the soon-to-be departing member schools—cannot take place. Oregon State President Jayathi Murthy (JAY’-uh-tee) said in a statement she is pleased with the decision. Murthy says that as the two remaining Pac-12 members, Oregon State and Washington State must be able to chart a path forward for the Pac-12—not one set by the members that have chosen to leave it. Oregon State and Washington State want full control over decision-making for the conference because they are the only schools committed to the Pac-12 beyond the current school year. The schools filed their breach of bylaws complaint Friday. Leaders at OSU and WSU say they would like to rebuild the Pac-12 but need to take control of its assets and intellectual property to preserve its brand. They fear the outgoing schools would dissolve the conference and divvy up its assets if they are permitted to convene a board meeting. Oregon State and Washington State contend that eight schools—including Oregon— forfeited their right to be on the board when they announced their intentions to join other conferences next year. Their official departure date from the conference is July 31, 2024. Attorneys for OSU and WSU note that USC and UCLA were stripped of voting rights by the Pac-12 in 2022 when they announced they would join the Big Ten. The judge allowed the conference to continue to conduct day-to-day business. But there remain questions about the future of the Pac-12’s league office, including its nearly 200 employees. /

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TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION: Good news if you're looking to take a final scenic drive of the summer: The western section of Oregon Highway 242, the Old McKenzie Highway, has reopened. The roadway was closed as the Lookout Fire expanded nearby. But in recent days, crews have made progress in containing that blaze. That said, officials remind you that should conditions change and wildfire activity increase, parts of the historic highway could close again. Watch for fire vehicles and personnel in the area. Highway 242 winds through lush forests to scenic lava beds and views of the Cascade peaks, including the Three Sisters and Mt. Washington. Drivers: Keep an eye out for bicyclists and pedestrians. Vehicles longer than 35 feet are prohibited from using the highway because of its series of sharp, hairpin curves. The highway usually closes for the season in mid-November, but that date can occur earlier if winter weather arrives sooner. / CRIME: Sunday's big fire in a hay barn near the Interstate 5 Brownsville exit continues to smolder. And the cause of the two-alarm blaze remains under investigation. The fire was just a short distance past the truck stop on Oregon Highway 228, on the east side of I-5. The blaze was spotted shortly after four a.m. on Sunday. Have any information that could help investigators? Contact the Linn County Sheriff's office. Call Detective Caleb Riley at (541) 967-3950. ; A 38-year-old Eugene woman is facing charges of DUII after an early-morning crash Monday on the Beltline Highway. It happened around 2:40 a.m. in the westbound lanes between Division Avenue and River Road. Another driver reported her vehicle was struck from behind and pushed into the center cement barrier. When an officer arrived at the crash scene, he went to speak with the other driver, identified as Trisha Lynn Holland. The officer said Holland was outside her vehicle and arguing with Eugene-Springfield firefighters. Officers suspected impairment and after further investigation arrested Holland and took her to the Lane County Jail. ; Eugene Police say three local delis were robbed yesterday by what appeared to be the same suspect. The robberies occurred about half an hour apart and took place at Patty's Deli on Echo Hollow Road, Ashley's Deli on Willamette Street, and CJ's Deli on Division Avenue. The suspect is described as a white male, in his mid to late 20s, about 5'8" tall, with a thin build. Have tips in the case? Eugene Police would like to hear from you. ; A 34-year-old man was arrested last week on drug and firearm charges after investigators say he was stopped by members of the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit and, during a search of his vehicle and nearby apartment, recovered heroin,

methamphetamine, fentanyl, and at least one firearm. Blake Wesley Ward was arrested last Wednesday during a traffic stop about one block from his residence in the 100 block of Lawrence Street. Investigators say they'd received information that Ward, a convicted felon, was traveling from Portland with the contraband. Ward was charged with multiple drug and firearms offenses. / CRIME, LEGAL: The Oregonian and OregonLive report that the family of a 69-year-old Springfield man beaten to death while riding a bus on the way to church last year in Eugene has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Lane Transit District. The suit alleges LTD failed to provide adequate security for passengers, despite complaints from drivers, riders and the drivers' union about violence on the transit system. The suit seeks up to \$5 million in economic and \$5 million in non-economic damages in the death of Travis Sanders. Lane Transit officials say they do not comment on pending litigation, but say they do everything they can to ensure a safe experience on their buses for passengers and employees. Sanders was riding an EmX bus on East 11th Avenue near Kincaid Street in mid-November when his family says another man asked to see Sanders' bible, then punched him. Sanders died later at a local hospital. The suspect, 30-year-old Derek Jules Dinnell, fled but was arrested later and charged with second-degree murder. Dinnell was initially found unable to aid in his own defense, but was later found fit to proceed after he was treated at the Oregon State Hospital. His trial is set for June 4. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Lower speed limits and an increased focus on safety on some roads in and around Cottage Grove. State officials have approved Lane County's request for lower speed limits on portions of London Road and South 6th Street near Cottage Grove. The new, lower speed limits are in effect on: South 6th Street, from Interstate 5 and Goddard Lane to Latham Road (45 MPH); and on London Road, both from Latham Road to Hootens Corner Road (45 MPH) and from Hootens Corner Road to Williams Creek Loop (50 MPH). In addition to posting signs reflecting the new, lower speed limits, Lane County will post new signs highlighting slower speed on curves. Traffic enforcement also will increase, with fines doubling within the first seven miles of the London Road Safety Corridor. The new speeds take effect once the signs are posted in the coming weeks. Lane County Senior Transportation Planner Becky Taylor says most traffic fatalities and serious-injury crashes involve excessive speeds. While it may feel comfortable to drive fast on a rural road, Taylor says drivers often forget that there are homes along those roads with people needing to pull in and out of driveways and walk across the street to check their mailboxes. The goal is to keep everyone safe. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: A new government report finds a spike in gas prices and another climb in food prices pushed up inflation in August. But most other costs rose at a more modest pace, which analysts say is evidence that consumer price increases overall are continuing to ease. The nation's inflation numbers remain above the Fed's two percent target rate. But economists think the Fed Board will skip an interest rate hike at its meeting next week and that inflation rates will continue to decline. ; This morning in Eugene-Springfield, you'll pay an average \$4.64 for a gallon of regular-grade fuel. That's 15 cents more than a year ago. Diesel prices this morning average \$5.28. But analysts with AAA, the automobile club, say prices are edging lower as the summer driving season wraps up and refineries begin switching to their winter-blend fuels. That's unless crude oil prices start to climb. / HEALTH: Government advisers say the leading decongestant ingredient used by

millions of Americans to treat stuffy noses doesn't actually work. The Food and Drug Administration convened an expert panel to review the latest data on phenylephrine (fennel-EFF'-rihn), a nasal decongestant found in over-the-counter versions of Sudafed PE, Dayquil and NyQuil Severe, and other cold medicines sold on pharmacy shelves. It became popular after drugmakers reformulated their pills and solutions to remove another ingredient used in the manufacture of some illegal drugs. But researchers have long questioned the newer ingredient's effectiveness. FDA advisers say new studies show oral phenylephrine was no better than a placebo or "dummy pill" at relieving congestion. ; Americans are now cleared to receive that updated COVID-19 vaccine. Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday endorsed the new doses for everyone 6 months and older and the agency's director quickly signed off on the recommendation. Vaccinations should be available nationwide in the coming days. Leaders of the Oregon Health Authority anticipate the doses will be widely distributed across our state by early next week. The reformulated doses target some of the newest variants of the virus. Health experts say the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic has faded, but there are still thousands who are hospitalized and hundreds who die in the U.S. each week. Hospitalization numbers have been increasing since late summer, and wastewater sampling has indicated higher virus levels in many communities. Experts say you may receive the updated COVID doses along with your annual flu shot at the same time. /

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ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon's unemployment rate held at 3.4 percent in August, tying a record-low set in late 2019. But there was a slight, 1,200-job decline in nonfarm payroll employment. While the Leisure and Hospitality sector gained workers, there were some reductions in the areas of Retail Trade, Construction, and Professional and Business Services. Still, analysts say payroll employment across Oregon grew by 1.3 percent over the past 12 months. Some of the biggest gains were in Leisure & Hospitality along with Health Care and Social Assistance. / CRIME: Thank you for your tips. Eugene Police say they have arrested a suspect in Tuesday's trio of robberies of local delis. The robberies occurred about half an hour apart and at Patty's Deli on Echo Hollow Road, Ashley's Deli on Willamette Street, and CJ's Deli on Division Avenue. Investigators say 38-year-old Mychael Allen Lee faces three counts of First-Degree Robbery and also was wanted on some outstanding warrants out of Yamhill County. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: You'll only be able to find them here in Eugene-Springfield and in Brooklyn, New York. The New York Liberty and former Oregon Ducks' star Sabrina Ionescu now has her own "Slurpee" cup. The limited-edition cups are coming to select 7-Eleven stores. It's a logical promotion: When she was a kid, Ionescu says she and her brother would challenge older players at her neighborhood basketball court, making bets and using the winnings to walk across the street to buy Slurpees. Nowadays, she's a WNBA All-Star and her team is one of the favorites in this month's playoffs. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY: It was the site of a fast-growing wildfire earlier this summer. But the flames are long-extinguished and there's been plenty of work to restore the landscape. On Saturday, you can join a guided walk and see the restoration effort at Eugene's Moon Mountain Park. The park is an undeveloped natural area that helps anchor the eastern end of the city's Ridgeline Trail system. If you meet Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the access point at the end of Weldon Lane, you can join the guided hike and learn about the recovery, wildfire response, and emergency preparedness. Things wrap up around 11 a.m. ; The Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell, has burned across more than 31,500 acres since it started in July. But as containment increases, crews with the Willamette National Forest are beginning field surveys on the affected public and adjacent private lands. It's part of an effort to reduce post-fire hazards as we head into the autumn and winter seasons. The teams will determine what steps are needed to reduce the risks of erosion and flooding on the charred soil. They'll put together a plan to treat the affected areas

and, with Forest Service funding, spend the next three years restoring key locations, improving safety, and working with nearby landowners. The Bedrock Fire began on July 22 near the Bedrock Campground. Its cause remains under investigation. ; Volunteers with the Oregon Wing of the Civil Air Patrol are assisting with wildfire recovery this summer and fall. Tomorrow, they'll fly missions to assess how the landscape is rebounding three years after the devastating Labor Day wildfires of 2020. The Civil Air Patrol also is partnering with representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during Friday's flights to conduct an aerial tour of the agency's Willamette Valley dams. The Corps is in the midst of creating a report for Congress about the nine dams—eight owned by the Army Corps and one by federal energy regulators. They store water, help control floods, and provide nice places to play. They also produce enough hydropower for 300,000 homes. But Corps officials are weighing whether removing or mothballing the power-producing portion of several dams would allow them to improve passage for help migrating fish—and help prevent future environmental lawsuits. / SPORTS: Oregon Football hosts Hawaii on Saturday. "Wear Green" to Eugene's Autzen Stadium for the Ducks' 5 p.m. kick-off on the Pac-12 Network. ; Oregon State hosts San Diego State on Saturday at Reser Stadium. The 12:30 p.m. Beavers game from Corvallis will be carried by FS1. ; The Prefontaine Classic takes place Saturday and Sunday at Eugene's Hayward Field. Thousands are expected to attend the elite track-and-field meet, which attracts some of the world's top athletes. That also means parking on and near campus might be hard to come by Saturday afternoon, as football fans look for spots to park near the University of Oregon before walking to Autzen Stadium. ; Soccer legend Megan Rapinoe, set to retire from the sport at the end of this NWSL season, will play her final match in Portland on Saturday. It will be a crucial match for her Seattle squad, OL Reign, and the Portland Thorns as the 2023 season winds down. Rapinoe, a University of Portland alumna, activist, and soccer icon will take center stage along with players who represent the next generation of women's professional soccer. /

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WILDFIRE RECOVERY, WEATHER: Wildfire season is not over yet. Yesterday afternoon, a wildfire forced a Level 3 "Go Now" evacuation for some residents north of Dorena Reservoir, while others were placed on a Level 2 "Get Set" alert. The blaze also prompted officials to close Row River Road (rhymes with "ow") on the north side of the lake. Fire crews were able to gain the upper hand and all evacuation notices were lifted by 5 p.m. Officials with the Siuslaw National Forest say the Three Buttes Fire, east of Florence, stands at 117 acres but is 26 percent contained. Crews are doing plenty of work to shore up containment lines, including dousing burned tree stumps and cooling hot spots. Fire risk remains high in many locations until autumn rains arrive. Just last week, Oregon Governor Tina Kotek declared drought emergencies in Douglas, Lincoln, and Gilliam Counties. Officials say Douglas County is experiencing well-below average streamflows, and that reservoir storage in the southern part of the county also is below average. Several Lincoln County streams are registering record-low water flows. Drought conditions can impact communities, farmers, ranchers, recreation, wildlife, forests, and habitat. Lane County Parks officials yesterday hoped to conduct what's known as an "ecological burn" on a section of the Howard Buford recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah to control invasive plants. But the hotter temperatures and afternoon winds forced a postponement. Once things do cool down, similar controlled burns are planned for private lands enrolled in the Wetland Reserve Program in Lane and Linn counties. Professional teams from the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the EcoStudies Institute will manage the burns. All will take place sometime before the end of November and minimal smoke is expected. / CRIME; Investigators say the operator of a stolen vehicle has died after an officer-involved shooting in Eugene. It happened yesterday morning after nine a.m., when Oregon State Police troopers say they located the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop, but the driver and the vehicle fled. It was spotted a short time later by Coburg Police, Lane County Sheriff's deputies, and state police troopers at an apartment complex on Coburg Road in Eugene. During the course of the incident, at least one law enforcement officer discharged their duty weapon. Officials have not named that officer or their agency. The driver of the stolen vehicle was rushed to the hospital but died from their wound. At least one officer received non-life-threatening injuries. The Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team will forward its findings to the Lane County District Attorney's Office. ;

Eugene Police say a second suspect has been arrested in connection with Tuesday's trio of robberies of local delis. 26-year-old Joshua Fletcher Slason of Keizer was jailed on two counts of Second-Degree Criminal Conspiracy and Second-Degree Attempting to Commit Crime. On Wednesday, investigators arrested 38-year-old Mychael Allen Lee on three counts of First-Degree Robbery and some outstanding warrants out of Yamhill County. / HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, LABOR: Opposition continues to PeaceHealth's plan to close its Eugene hospital. This afternoon, local emergency responders, health care workers, patients, seniors, students, and residents are holding a town hall to air their concerns. Among those participating are representatives of a local firefighters' union, workers with CAHOOTS-- the mental health crisis team, members of the Oregon Nurses Association, the NAACP, local retirees, students, and others. PeaceHealth leaders say their Eugene hospital at 13th and Patterson Streets is seeing fewer patients and losing \$2 million per month. But opponents say moving operations to RiverBend in Springfield will have a significant impact on healthcare for 200,000 residents. They say more than 2,000 people already have signed a petition asking the Oregon Health Authority and state leaders to do what they can to block PeaceHealth's plan. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Hundreds of communities around the country will share more than \$1 billion in federal money to help them plant and maintain trees. It's part of a program intended to reduce extreme heat, improve health, and enhance access to nature. The money will fund 385 projects that focus on lower-income and marginalized areas in cities, rural areas, and tribal nations. Oregon is set to receive more than \$58 million as part of the effort. Among the recipients for projects: The Oregon Department of Forestry (\$22.8 million), NW Youth Corps (\$12 million), and Friends of Trees (\$12 million). Some of the projects will help restore riparian zones, get rid of invasive plants, and restore shade along rivers and streams. Other efforts will plant trees in neighborhoods that historically have had few. Multiple studies show trees can improve health and mental health, provide places for families and children to relax, and even improve how kids perform in school. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, LEGAL: Oregon state senators with at least 10 absences during a record-setting Republican walkout are supposed to be disqualified from running for reelection, but several on Thursday filed candidacy papers with election authorities. Following GOP walkouts in the Legislature in 2019, 2020 and 2021, Oregon voters last year overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment disqualifying legislators from reelection following the end of their term if they are absent from 10 or more legislative floor sessions without permission or excuse. Several statehouses around the nation have become ideological battlegrounds in recent years. The Oregon lawmakers' walkout this year was the longest in state history and the second-longest in the United States. There were nine Oregon Republicans and an independent who clocked at least 10 absences during this year's legislative session in order to block Democratic bills covering abortion, transgender health care and gun rights. The walkout prevented a quorum, holding up bills in the Democrat-led Senate for six weeks. As part of the deal to end the walkout in June with barely one week left in the legislative session, Democrats agreed to change language concerning parental notifications for abortion. Democrats also agreed to drop several amendments on a gun bill that would have increased the purchasing age from 18 to 21 for semiautomatic rifles and placed more limits on concealed carry. The

terms of six of the senators who accumulated at least 10 unexcused absences end in January 2025, meaning they'd be up for reelection next year. /

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WILDFIRES, HEALTH: We had some wildfire haze drift into the valley on Friday and Saturday. Warmer temperatures caused fires across the region to burn more actively and winds from the east pushed the smoke our way. Central Oregon began seeing more smoke on Sunday and will again today, largely due to the Pete's Lake Fire in the Three Sisters Wilderness, which has grown to more than 2,000 acres, and a new, 500-acre blaze about ten miles north of Madras. / SPORTS: Oregon and Oregon State climbed in the college football rankings after their respective wins over the weekend. The Ducks jumped three spots to Number 10 and open Pac-12 conference play on Saturday at Autzen Stadium when they host coach Deion Sanders and Number 19 Colorado. The Beavs are up two spots to Number 14 and head to Pullman, Washington, for Saturday's conference opener with Washington State. / LEGAL, ELECTIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SAFETY, CRIME: Is Oregon's controversial gun control law constitutional? A Harney County judge will try to determine that this week. Trial begins today on whether Measure 114, which was approved by Oregon voters in November violates the state's constitution. The law is one of the toughest in the nation but has been tied up in legal challenges since it was narrowly approved. Measure 114 requires people to complete a gun safety training course and undergo a criminal background check in order to obtain a permit to purchase a firearm. The measure also bans high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds. Opponents in this case argue the new law infringes upon their right to bear arms under the Oregon Constitution. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Social media posts circulating across the country meant added patrols at some schools here in Oregon on Friday, including in Eugene. One generic post suggested a possible incident at a location identified simply as "North." While nothing suggested any local schools were in danger, the posts prompted agencies in communities with high schools that had the word "North" in their name to add some extra patrols, including at North Eugene and North Salem High Schools. Police also remind you that should you become aware of any threat, please contact your local law enforcement agency. And remember, posting and resharing something like that on social media is not a direct contact with law enforcement. Instead, it delays investigation into a potential issue. / TRANSPORTATION: If you're seeing more cars ahead of you on your morning commute, you're not the only one. U.S. roads have gotten busier. Analysts say more people are returning to the office as employers reduce remote work and

post-pandemic life gets closer to what used to be normal. Not only did the rate of workers driving to their jobs creep upward nationwide last year, so did the number of those who carpool to work. Overall, commuting time jumped by an average of one minute nationwide. Might not sound like much, but remember it's an average—as anyone sitting in traffic on the Beltline will tell you. /

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ELECTIONS, CRIME, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Oregon's drug decriminalization efforts have had a rocky start since voters approved Ballot Measure 110 in 2020. Only a small number of people have accessed treatment services after being ticketed for possessing drugs, and the rollout of treatment providers has been slow. Yesterday, a group of political and business leaders and others filed a pair of voter initiatives to update the law. They say Measure 110 should prohibit the use of hard drugs in certain locations. They also want to require addiction treatment for offenders, rather than making it optional; recriminalize use and possession of some hard drugs; and increase penalties for drug dealing. / LABOR, HEALTH: Nurses at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland have overwhelmingly approved a strike authorization. It comes after bargainers for their union, the Oregon Nurses Association, say they've been unable to reach contract agreement with management. The pact covering the 3,100 nurses at Oregon's largest hospital expired at the end of June and the union bargaining team declared an impasse last month. Union officials say ONA nurses last went on strike at OHSU in 2001 in a walkout that lasted 56 days. / BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION: It's a planned factory, partially staffed by robots, that would help build robots. The Oregonian and Oregon Live report that Corvallis-based Agility Robotics plans to open a large factory in Salem later this year with the capacity to build more than 10,000 robots annually. Reporter Mike Rogoway writes that people and robots will work together in the 70,000-square-foot facility, constructing a robot designed to carry bulky materials in warehouses. The Salem factory, dubbed RoboFab, could eventually employ 500 people. Agility used technology developed at Oregon State University to build a robot called Digit that walks on two legs, climbs stairs, and can carry and stack large objects. Agility divides its headquarters between its Corvallis labs and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The startup's backers include investment firms and Amazon, which is looking to improve its own warehouse systems. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Look for plenty of traffic this week on and around the University of Oregon, especially on Franklin Boulevard and on Agate Street. It's Move-In Week for students at the residence halls. Known as "Unpack the Quack," the peak days are Thursday and Friday (9/21-9/22), as students and their families are given time slots to arrive and unload their gear and furnishings with the help of volunteers. Some students have requested early move-ins. Plus, there's plenty of activity at apartments and homes near campus,

where many moved in at the start of the month. UO dorm rooms come furnished with a bed, a wardrobe or closet, dresser, desk, chair, and waste and recycling bins. Students are encouraged to bring the essentials, then determine what else they might need to purchase locally once they have moved into their room. One suggestion is to coordinate with the roommates before packing appliances or other large items. / WILDFIRES: There's a chance of some rain showers in our forecast tomorrow. But conditions remain dry and wildfire season isn't over yet. The 25,000-acre Lookout Fire near McKenzie Bridge is 50 percent contained. The nearby Horse Creek and Pothole Fires are 100 percent contained and mop up is underway. All three of those blazes were sparked by lightning. ; They've not yet determined the cause of the 31,500-acre Bedrock Fire east of Lowell, but it now is 98 percent contained. ; The Three Buttes Fire, east of Florence, stands at 119 acres and is 27 percent contained. Fire managers say they have high confidence the blaze will not grow beyond its current footprint. ; The Pete's Lake Fire is burning in Mink Lake Basin of the Three Sisters Wilderness. Its leading edge is about five miles west of the Cascades Lake Highway and Elk Lake. The fire began spreading east again over the past couple of days. At more than 2,000 acres, it is prompting a fresh Level 2 "Get Set" evacuation advisory for the resort and recreation areas around Elk, Little Lava Lakes. An earlier Level 3 advisory for some of the lakes west of the Cascade Lakes Highway remains in effect. Central Oregon also is seeing plenty of smoke from this and other wildfires. ; Traffic slowed for a time yesterday as crews responded to a wildfire near Interstate Five, about three miles north of Wolf Creek, about 15 miles north of Grants Pass. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, RECREATION: Eight days of events, more than 20,000 pounds of litter and marine debris removed from Oregon's beaches, waterways, and neighborhoods. Coordinators just released the totals from this month's SOLVE Beach & Riverside Cleanup. They say more than 1,500 volunteers took part in close to 70 projects across the state. /

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HEALTH: Kraft Heinz is recalling more than 83,000 cases of individually-wrapped Kraft Singles American processed cheese slices because part of the wrapper could stick to the slice and become a choking hazard. The company says one of its wrapping machines developed a temporary issue but it's been fixed. ; Some popular cakes sold at Walmarts across the country are being recalled because they are mislabeled and could trigger an allergic reaction among people who are sensitive to peanuts. David's Cookies is recalling one lot of its "Marketside Chocolate Chip Explosion Cake" (lot # BS23212) because 960 of them actually are the "Marketside Ultimate Peanut Butter Chocolate Cakes." The product is in a 7-ounce, clear plastic package. / FAMILIES, BUSINESS, PRIVACY: It is such a popular video game. Parents whose kids bought virtual gear without mom and dad's knowledge on Fortnite could soon be able to get a refund. U.S. regulators are starting to notify more than 37 million people by email that they may be eligible for compensation as part of a legal settlement with Fortnite's maker, Epic Games Inc. The Federal Trade Commission announced late last year that Epic Games would pay \$520 million in penalties and refunds to settle complaints revolving around children's privacy and its payment methods. The FTC says that tricked players into making unintended purchases. / EMPLOYMENT: It's holiday hiring season. Amazon said on Tuesday that it will add 250,000 full and part-time workers for the holiday season, a 67 percent jump compared to last year. Target said it will hire close to 100,000 seasonal roles for the holiday season. Macy's Inc, which owns Macy's and Bloomingdale's, is planning to add more than 38,000 full-and part-time seasonal employees. ; Lane County's seasonal unemployment rate remains low, at 3.8 percent, despite a loss of 100 jobs spread across various sectors last month. We've now added back 84 percent of the payroll jobs lost in the early months of the pandemic-fueled recession. Some of the biggest net job gains last month came in the field of education, specifically in private education. Health care-related professions also saw an increase in hiring. There were losses in Leisure and Hospitality and in Retail Trade. / ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES: Years of work to restore habitat along a stretch of the McKenzie River is paying off. Leaders of the McKenzie River Trust say Chinook salmon returning to spawn are finding more places to lay their eggs on a section known as the Finn Rock Reach. The floodplain has been restored to provide multiple river channels and slower-flowing water ideal for spawning. The McKenzie River Trust partnered with the U.S. Forest Service, Eugene Water & Electric Board, and the McKenzie

Watershed Council on the effort. Project teams added downed trees and other large woody debris to the stretch. That helped create deep pools and small sandbars that benefit not only Chinook but other fish species, including trout and lamprey. For generations, development such as roads and other infrastructure forced the McKenzie River into a single channel along Finn Rock Reach. The restoration helps reduce erosion, preserve sediments, and absorb flooding. In addition to providing gravel for spawning, Finn Rock Reach has expanded habitat for young fish who need calmer water and places to hide. Finn Rock Reach is one of more than 400 acres of restoration projects located between Finn Rock and the headwaters of the McKenzie River. / CRIME: Oakridge Police say they've charged a 26-year-old man with Reckless Burning after a Monday afternoon fire spread into nearby grass, brush, and trees, and damaged a neighbor's shed. The incident occurred in the 48000 block of Y Drive. Oakridge Fire was assisted by the Lowell Fire Department, Oregon Department of Forestry, and U.S. Forest Service Wildland Fire personnel. /

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EVENTS, SPORTS, ECONOMY: Hayward Field will host the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials next summer. Officials just made the announcement. That'll bring some of the nation's top athletes to Eugene ahead of the Paris Olympics. The event is set for late June on the University of Oregon campus. It's a great venue for elite performers: Just last weekend, the Hayward Field crowd witnessed a pair of new world records during the Prefontaine Classic. / EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION: "Unpack the Quack" today and tomorrow at the University of Oregon. Today and tomorrow are the peak move-in days at the residence halls. Expect lots of traffic on and near campus, especially on Franklin Boulevard and Agate Street. In Corvallis, Oregon State University's move-in takes place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. OSU has converted some campus streets to temporary one-ways to reduce congestion. ; Have a student in your household in Kindergarten through 12th grade? A reminder that Lane Transit District provides free Student Transit Passes. The deadline to get one or renew the one they have is September 30. The front office at your student's school can assist you. The Student Transit Pass is available as an app or a tap card. Students, parents, and guardians have two ways to verify that a new pass has been issued. Either sign into LTD's Umo Mobility app and click on the wallet button to see available transit passes. More than 14,000 students participated in the program last school year. / EDUCATION: Congratulations to Mariah Engle, the kindergarten teacher at Chávez Elementary School. She's been named the Lane Regional Teacher of The Year by the Oregon Lottery and is one of four finalists for Oregon Teacher of the Year. Engle was surprised with the news yesterday at a school assembly. The honor celebrates her positive impact on the lives of students, and for instilling a love for learning. / BUSINESS, FAMILY, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Plenty of interest and applications for the new Paid Leave Oregon program. State employment officials say that between mid-August and last Sunday, close to 19,000 people applied for benefits. Paid Leave Oregon covers paid family leave, medical leave, and safe leave for working Oregonians. The applications are being processed and already more than 5,800 have been approved and with about \$2.3 million in benefits paid. Officials say there are a few things workers and employers can do to speed the claims process. That includes regularly checking online accounts to quickly respond to any alerts or notifications from program managers. That might include requests to upload additional details or documents. /

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SPORTS: It will bring thousands to town and boost the local economy. Hayward Field will host the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials next summer. That'll bring some of the nation's top athletes to Eugene ahead of the Paris Olympics. The event is set for late June on the University of Oregon campus. It's a great venue for elite performers: Just last weekend, the Hayward Field crowd witnessed a pair of new world records during the Prefontaine Classic. ; Tenth-ranked Oregon hosts the No. 19 Colorado Buffaloes for a Saturday showdown in Eugene. But a lot of eyes are turning to Pullman, Washington, later in the afternoon, when the only two schools that will still be part of whatever the Pac-12 looks like in 2024 open their conference slates. ; Here's a measure of success: You've inspired a bobblehead. The man who created the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum says he's selling licensed bobbleheads of the Oregon Duck mascot doing pushups. They're being sold online for \$40 plus shipping and portray the Duck celebrating an Oregon touchdown. The Duck is mid-pushup, on a turf-textured base, and there's a built-in counter that fans can adjust to show the game's running pushup total. ; No. 14 Oregon State visits No. 21 Washington State. Yesterday, leaders of the two universities and their athletics directors held a news conference and said they believe they will receive financial and other information from the conference within the next 30 days to evaluate whether it makes sense to rebuild under the Pac-12 brand. ; When crowds gather on Saturdays in the background of those ESPN College GameDay broadcasts, they often wave flags from their schools, hoping they'll be featured for a moment on-camera. Supporters of the Beavers and Cougars say this season they began shipping their flags together to the weekly GameDay locations to alumni can show solidarity for what will be the conference's two remaining teams. The OSU and WSU flags have flown in unison each of the past two weeks. The flags are in South Bend, Indiana, tomorrow morning, where "College GameDay" will air ahead of the Ohio State - Notre Dame matchup. / EDUCATION, PANDEMIC: In the wake of the pandemic, student academic achievement fell in all 50 states. Oregon was struggling with its educational proficiency numbers before COVID and catch-up efforts funded by the federal government and through a state business tax have led to only marginal improvements. New spring test results from the Oregon Department of Education find kids and teens lost a bit on their reading, writing, and comprehension skills, and had only a fractional gain in their mathematics scores. Families and educators say the two-year disruption during the pandemic

had a big impact on many students in kindergarten through 12th grades, as they struggled with remote learning from home and a fragmented return to the classroom. / ENVIRONMENT: Don't be alarmed if you see fresh plumes of smoke east of Interstate Five at the Harrisburg exit or up the McKenzie off Horse Creek Road and East King Road. As temperatures cool, crews with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Forest Service are conducting controlled burns to reduce wildfire risks and restore native habitats. Those two prescribed burns could take place as early as today. /

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SPORTS: Oregon Football climbed to No. 9 in the national rankings after Saturday's big win over Colorado at Autzen. The undefeated Ducks visit Stanford on Saturday. Kick-off on the Pac-12 Network is shortly after 3:30 p.m. ; Oregon State fell to No. 19 in the AP Top 25 poll after the loss to Washington State. The Cougars rose to No. 16. The Beavs host No. 11 Utah on Friday night in Corvallis. Kick-off at Reser Stadium is 6 p.m. on FS1. ; The No. 6 Oregon volleyball team had 13 team blocks and posted its third-consecutive sweep Sunday, beating UCLA (25-14, 25-12, 25-18) to close out the opening week of Pac-12 play. The Ducks, now 12-1 this season, are at home versus Washington on Friday at 6 p.m. / EDUCATION: Fall Term classes begin tomorrow at the University of Oregon. It was a busy weekend on campus and at nearby businesses, as students settled in, enjoyed welcome activities, and prepared for the academic season. Classes also start tomorrow at Lane Community College. Courses begin on Wednesday at Oregon State University. / MILITARY, COMMUNITY: It's an opportunity to honor her memory and support her friends and family. The body of a 19-year-old Eugene woman returns to Lane County this evening after she died in a military vehicle crash earlier this month in Colorado. Family and friends say Airman Trinity Reinhart's HERO Flight, as it's known, arrives around 5:30 this evening at Portland Airport, followed by a procession down Interstate 5. It will arrive at Andreason's Cremation & Burial Service in Springfield around 7:30 p.m. Organizers of the procession are encouraging those wishing to honor Trinity to gathering on I-5 overpasses or along the road leading to the funeral home. / SAFETY, WEATHER: The National Weather Service on Sunday issued a Flood Watch for portions of southwest Oregon, including central Douglas County, the Curry County coast, eastern Curry County and Josephine County, and the south-central Oregon coast. The watches are in effect through this evening. Moderate to heavy rain may result in landslides in areas of steep terrain, as well as debris flows in and near burn scars from recent wildfires including the Smith River Complex, the Flat Fire, the Anvil Fire, and the Tyee Complex. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>CRIME: An alarming sight for a time yesterday afternoon near West 11th Avenue and Garfield Streets. Eugene Police received calls about a man waving a weapon and pointing it at passing cars. Officers say it turned out to be a realistic-looking airsoft-style gun. They say the suspect, 25-year-old Jacob Chaffee, dropped it and began to walk away before he was detained. Police say they found knives in a nearby mailbox that was allegedly damaged by Chaffee. Chaffee was taken to the Lane County Jail for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Mischief. ; Life plus two years in prison. That's the sentence this week for Elijah Michael Pruitt of Eugene. The 20-year-old was arrested in mid-March and accused of firing the shots during a dispute at East 13th Avenue and Patterson Streets that left a Cottage Grove man, 19-year-old Fernando Allen Giffen-Vallejo, dead and two other people wounded. Pruitt was convicted yesterday of Second-Degree Murder as well as Assault and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. / EDUCATION, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: More students in schools serving low-income communities will be eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. It's part of a rule change announced this morning by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At schools where 25 percent of families participate in income-based public benefits, such as the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or "SNAP," the federal government now will cover the cost of free meals for all enrolled students. Previously, the qualifying threshold was 40 percent. Officials say roughly 3,000 additional school districts now will be eligible. During the pandemic, Congress temporarily made universal meals free to all students, but that ended last year. Other federal programs that provided direct food assistance to families also scaled down amid soaring food prices, putting strains on family budgets and leaving some kids hungry. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Government test data shows new passenger vehicles in the U.S. are extremely safe, but roadway deaths are steadily rising. Some of the biggest increases are the deaths of pedestrians and bicyclists. That surge has coincided with a steep rise in sales of SUVs and pickup trucks. Experts say the height and boxy front ends of many of those vehicles create large blind spots. That also means a pedestrian hit by such vehicles is more likely to sustain injuries to their chest and head, leading to hospitalization or death. But U.S. auto safety ratings don't take pedestrian and bicyclist numbers into account, they only consider the safety of people inside a vehicle. A coalition of transportation safety groups wants the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to begin factoring the wellbeing of those outside vehicles. /</p>

POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL: Justices on the Oregon Court of Appeals yesterday asked their counterparts on the state's highest court to decide whether Republican state senators who carried out a record-setting GOP walkout this year can run for reelection. The senators are challenging a constitutional amendment approved by voters last year that bars them from being reelected after having 10 or more unexcused absences. The ballot measure went before Oregon voters following GOP legislative walkouts in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

/ MILITARY, COMMUNITY: Some moving moments yesterday evening as friends, family, and members of the community welcomed Trinity Reinhart home to Lane County. A procession of veterans, military personnel, first responders, and others escorted the hearse carrying Reinhart's body from Portland's airport to a Springfield funeral home. The 19-year-old Reinhart, who was stationed with the Air Force in Wyoming, died in a military vehicle crash earlier this month in Colorado.

/ WILDFIRES: Some encouraging news from the fire lines. The last of the evacuation notices have been lifted in areas near the Lookout, Horse Creek, and Pothole wildfires. The 27,500-acre Lookout Fire, burning northeast of McKenzie Bridge, is 50 percent contained. The nearby Pothole and Horse Creek blazes are 100 percent contained. Crews continue to work on dousing hot spots and repairing burned areas. That includes chipping some of the vegetation and smaller-diameter trees cut down during the battle. Larger downed trees are being removed in many places to reduce fuel for future fires. Efforts also are underway to reduce erosion during the rainy season. Similar work is underway on the 31,500-acre Bedrock Fire, east of Lowell. It is 100 percent contained. On the Umpqua National Forest southwest of Oakridge, Sunday's heavy rains made it challenging for fire crews as roads and dozer lines became impassable because of mud. But the 571-acre Brice Creek Fire is 98 percent contained. Personnel working the smaller, 324-acre Grizzly Fire are focusing on hot spots in the blaze's southwest corner. In the Mink Lake Basin of the Three Sisters Wilderness, the 3,200-acre Pete's Lake Fire is 50 percent contained. All evacuation notices associated with that blaze have been dropped. For all of these blazes, some forest and recreational closures remain in effect. If you're planning to hunt this season, check ahead to ensure your destination is open to the public. /

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DISCUSSED HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, BUSINESS, FINANCES: Another crunch for household budgets? Some rents across Oregon could see another big leap in 2024. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services this week published the annual maximum rent increase allowed by statute for next year: ten percent. The state's rent cap applies to housing that is at least 15 years old. The cap does not apply to subsidized or newer housing. It's calculated each year using the latest hike in the Consumer Price Index plus seven percent. That's lower than this year's rent increase cap of 14.6 percent. Under state law, landlords are not allowed to raise rents above a certain level. While ten percent is the maximum allowable increase for next year, not every property owner or manager plans to push through rent hikes that large. But others say they will need to, to cover their own rising maintenance and other expenses. Many individuals and families say even an increase of a few percent could increase the challenge of paying for housing, groceries, and utilities. / LABOR, HEALTH: Big pay raises, along with enhanced safety and staffing. Nurses at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland will vote on a tentative contract agreement that averts a potential strike. The pact covering the 3,100 nurses at Oregon's largest hospital is the latest in a series of bargaining moves across the state by their union, the Oregon Nurses Association. The two sides say the three-year deal includes combined pay hikes of 37 percent in base wages. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Officials say the synthetic opioid, fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 49. Illegally made fentanyl is often added to other drugs, including heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamine, to increase its potency. Some people are not aware they are taking it. Nationwide, more than 100,000 deaths annually have been linked to drug overdoses since 2020, and about two-thirds of those are related to fentanyl. This year, Oregon State Police already have seized nearly 233,000 fentanyl pills and 62 pounds of powder. Governor Tina Kotek said yesterday she has directed the Oregon State Police to launch new strategies aimed at disrupting the fentanyl supply chain and holding sellers of the frequently deadly drug accountable. The plans include enhancing state police support for local drug enforcement teams, expanding training through the Oregon Department of Justice, and focus on more interagency patrols to intercept fentanyl. /

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GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: Could be some big impacts if the federal government shuts down Sunday amid a Congressional stalemate over funding. Millions of workers could be idled, while other workers deemed “essential”—including members of the military, air-traffic controllers and TSA agents—could see delayed paychecks. Social Security and Medicare recipients, along with veterans, will still receive their benefits—although reimbursements to providers who serve them could be delayed. A shutdown also would halt the distribution of WIC and SNAP benefits, federal nutrition assistance to children, and Head Start programs. National parks and other federal recreation sites would shutter. Passports and firearms permits could be delayed. / CRIME, RECREATION: Criminals target parked vehicles at boat landings and other recreation sites, so you should never leave valuables inside. Lane County Sheriff’s investigators say they’ve arrested a 29-year-old man accused of stealing a vehicle on Tuesday from the Ben and Kay Dorris Boat Ramp on the McKenzie. Officials say Schylar Dominicq Flick allegedly traveled to a nearby business and used the victim’s credit cards to make purchases. / SAFETY, RECREATION: Boaters: a big new obstacle on the Upper McKenzie. Officials with the Willamette National Forest’s McKenzie Ranger District say a fallen tree is completely blocking the channel just below the Frissel boat launch. There’s concern more trees might topple along the stretch between Olallie to just above the Paradise boat launch after being damaged by a wildfire. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Hyundai and Kia are recalling nearly 3.4 million vehicles in the U.S. and telling owners to park them outside due to the risk of engine compartment fires. The recalls cover multiple models from the 2010 through 2019 model years including Hyundai’s Santa Fe SUV and Kia’s Sorento SUV. U.S. safety regulators say the anti-lock brake control module can leak fluid, causing an electrical short that can touch off a fire while the vehicles are parked or being driven. No-cost repairs at dealerships are set to begin in November. / CRIME: A trio of burglars in Albany chose a bad day for a commercial break-in. When police responded, the suspects fled. One was apprehended immediately, along with a woman police say drove to the business to pick him up. The other two were located with some added help from attendees of a regional police K9 training session underway nearby. Lots of officers and their dogs responded. A team from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office picked up the scent and found the pair hiding under a loading dock. They quickly surrendered. /

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GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: A Sunday shutdown of the federal government appears increasingly likely as a funding stalemate continues in the U.S. House. Bowing to hardline conservatives, Republican House speaker Kevin McCarthy is refusing to take up Senate legislation designed to keep the government running beyond midnight Saturday. Federal agencies are telling workers to prepare for the shutdown while maintaining essential services. ; Some big impacts if the federal government shuts down Sunday amid a Congressional stalemate over funding. Millions of workers could be idled, while other workers deemed “essential”—including members of the military, air-traffic controllers and TSA agents—could see delayed paychecks. Mail delivery would continue. Social Security and Medicare recipients, along with veterans, will still receive their benefits—although reimbursements to providers who serve them could be delayed. A shutdown also would halt the distribution of WIC and SNAP benefits, federal nutrition assistance to children, and Head Start programs. National parks and other federal recreation sites would shutter. Passports and firearms permits could be delayed. / SAFETY, CHILDREN, CRIME: Police in Portland say they are investigating nearly a dozen fentanyl overdoses involving children, including toddlers. In several cases, the youngsters accidentally swallowed their parents’ drugs. In another, The Oregonian and OregonLive report a toddler whose parents took her shopping was in a parking garage when the child touched a piece of foil tainted with a suspected opioid. Portland Police say since June, ten minors have overdosed. Fentanyl is suspected in all but one of the cases. Half of the incidents were fatal. The victims’ ages ranged from 1 to 17 years old. / CRIME: Springfield Police say a traffic stop that led to a vehicle pursuit resulted in the seizure of five ounces of fentanyl. That might not sound like much, but investigators say it’s the equivalent of 70,000 potentially lethal doses. It happened early Wednesday, when officers tried to stop a driver near 14th & I Streets in Springfield. When the suspect drove away, Springfield Police were joined in the pursuit by other law enforcement agencies. Oregon State Police used a spike strip to slow the vehicle on northbound Interstate 5 near the Beltline overpass. But it took a police maneuver known as a “PIT” to immobilize the vehicle. The driver and passenger tried to flee on foot, running across multiple lanes of the freeway. Springfield Police K-9 teams, along with sheriff’s and state police personnel apprehended them. The suspects are 33-year-old Zachary Luke of Jefferson and 26-year-old Donald Miller of Junction City. Officials say both also were wanted for parole violations and that, in addition to

the fentanyl, investigators recovered multiple firearms from the vehicle. /

**WILDFIRE RECOVERY:** The fires will continue to smolder for months. But teams with the Willamette National Forest are conducting field surveys and assessments to figure out how best to repair and restore damage to the forest from a trio of wildfires near McKenzie Bridge. Once they've made the recommendations, crews will begin work to reduce the risks of erosion, debris flows, and hazard trees. That will help prepare the most heavily burned areas for replanting and reseeding. /

**WEATHER, SAFETY:** Lane County residents will have to wait until Sunday, October 15, 2023, for the opening of the fall outdoor burning season. The season was originally scheduled to start on October 1. But officials say the recent rainfall, though promising, is not enough to declare the end of fire season. The delay was a joint decision by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry. While the burning season is delayed, yard debris also may not be burned. You instead may use services like Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites for disposing of woody yard material. /