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

Fourth Quarter, 2022: October 1 through December 31

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

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

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

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

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

PROGRAMMING

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

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

	McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING ISSUES LIST
	KKNU-FM / KMGE-FM / KEUG-FM
	Fourth Quarter – October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022
	<i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings</i>
1	<u>ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, FINANCES, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO SPORTS, EVENTS, ATTRACTIONS, HOLIDAYS, ENTERTAINMENT, LOTTERY:</u> Economic recovery from pandemic, inflation, possible recession; Rising housing, fuel, food, and other prices; Unemployment, workforce training; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; UO-OSU Athletics and other sports events; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, city hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
2	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CHARITY:</u> Homelessness and Safe Sleep sites issues; Neighborhood, business, and community impacts; Crime, substance abuse, and homelessness; CAHOOTS and other alternate enforcement; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; “The Working Poor”; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances /
3	<u>CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS:</u> Drug & alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic; Addiction treatment; Mental health; Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; CAHOOTS; Illegal cannabis farms and businesses; Traffic safety; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Terrorism.
4	<u>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PANDEMIC:</u> COVID-19 pandemic, vaccines, treatments, long COVID; RSV, Influenza, “Tripledemic”; Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis; Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA battles; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Abortion and reproduction; Childcare; Women’s health; STDs, other illnesses & diseases; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.
5	<u>DISASTERS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, WILDFIRES, WILDFIRE RECOVERY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, WEATHER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, RECREATION:</u> Cedar Creek Fire recovery, continued 2020-2021 wildfire recovery; Community and residential “hardening” against wildfires; Climate change, prolonged drought; General disaster preparedness; Earthquake preparedness; Severe weather preparedness; Air quality; Climate change and health; Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable landscaping; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Wolves, cougars, coyotes; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Power generation; Alternate energy; Hazardous materials; Offshore drilling; Wind and Solar farms; Pipelines; Oil trains.
6	<u>SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, & EDUCATION:</u> 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.

7	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, COURTS:</u> Mid-term elections and the political divide; Legislative control and local races; Secession movements; Oregon revenues, Legislative Emergency Board funding; Federal funding, Congressional appropriations, state and local program funding; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Biden Administration, Congressional, and federal and state courts decisions impacting Oregon; Cybersecurity, data breaches /
8	<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:</u> Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; COVID-19; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.
9	<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u> Infrastructure needs and projects; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Airline disruptions; Boeing 737 investigations; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety; Transportation systems ridership recovery.
10	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> 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 4th Quarter, 2022, 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: *Housing, Low-Income, Homeless, Community, Economy, Growth, Social Services*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 10/02/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Amanda Dellinger, Community Relations Director, SquareOne Villages

Contact information: amanda@squareonevillages.org

City and State: Lane County, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It's an effort underway in many places, that takes many different forms. All seek to answer a complex question: How do you help people who are homeless but are working to transition into housing that is both permanent and affordable? Here in Lane County, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the non-profit SquareOne Villages have spent a decade developing solutions. Each one is a bit different. But at the core of its continuing efforts are housing co-ops based on shared ownership: Each parcel of land contains multiple housing units—while giving residents a voice in shaping their future. This morning on Community Forum, we sit down with Amanda Dellinger from SquareOne Villages to learn about the effort, the co-ops that are already in place, and those being developed. They include existing housing projects Opportunity Village and Emerald Village in Eugene, the C Street Co-op in Springfield, and the Cottage Village Co-op in Cottage Grove. A major new project is breaking ground this month; Peace Village, on River Road, at the site of the former Peace Presbyterian Church. The limited-equity coop will have 70 units on 3.6 acres. With cooperatively owned land and favorable terms, it is designed to be permanently affordable for qualifying residents at 60 percent of the area's median income or under. Another development in the works is Rosa Village in Eugene. Dellinger discusses the novel funding mechanisms that are bringing each project to fruition, the critical role of donors and volunteers, and the participation of the residents, themselves, who cooperatively manage their developments while building equity through monthly payments and volunteer work.

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

ISSUES: *EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH, BUSINESS, SAFETY*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 10/09/22 and 10/16/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Mark Simmons and others via Kris Siebel, Springfield Schools

Contact information: kris.seibel@springfield.k12.or.us

City and State: Springfield, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

A big honor for a popular teacher at Springfield High School. Mark Simmons was surprised this month with an event celebrating his excellence in skilled trades education—which included a \$50,000 prize that's being donated to the program. We chatted with him, his assistant instructor, the head of the Springfield School District's vocational technology programs, and one of Simmons longtime students.

Simmons teaches Automotive and Diesel technology at Springfield High. He is one of 20 winners of the honor, which recognizes teaching excellence. It is sponsored by Harbor Freight Tools, part of the company's effort to encourage excellence in the nation's high school Career Technical Education programs.

Simmons says he considers himself more than just a teacher to his students: He says he serves as a financial and mental health counselor, a career counselor, a coach, a cheerleader, and even as a surrogate parent.

In his program, he provides many learning opportunities for his students, including field trips and even experience in selling cars that they repair and rebuild. The money earned from those car sales provides 90 percent of the auto shop's operating budget. His program has even sold cars to students at salvage prices, then helped them complete repairs so that they had reliable transportation to school and to work.

Students in his program can earn college credits and shadow local professionals who may provide students apprenticeship opportunities. Program graduates often enroll in the local community college trades program and are heavily recruited into private trade schools or factory automotive and diesel training programs.

Simmons also hosts an “open shop” once a week where students build projects and catch up on work alongside their family. Among the results: higher graduation rates and expanded career paths for his students. Simmons’ message is that the Springfield High program is not just a class, it’s a community.

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ISSUES: *TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, PANDEMIC, EVENTS, GROWTH*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 10/23/22 AND 11/06/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Cathryn Stephens, Eugene Airport Manager

Contact information: CStephens@eugene-or.gov

City and State: Eugene, Oregon, serving Lane County

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It's been a dynamic few years at Eugene's airport. After the challenges of the pandemic, passenger and general aviation numbers are up. Much of that is tied to the large events in our area during the past year, including the World Athletics Championship, along with pent-up demand for travel as pandemic restrictions have eased.

Airport manager Cathryn Stephens says it's also a reflection of the expanded number of airlines and flights serving the community. While those routes fluctuate seasonally for some carriers, she says the core business remains strong. Demand has also increased for general aviation facilities.

During our conversation, Stephens discusses expansion plans, how staff shepherded airport operations through the pandemic, and the importance of ensuring flights remain frequent and fares competitive with Portland's airport.

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ISSUES: *HEALTH, OLDER ADULTS, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES, COMMUNITY*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 10/30/22 and 11/27/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Brian Price, Volunteer trainer and SHIBA advisor, Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

Contact information: shiba.oregon.gov

City and State: Eugene and Springfield, Oregon, and other locations across Lane County

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Every October, open enrollment begins for Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. Medicare plans and coverage for prescription drugs change each year, so it is important for Oregonians who are enrolled in Medicare to evaluate their plan options and make changes during open enrollment. Open enrollment for the 2022 Medicare plan year began Friday, Oct. 15, and continues through Dec. 7. The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is available to help Oregonians understand their Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance, and answer any questions related to Medicare benefits. Brian Price, who is one of the longtime volunteers here in Lane County, talks about the program—which is virtual again this season. Local SHIBA counselors are available to help and can be found by visiting SHIBA.Oregon.gov or calling (800) 722-4134 (toll-free). To accommodate COVID-19 safety precautions, SHIBA counselors are providing telephone and limited in-person support. SHIBA's 2022 Oregon Guide to Medicare Insurance Plans is expected to be available on SHIBA.Oregon.gov in the coming days. SHIBA provides trained counselors to educate and advocate for Oregonians with Medicare. Get local Medicare help visiting SHIBA.Oregon.gov or (800) 722-4134 (toll-free). Price discusses the importance of choosing a Medicare Advantage plan that is right for you and meets your prescription drug needs. He also discusses ways to enroll, low-income options, and preventing fraud.

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ISSUES: *HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, COMMUNITY, CHARITY, SOCIAL SERVICES, RELIGION, YOUTH, VETERANS*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 11/13/22 AND 11/20/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Tim Black, St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County

Contact information: tim.black@svdp.us

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

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

With cold temperatures in the forecast, the Egan Warming Center has opened its emergency shelter season early to offer warm, dry places for those who are unhoused to spend the night.

The Egan shelters open whenever the forecast across Eugene-Springfield calls for overnight lows of 30 degrees or below. Normally, the Egan Warming Center season begins on November 15 or later. But this unseasonably early cold spell led to early activation of the network.

The shelters are often located at churches and community centers. During an activation, teams of trained volunteers open each warming center in the evening and operate it through morning. They provide guests with sleeping pads and blankets, warm drinks and meals, heartwarming hospitality, basic first aid and more — all inside heated host sites offering protection from the dangerous conditions outside.

The Egan Warming Center is a program of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, which operates with funding from Lane County and support from a broad coalition of community members, service providers, nonprofits, faith and social communities, and local governments.

The program is recruiting new volunteers and holds online trainings. But as coordinator Tim Black tells us, the earlier activation and high demand has created extra demand for volunteers to help run the centers. On some evenings, shelters have not been able to

open because of a lack of volunteers. An effort is underway to recruit additional community members, after many were unable to participate during the pandemic.

Donations of cash and buildings also are needed. The warming centers also continually need certain material donations — namely warm, weatherized gloves, coats and shoes — that can better equip shelter guests to survive in harsh winter weather conditions even outside of activation periods.

The Egan Warming Center is named in honor of Major Thomas Egan, who froze to death during a cold spell in 2008. Black says many of those who are unhoused are veterans or people struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues. Others are living with trauma.

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ISSUES: HEALTH, PANDEMIC, COMMUNITY, YOUTH, FAMILY, OLDER ADULTS

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 12/04/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Dr. Margaret Pattison, Medical Director of Emergency Department, PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend

Contact information: via SBuriMcDonald@peacehealth.org

City and State: Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Florence, and other parts of Lane County, Oregon.

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It's being called a "triple-demic" as local medical providers, urgent care clinics, and hospitals see a large number of patients with the respiratory virus RSV in their outpatient clinics and emergency departments throughout Lane County—on top of seasonal influenza and cases of COVID-19.

RSV has arrived earlier than usual this year. Symptoms often are similar to a cold—cough and runny nose--and usually can be treated like a common cold. But the illness can be serious, especially in babies and older adults.

Dr. Margaret Pattison, who is the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at PeaceHealth Medical Center at RiverBend, says They say the best ways to protect yourself from respiratory viruses is to get your flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination, wash your hands, wear masks when appropriate, and stay home when sick.

PeaceHealth Oregon also reminds you that emergency departments are intended for emergency health situations. If you have a non-emergency health issues, consider visiting your primary care physician or a same-day or urgent care clinic.

Non-emergency cases are leading to longer wait times at hospital emergency departments and slowing care for those who need it. Pattison also discusses symptoms of RSV and when to seek medical help for yourself, your child, or an older adult.

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**ISSUES: SOCIAL SERVICES, CHARITY, RELIGION, COMMUNITY,
HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, CHILDREN, OLDER ADULTS**

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 12/11/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization:

Contact information: sroybal@ccslc.org

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

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

In 2022, Catholic Community Services of Lane County prevented hundreds of families from slipping into homelessness by offering no-cost safety-net resources such as case management, rent assistance, utility assistance and food. CCS is the largest supplier of no-cost food and utility assistance in Lane County and coordinators expect the need to grow in 2023.

We chat with Stefani Roybal with CCS about the organization's wide range of offerings, And while the word "Catholic" is in its name, it serves all, regardless of their religion.

CCS also offers its Refugee & Immigrant Services Program (RISP)=, which has placed 33 Afghan Refugees into employment and housing. The program also provides legal aid, case management and translation assistance to immigrants and asylum seekers.

Roybal discusses the importance of donations and the gradual return of volunteers as the pandemic eases.

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ISSUES: CHILDREN, SAFETY, LEGAL, FAMILY, CRIME, ILLEGAL DRUGS, CHARITY

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 12/18/22 AND 12/25/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Misty Hall, longtime staffer and incoming Executive Director, Bags of Love

Contact information: info@bagsofloveinc.org

City and State: Eugene-Springfield, Oregon, serving primarily Lane County but also other communities in the Willamette Valley.

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It started with a handful of women but now fills a 10,000 warehouse and has 185 volunteers, including people who sew or quilt. Today we learn more about the local charity, Bags of Love, which was founded 14 years ago.

As we learn from incoming Executive Director and longtime staff member Misty Hall, Bags of Love supports children who are in crisis due to neglect, abuse, poverty, or homelessness. A Bag of Love is a care package for a child in need – a child in poverty, moving into foster care, or one without a home at all. It provides a sense of security and comfort, a “security blanket” to hold onto at what may be the worst point in his or her young life.

More than 87 agencies request Bags of Love for the needy children who come to them for help.

The bags are provided at no cost to either the agencies or the families who receive them.

Agency partners include Head Start, Lane County WIC, most Lane County school districts, and more. In 2021, more than 3,400 local children received a Bag of Love.

Each bag is customized for the age and gender of the child and includes a complete outfit, socks and underwear, toiletries, quilt or fleece blanket, toys and books, a stuffed animal, and other necessities and comfort items.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST	10/03/22
TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM
NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS: Another move up in college football's national rankings for the Oregon Ducks after their weekend win over Stanford. The team now is No. 12 in both the Associated Press sportswriters' poll and the USA Today coaches' poll. It came after Bo Nix threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more, as Oregon won its fourth straight game with a 45-27 victory over Stanford. The 4-1 Ducks have won 22 straight games at Autzen Stadium. They have not dropped a game this season after the opener against Georgia. On Saturday, they head to Tucson to meet Arizona for a 6 p.m. game. It's being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. ; A disappointing outing for Oregon State football after Saturday's loss to No. 12 Utah, 42-16. Third-string quarterback Ben Gulbranson threw for 177 yards and two interceptions to lead the Beavers. Gulbranson played the final three quarters after starter Chance Nolan left with a neck strain. Oregon State suffered its second straight loss despite rolling up 417 yards and 21 first downs. OSU now is 3-2 overall and takes on Stanford Saturday in Palo Alto. The 8 p.m. game will be broadcast by ESPN. / WILDFIRES: Crews continue to battle the 120,000-acre Cedar Creek wildfire in the Oregon Cascades east of Oakridge. With the help of cooler, more humid weather and close to 1,000 personnel, the blaze is 27 percent contained. Smoke continues to drift from the fire into nearby communities. The Cedar Creek Fire was sparked by lightning on August 1. The cost of battling it stands at more than \$110 million. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Paving work is taking place during the daytime hours on a 14-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 58 on both sides of Willamette Pass. Expect delays of up to 20 minutes between Milepost 56 and Milepost 70. Construction crews are working on the project between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. / CRIME: It was one of Lane County's most notorious cases from the late 1970s. Yesterday, state corrections officials said that convicted child sexual abuser and murderer Richard Wayne Godwin has died in prison at the age of 77. Godwin was convicted of the 1976 kidnap, abuse, and killing of five-year-old Andrea Tolentino. The child was abducted from her mother's car while it was parked outside a Blue River bar. Three years later, in 1979, while the then-34-year-old Godwin was in jail for sodomizing another young girl, a relative went to Godwin's trailer and found a child's skull. Prosecutors say Godwin had been using it as a candle holder. Another convicted killer at the state penitentiary told officials Godwin had</p>

confessed to the Tolentino killing. That inmate led investigators to a forested area off a logging road three miles south of Blue River, where more of the girl's remains were recovered. Godwin also was a suspect, but was never charged, in a 1977 attack in Central Oregon where a man drove his pickup into a campground and over a tent containing two female college students, then attacked them with an axe. Both survived but were badly wounded. / DISASTERS: In Florida, emergency crews continue to reach and rescue people trapped since Hurricane Ian swept across parts of the state last week. Among them, more than one dozen Oregon first responders. The Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal deployed an Incident Management Team on Friday to Florida's Hardee County, south of Tampa Bay. They are helping to coordinate and manage the search-and-rescue efforts between federal, state, and local teams and answer media inquiries. Their members include Eugene-Springfield Fire communications specialist Brett Deedon. Deedon says he and others have been challenged with limited cell service and internet connectivity, and damaged infrastructure, along with losses of water, sewer, and power. The team will be in Florida for two weeks. / YOUTH, WOMEN, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES: Its goals are important ones: Help girls develop healthy relationships and a positive body image—and reduce bullying and harassment. And on Friday, Lane County-based Ophelia's Place officially opened its facility in the Linn County city of Albany. Ophelia's Place started in Eugene-Springfield. As is the case here in Lane County, the new Albany location offers a safe spot for girls to spend their free time before or after school. The resource centers offer counseling and therapy services, skill-building activities and games, a place to do homework, and a chance of girls to relax as a group and "just be themselves." Ophelia's Place also offers curriculum and presentations to middle schools, community and business groups. /

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DATE OF
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TIME OF
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NAME OF
PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF
PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
DISCUSSED

CRIME, YOUTH: The "Party Patrol" has returned this season to Eugene's West University neighborhood. As a new school year begins at the University of Oregon, police are focusing on unruly weekend social gatherings marked by illegal alcohol use, violations of the city's noise ordinance, and other issues. Friday night into early Sunday, the first full, official weekend of school, Eugene Police officers conducted focused patrols in the residential area bordering campus. Officers partner with the U-of-O's police department, and representatives from the UO's offices of Student Conduct and Neighbor Relations. Where possible, the team takes an educational approach, contacting and working with party hosts to reduce problems with the gatherings. When that doesn't work. They issue citations and, where needed, make arrests. During the weekend's evening overtime shifts, the Party Patrol issued 29 citations for Open Containers; 43 citations for Minors in Possession of Alcohol; and arrested one person for escaping from physical custody and transported them to the Lane County Jail. No Unruly Gathering citations were issued. But students and residents can expect continued enforcement and education efforts throughout Fall Term. / LABOR, HEALTH: Watch for pickets during the noon hour if you're traveling past PeaceHealth's Springfield and Eugene hospitals. Members of SEIU Local 49 are planning informational pickets. With contract bargaining underway, union leaders say they want to highlight quality care, safe staffing, and compensation issues. / WILDFIRES: Crews continue to battle the 120,000-acre Cedar Creek wildfire in the Oregon Cascades east of Oakridge. With the help of cooler, more humid weather and close to 900 personnel, the blaze is 32 percent contained. But smoke continues to drift from the fire into nearby communities, including Oakridge, High Prairie, and Westfir. Some of it is coming from planned burn operations, which are intended to deprive the blaze of fuel and help shore up containment lines. The Cedar Creek Fire was sparked by lightning on August 1. The cost of battling it stands at more than \$110 million. / SAFETY: October is Fire Prevention Month. Leaders with the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal say now is the time to create and practice a home fire escape plan for your and members of your household. Experts say if a fire sparks in your home, you might have less than two minutes to safely escape. Each year in Oregon, an average of 32 people die in residential fires. Here are some simple steps to plan and prepare

your safe home fire escape: Ensure your home has working smoke alarms and check alarms monthly. Make an escape map showing every window and door and share it with everyone in your home. Have two ways out of every room. Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet. Plan for everyone: If you have children, elderly, or differently abled people in your home, plan for their escape. Consider other challenges like second-story bedrooms. Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year during the night and day. Get out and stay out if your smoke alarm sounds; never go back inside for others or pets. /

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF
BROADCAST 10/05/22

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

NAME OF
PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF
PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR
SUBJECT
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WILDFIRES, FORESTRY: That smoke you might have spotted Tuesday in the Coburg Hills? Fire officials with the Oregon Department of Forestry say that was a controlled, 120-acre burn, not a wildfire. And, yes, they received lots of concerned calls about it yesterday. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: It's another reminder about the importance of being prepared when you head into the outdoors and carrying some essential supplies even on what you think will be the briefest of outings. Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say a 72-year-old hunter was found by Search and Rescue crews Monday afternoon after spending nearly two-and-a-half days lost in the wilderness. Investigators say the Eugene man left on foot to go hunting in the area south of Hill's Creek Reservoir Saturday morning. But he did not take food, water, lighting, or any other survival supplies with him. The man was expected to return to camp before dark on Saturday but never showed. Authorities were notified he was missing mid-morning on Sunday. Lane County Sheriff Search and Rescue Crews were joined by specialists from neighboring counties as they mobilized across the area. Crews located the missing hunter Monday shortly after noon. He was alive, but in immediate need of medical attention. An Oregon Army National Guard helicopter was summoned and transported him to a local hospital. Experts with the Lane County Sheriff's Office remind you: Be prepared whenever you head for the outdoors. Always take proper supplies including but not limited to water, food, proper clothing, lighting, shelter, navigation equipment, and a means of providing warmth. Create a travel plan that highlights locations you expect to visit, leave, and return, along with departure and arrival times. Share that plan with people who will call for help if you're overdue and who are, ideally, familiar with the area. / EDUCATION: A big honor for a popular teacher at Springfield High School. Mark Simmons was surprised yesterday with an event celebrating his excellence in skilled trades education—which included a \$50,000 prize that's being donated to the program. Simmons teaches Automotive and Diesel technology at Springfield High. He is one of 20 winners of the honor, which recognizes teaching excellence. It is sponsored by Harbor Freight Tools, part of the company's effort to encourage excellence in the nation's high school Career Technical Education programs. Simmons says he discovered his love of the trades early and brings a wealth of diverse work experience to his teaching. As a sixth grader, he worked on a farm

and serviced agricultural equipment—then worked at an automotive shop during in high school. Simmons also served for six years in the U.S. Air Force, servicing fighter jets and working on the F-117 Stealth during the First Gulf War. After that, he spent close to a decade in private aviation before heading to college to earn degrees and become a teacher. He's been the Automotive and Diesel instructor at Springfield High School the past 20 years. Simmons says he considers himself more than just a teacher to his students: He says he serves as a financial and mental health counselor, a career counselor, a coach, a cheerleader, and even as a surrogate parent. In his program, he provides many learning opportunities for his students, including field trips and even experience in selling cars that they repair and rebuild. The money earned from those car sales provides 90 percent of the auto shop's operating budget. His program has even sold cars to students at salvage prices, then helped them complete repairs so that they had reliable transportation to school and to work. Students in his program can earn college credits and shadow local professionals who may provide students apprenticeship opportunities. Program graduates often enroll in the local community college trades program and are heavily recruited into private trade schools or factory automotive and diesel training programs. Simmons also hosts an "open shop" once a week where students build projects and catch up on work alongside their family. Among the results: higher graduation rates and expanded career paths for his students. Simmons' message is that the Springfield High program is not just a class, it's a community.

/ CRIME, RACISM, LGBTQ: Fewer reports of incidents of hate and bias, but still far too many. The City of Eugene yesterday issued its report on criminal and non-criminal hate and bias activity. It lists 43 incidents, less than half what was reported a year earlier. But the analysis finds that a victim's race and ethnicity continue to be the leading motivating factors for hate and bias activity in Eugene. African Americans were the group most affected by the crimes of physical violence and intimidation. Black or African American community members were also the primary targets of non-criminal incidents. The Jewish community was the main target of criminal vandalism, which includes graffiti containing hate messages.

/ CRIME, ILLEGAL DRUGS: We keep hearing about these major drug busts where officials are seizing large quantities of the illegal drug fentanyl. Had another recently in Central Oregon, where State Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in Madras, suspected the driver was involved in drug trafficking, and brought in a drug-detection dog. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of six hidden bundles carrying 14-and-a-half pounds of fentanyl powder. Fentanyl is showing up in growing quantities across the country. It's often in fake prescription drugs. Law enforcement officials are increasingly warning of a new version, dubbed "rainbow fentanyl" for its bright colors, that could appeal to younger adults and children. To give a sense of the dangers of that amount, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration notes that half-a-pound of fentanyl has the potential to kill roughly half-a-million people, so 14 pounds could mean potentially deadly overdoses for more than six million users. The driver and passenger, both in their early 30s from Arizona, were arrested and charged with a number of drug crimes.

/ SPORTS, WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Portland Thorns owner Merritt Paulson has removed himself from a decision-making role with the National Women's Soccer League club until the findings are released from an ongoing investigation into numerous scandals around the league. Paulson is also the owner of Major League Soccer's

Portland Timbers. He announced his decision in a statement one day after the release of the findings of an independent investigation into the NWSL's abuse scandals. Gavin Wilkinson and Mike Golub have both served in executive roles with Paulson's teams. They are also stepping away from the Thorns, who are headed into the NWSL playoffs. Former acting U.S. Attorney General Sally Q. Yates and the law firm of King & Spaulding released the report after being retained by U.S. Soccer to investigate allegations of abuse in the National Women's Soccer League following a series of scandals last year. Several of the national team players also play in the league. Players on the U.S. women's national soccer team say they are working to digest details of the investigation that found emotional abuse and sexual misconduct are systemic in women's soccer. U.S. defender Becky Sauerbrunn says she is horrified by the report. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: Crews continue to make progress battling the Cedar Creek Fire east of Oakridge. The lightning-caused blaze has burned more than 120,000 acres since it was first spotted in early August. After some alarming days last month when it made a wind-field run toward the communities of Oakridge, High Prairie, and Westfir, the blaze has calmed with cooling weather conditions and now is 36 percent contained. But damage from large wildfires like this one pose a threat to burned hillsides, soil, and watersheds. This week, a U.S. Forest Service Burned Area Emergency Response Team arrived in Westfir to begin better assessing the damage and working on ways to minimize its impacts. The goal: protect human lives and property along with critical natural and cultural resources. The team will conduct field surveys and rapidly assess watersheds on National Forest System lands, inventory the risk, and determine the best emergency measures and treatments for stabilizing the burned acreage. The team also will work with counterparts with other federal, state, and county agencies to ensure they also contact and work with individual landowners in and near the burn zone. Some of the biggest concerns are the threat to watersheds as the rainy season arrives. There is a heightened risk of flooding, potential debris flows, and increased soil erosion. Members of the Burned Area Response Team plan to evaluate threats and risks and recommend various strategies to be completed before the season's first damaging storm event. Team members expect to complete their assessments by the middle of this month with the response plan implemented by the Willamette and Deschutes National Forest Supervisors shortly after. Recommended treatments will go into effect within one year from the date of full containment—which is expected later this fall. Monitoring of the burn zone and nearby areas will continue for up to three years. ; A big federal grant to assist Oregonians still working to recover from 2020's devastating Labor Day wildfires. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—HUD—this week approved Oregon's Action Plan to spend \$422 million in Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery funds to assist communities and survivors. It comes amid a slow recovery effort after more than 4,300 homes were lost in Lane, Linn, Douglas, and four other counties. The federal money will be used to create several new programs to help individuals, households, and communities to

recover— regardless of their residency or citizenship status. This effort, which is being called ReOregon, will begin to provide new permanent housing in the areas most impacted by the fires. That new housing is expected to begin arriving next year. In addition, a number of new affordable housing projects for fire survivors are under construction or will be built soon. Oregon officials managing the HUD grant say it's clear that recovery has been far too slow. They say that's made things even more difficult for families and individuals who have struggled for more than two years to find safe and permanent housing. Survivors of the 2020 wildfires will be able to apply for their share of the funding once the process is finalized. Among the forms of assistance under the new ReOregon program: the Homeowner Assistance and Reconstruction Program (HARP). It will launch early next year and be available to fire survivors who are low- or moderate-income and have not yet secured permanent, safe housing. For eligible survivors who have not started rebuilding, the program—through Oregon Housing and Community Services—will provide new manufactured or modular homes to replace lost homes. The size of the replacement home will be based on the size of the home that was destroyed and, in some cases, by need based on number of individuals in the household. For homeowners who have already started to rebuild or have already made a substantial down payment toward the purchase of a new manufactured home, the new program can help fund remaining costs. Survivors will contribute any previous benefits, such as an insurance payment or FEMA structural damage award, toward the project. / HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES: It's the latest effort to assist those experiencing homelessness, offering temporary shelter and a range of support services so they may move into more permanent housing. Lane County yesterday announced the opening of its new Shankle Brooklyn Shelter, located in Glenwood. The shelter will serve 12 of Lane County's most vulnerable community members at a time by providing residents with rooms, a kitchen, bathrooms, common spaces, and a patio area. Additionally, there are programs to support participants by providing access to medical and behavioral health resources, case management, and assistance finding permanent housing. It is part of a larger effort to build more permanent supportive housing. The facility is named after the late Reverend Arthur J. Shankle who, along with his wife Luvenia Shankle, founded Bethel Temple church there in the early 1960s. Pat Farr, the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, notes that at a time when communities of color faced opposition simply by existing in Oregon, Reverend Shankle and his congregation created a sanctuary that was a safe place to gather and to create community. The grand opening of Glenwood's Shankle Brooklyn Shelter takes place later this morning. In early August, the county opened its River Avenue Navigation Center, a resource center that can serve up to 75 unhoused individuals at any time. / CRIME, LGBTQ: Police say a transgender woman was assaulted in Eugene and officers are seeking a man and three others suspected in the possible bias crime. The Register-Guard reports officers responded to the victim's apartment around 10:15 p.m. Monday. Eugene Police spokeswoman Melinda McLaughlin says the woman told police she was assaulted while walking home from a downtown business in Eugene's West University neighborhood. Police say the woman, who is in her 50s, was taken to a hospital for treatment of her injuries. The suspects were described as four white men, with one suspected in the assault. Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to

contact them. / EDUCATION, CHARITY: He never attended the University of Oregon. But he had roots in the state, served on the U-of-O's Board of Trustees, and gave more than \$150 million dollars to the institution over the years. Campus leaders say longtime donor Lorry Lokey died Saturday at his home in California. He was 95. Lokey had a career first in journalism, then in corporate America, making his fortune after he started Business Wire. And while he made many to Stanford, his alma mater, he formed strong relationships with leaders at the University of Oregon in the early 2000s. That led to donations and endowments to the U-of-O in areas that included science, education, music, journalism, law, and other programs. Lokey was one of the first U.S. magnates to take Warren Buffett's "Giving Pledge," and he often expressed how lucky he felt to be able to give at such a high level. But he encouraged others to donate what they could, noting that, quote, "Every dollar was a vote for education." / EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT: A nice boost for faculty at the University of Oregon. Interim U-of-O President Patrick Phillips announced this week that pay increases set for January 1 of next year instead went into effect October 1—three months early. Phillips says it is a reflection of the extraordinary effort faculty have made over the past couple of years. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, he says faculty and officers of administration showed extraordinary effort in maintaining and advancing the university's mission. Campus officials say when the addition three months of increase pay are added in, faculty salaries will have increased by seven percent over the past ten months. While not included in the recent announcement, officials say union members on campus covered by the Service Employees International Union employees also received two across-the-board increases this year through the terms of their collective bargaining agreement. Additionally, graduate employees are paid according to the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation contract, which stipulates the minimum rate of pay for each position. This fall, the salary minimums for all GE positions were increased by 3 percent, with colleges working with many departments to increase wages above minimums. / CHARITY, CRIME, GOVERNMENT: In a time of national crisis like Hurricane Ian, our natural instincts are to feel compassion and want to help. Before donating to Hurricane Ian relief funds, those eager to assist should be aware of scams and fraudulent charities, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum warned. "Disasters that attract national attention are often used by scammers to create fake charities and crowdfunding campaigns to rip off people who want to support a worthy cause," said Attorney General Rosenblum. "They did it after 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy, and they will try once again after Hurricane Ian. If you're looking for a way to give, do your research to ensure your donation will go to a reputable organization that will use the money as promised – and as you intend." Thankfully, the State of Florida has an official private fund established to provide financial assistance to communities as they respond to and recover from times of emergency or disaster, like Hurricane Ian. To contribute to the Florida Disaster Fund, please visit www.FloridaDisasterFund.org or text DISASTER to 20222. Before you donate to a charity, make sure it's legitimate: Beware of callers who want your money fast. When solicited by phone, always ask the caller to send you written materials about the charity. No legitimate organization will insist that you donate immediately. Checks should always be made payable to the organization, not the person collecting the donation. Do not donate cash. Legitimate charities will be

pleased to receive a contribution by check. Don't send contributions with a "runner," by wire or overnight parcel pick-up service. Be cautious before giving to individuals raising money through crowdfunding websites like GoFundMe. You cannot be sure that your gift will be used as intended, plus donations to individuals are not tax deductible. Be sure you are contributing to a legitimate organization registered with the Oregon Department of Justice by searching the Department's online database at <https://www.doj.state.or.us/charitable-activities/> or by calling 971-673-1880. You can also visit www.guidestar.org, a national clearinghouse of information about charities and their performance. To file a complaint about a charitable organization or solicitation, visit [https://justice.oregon.gov/Charities/Complaint /](https://justice.oregon.gov/Charities/Complaint/)

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: People say they felt it from just south of Cottage Grove all the way north to Kalama, Washington. Did you feel it? More than 3,600 people have already said they did. A magnitude 4.4 earthquake hit a bit before six this morning in the foothills of the Oregon Cascades. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the temblor was in Linn County, about 13 miles due east of Lebanon and ten miles northeast of Sweet Home—on a ridge about three miles north of Green Peter Reservoir. The shaking hit at 5:52 a.m. and only lasted a few seconds. You might have felt it here in Eugene-Springfield and elsewhere in Lane County, depending on the structure of the soil and bedrock where you are. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Gasoline prices continued to climb last week here in Eugene-Springfield. One of the big reasons: Planned and unplanned closures of a half-dozen California refineries. That's crimped supply as some shift to winter fuel blends and others work on unexpected repairs. This morning, the average price for a gallon of regular here in town is \$5.52. That's up 17 cents from one week ago, 98 cents from this time last month. The average price for a gallon of diesel in Eugene-Springfield is high but has held relatively stable in recent weeks, at \$5.39. / CRIME, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, RACE, ECONOMY: For decades, marijuana possession even in small amounts for personal use was a crime across the country. And, in some cases, it could bring federal charges. But yesterday, there was a big change. President Biden says he is pardoning thousands of Americans convicted of "simple possession" of marijuana, as his administration takes a dramatic step toward decriminalizing the drug and addressing criminal charging practices that disproportionately impact people of color. For decades, marijuana possession even in small amounts for personal use was a crime across the country. And, in some cases, it could bring federal charges. But yesterday, there was a big change. Biden also is calling on governors to issue similar pardons for those convicted of state marijuana offenses, which make up the vast majority of marijuana possession cases. Biden noted that there are thousands of people who have prior Federal convictions for marijuana possession, and as a result might be denied employment, housing, or educational opportunities. Biden is also directing the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the nation's attorney general to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law. ; The news was largely welcomed by key Oregon

national and state leaders. U.S. Senator Wyden of Oregon called it a “huge step forward in the fight to restore lives destroyed by the criminalization of cannabis.” Wyden added that a comprehensive federal solution is needed, including a federal regulatory system put in place to protect public health and safety. Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer has lobbied for years, both for the decriminalization of cannabis nationwide and for the incorporation of legal cannabis-based businesses into the nation’s banking and financial systems. He called Biden’s decision a vital step toward ending the failed “war on drugs.” Biden says that longtime nationwide law enforcement effort too often targeted people of color, especially Black and Latino men. Through a spokeswoman, Oregon Governor Kate Brown said she is evaluating the presidential order but applauded Biden’s action. Brown noted that most Oregonians share similar values about decriminalizing personal possession of small amounts of cannabis and that Oregon took similar steps seven years ago. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC, FAMILY: It’s been a rough 30 months for family and friends of patients at America’s hospitals, which had to shut off or severely limit visits during the height of the pandemic. Now, another sign that the risks are easing: PeaceHealth just announced that, effective immediately, it is lifting visitor restrictions for its medical centers and clinics across Oregon. That includes visitors who are children. Patients previously were allowed one visitor, with some exceptions. The easing of visitor restrictions comes after a review of risks and regulatory requirements, as well as the decline of COVID-19 cases in Lane County. That said, visitors are still required to wear masks in healthcare settings until there’s new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Department of Health. And while this is good news for family and friends, a reminder that visitation rules might change again if we see a new surge in COVID infections. / PANDEMIC: The number of reported COVID-19 infections slowed during the past month across Oregon and Lane County. But people are still falling ill—especially those with weakened and vulnerable immune systems. During the past week, Lane County Public Health received on average reports of slightly more than 50 new cases per day. That’s well down from this summer’s peak in cases spurred by the omicron variants, which at times drove average infection numbers well above 300 per day. But the county received reports of four new deaths in the past seven days, bringing our pandemic death toll to 635. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters that are formulated for added protection against the omicron variant are widely available through local pharmacies, primary care providers, and vaccination clinics. / CRIME, HEALTH, BUSINESS, PRIVACY: A major nonprofit health system with 140 hospitals in 21 states is reporting “an IT security issue”—a reference to an apparent cyberattack that has disrupted operations in multiple states, including Oregon. A spokesperson for CommonSpirit Health said electronic health records and other systems have been taken offline and patient appointments rescheduled. But the person would not say whether patient records were accessed. CommonSpirit operates Mercy Health of Roseburg and Pendleton’s St. Anthony Hospital. No word on whether online operations at those facilities were affected. But in other parts of the country, there have been reports of diverted ambulances, delayed cancer treatments, and electronic health records moved offline. The incident underscores the growing concerns surrounding ransomware attacks on health care systems with patient care at stake. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff’s investigators say they’ve recovered property linked to

several recent burglaries and are working to arrest the suspect in the cases. It comes after officials received a report this time last month about a residential burglary in the Veneta area. Deputies learned that a suspect used had one of the victim's stolen credit cards to make multiple purchases. They tracked that suspect to a residence in the 1400 block of Bramblewood Lane in northwest Eugene. When deputies received a search warrant and entered the suspect's residence Wednesday afternoon, they said they recovered several items from the burglary including the victim's identification, passport, checkbook, and some jewelry. Investigators also located additional evidence from at least two other burglaries. The suspect was not at the residence and continues to be sought by law enforcement officials. / TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: The action does NOT ban the use of gas-powered cars or the sale of used ones. But Oregon has officially joined a West Coast effort to fight climate change by requiring all NEW cars, trucks and SUVs sold within its borders run on electricity or hydrogen by 2035. It comes after California officials in late August initiated the ambitious move away from gasoline-powered vehicles and the pollution they emit, and Washington state followed suit. Yesterday, Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced that the three states along with British Columbia have signed the partnership recommitting to climate action. Analysts say the size of the West Coast's U.S. and Canadian markets and the sheer number of vehicle buyers in the three states and British Columbia will shape policy for both nations, as leading carmakers retool their lines to meet expected demand. When the policy takes effect in 13 years, the move would require 100 percent of all sales of new passenger cars, trucks and SUVs to be powered by electricity or hydrogen, with one-fifth allowed to be plug-in hybrids. The effort creates the world's most stringent set of rules for the transition to electric vehicles. The new requirements will be phased starting in 2026, allowing a decade before the new rule becomes fully effective. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, HEALTH, WEATHER: Smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire sent haze into the Willamette Valley during the weekend. Fire managers say the blaze escaped containment lines on Saturday in a section along its southeast corner, north of Highway 58 between Willamette Pass and Odell Lake near Lucas Lake. Firefighters say they focused their efforts on the “slopover” area, which was estimated at 30-50 acres. Crews used heavy helicopters to make water drops and very large air tankers to release multiple retardant loads. Extremely dry fuels and high temperatures have aggravated conditions. Fire crews are working with bulldozers and hand tools to keep the more than 121,000-acre blaze away from the Highway 58 corridor. The lightning-caused Cedar Creek Fire, which sparked on August 1, is 38 percent contained. / CRIME, SAFETY: Eugene Police say a wrong-way driver died in a head-on crash early Sunday morning on the Beltline Highway just west of Division Avenue. The driver of the other vehicle was hospitalized for their injuries. Eugene Police have not released the names of those involved. The investigation continues. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Gasoline prices continued to climb last week here in Eugene-Springfield. One of the big reasons: Planned and unplanned closures of a half-dozen California refineries. That’s crimped supply as some shift to winter fuel blends and others work on unexpected repairs. This morning, the average price for a gallon of regular here in town remains where it was on Friday, at \$5.52. Still, that’s up 18 cents from one week ago, 99 cents from this time last month. The average price for a gallon of diesel in Eugene-Springfield jumped over the weekend by close to 20 cents per gallon to \$5.52. / EDUCATION, CRIME, PRIVACY, SAFETY: The University of Oregon later this week hosts a conference of cybersecurity leaders. The event, which takes place on Thursday, brings federal and industry leaders to the U-of-O campus for the first time in three years. They’ll discuss evolving cybersecurity threats and the efforts to combat them. It comes amid what experts are describing as a “tidal wave” of emails from cybercriminals designed to trick Americans into clicking on a bad web link or attachment and either downloading malware or sharing sensitive personal and financial information. The day before fall term, as an example, University of Oregon experts say they detected more than 50,000 “phishing” emails—as they’re known—containing fake job offers that were sent to members of the U-of-O community. In an effort to evade campus-

based security systems, the emails asked recipients to provide a non-UO email address to continue the messaging exchange. To distribute the emails, the hacker used a small number of U-of-O accounts that had already been compromised. Security analysts say this is an all-too-familiar tactic. Scammers will compromise an email account at a business or among someone's family and friends, then use that account to send their emails. To protect yourself, experts say you should always be suspicious about tantalizing offers, requests for your confidential information, and attachments that might contain malicious software. And because cybercriminals often impersonate schools, financial institutions, health authorities, retailers, and a range of other service providers by using official-looking logos and similar email addresses and weblinks, double-check to make sure those links are legitimate. If something seems suspicious, don't click on the attachments or links.

/ TRIBES, RACIAL JUSTICE, HOLIDAYS: Today, the second Monday in October, is officially recognized as Indigenous Peoples Day in Oregon and 16 other states. South Dakota observes it as Native American Day, and Hawaii observes Discoverers' Day. The recent changes came last year after President Biden marked the day with a presidential proclamation. The federal holiday, originally created to recognize Christopher Columbus' sighting of what came to be known as the Americas, represents for many an overdue recognition for Indigenous communities. In the spring of 2021, the Oregon Legislature overwhelmingly approved the declaration naming the annual observance Indigenous Peoples Day. The legislation was sponsored by the Legislature's only two Indigenous lawmakers. Oregon tribal leaders said the effort had been years in the making, with tribal officials and youth activists leading the way. Oregon has many different Indigenous communities including nine federally recognized tribes: the Burns Paiute of Harney County; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde; Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation; Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians; Coquille Indian Tribe; and Klamath Tribes. According to the 2020 census, there are more than 129,000 Oregonians who identify as full or part American Indian and Alaska Native, comprising 3.1 percent of the state's population. Still, many states continue to officially observe Columbus Day. But for many, it has become less a celebration of the first Europeans' arrival in North America, and more a reflection on Italian American heritage.

/ WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT: We had some challenging environmental news on Friday: U.S. researchers say the number of gray whales off western North America has continued to fall over the last two years, a decline that resembles previous population swings over the past several decades. According to an assessment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, the most recent count put the population at 16,650 whales, which is down 38 percent from its peak in 2015-16. The whales also produced the fewest calves since scientists began counting the births in 1994. Scientists say that although the current population swing so far fits within historical patterns, it's nevertheless concerning and warrants close monitoring. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY: Amid dry, hot conditions the opening of Lane County's fall outdoor burning season has been delayed again—this time until November 1. The season was originally set to start October 1 but initially was delayed for two weeks after assessments by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Now, the delay stretches until the start of next month. Experts say it comes amid long-term forecasts that call for continued sun, warm, temperatures, and no rain. If you have yard debris and burn piles, they may not be burned while the season remains closed. Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites are resources available to those who wish to dispose of woody yard material ahead of the burn season on Oct. 15. If you burn during the closed season, you'll be subject to violations ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more—plus any costs should your fire get out of control and spark a larger blaze. / WEATHER, HEALTH, WILDFIRES: An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect until Friday at 6 p.m. across much of Lane County, including the Eugene-Springfield area, and extended north to Corvallis, Albany, and Lebanon. It is due to drifting smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge. Yesterday's levels ranged from Unhealthy to Hazardous. Experts with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency remind you that smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. People most at risk include infants and young children, people with heart or lung disease, older adults and pregnant people. / LOW-INCOME, WILDFIRES, SOCIAL SERVICES: If you receive SNAP benefits and lost food due to wildfire-related power outages during August and September, the deadline has been extended for requesting replacement benefits from the Oregon Department of Human Services. You now have until October 24. If your household lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat due to those events, officials say you may request replacement food benefits equal to one month of the normal SNAP benefit amount for your household. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Big changes in the works for some top high school athletes: They may now profit off their name, image and likeness. It comes after the delegate assembly of the Oregon School Activities Association—the governing organization for Oregon prep athletics—voted yesterday to approve the rules change, allowing what's known as the "NIL compensation." Similar to the rules now in place for college athletes, high school</p>

athletes will be able to earn money for certain types of endorsements, similar to the situation in close to one dozen other U.S. states. There are some limitations: Prep athletes who earn endorsement deals may not do so for alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, vaping, prescription medication, adult entertainment, or similar products. And they may not use school facilities or equipment or promote products during school or team hours. It's unknown how many students might benefit from the name, image, and likeness deals. / CRIME, SAFETY: Eugene Police say they believe they defused a potentially violent clash between two groups—some wearing gloves and masks—armed with multiple firearms during an incident in downtown early Sunday morning. Five men between the ages of 18 and 24 were arrested on weapons or drug charges and six firearms were confiscated. Investigators believe the two groups were searching for one-another and were only blocks apart when officers intervened shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday. Officials say that when members of the two groups became aware of police in the area, they ran in multiple directions with officers giving chase on foot and in patrol vehicles. Investigators describe it as a chaotic scene but said officers remained calm throughout the dynamic incidents. Eugene Police say they've been assigning extra patrol units and members of the Street Crimes Unit as part of a program to help address issues with violence downtown. Over the last year, they say the downtown core has seen an increase in gun violence. / CRIME, YOUTH: Another weekend, another round of citations issued in the West University neighborhood by the Eugene Police "Party Patrol." The overtime staffing efforts works to reduce illegal alcohol use, noise ordinance violations, and unruly gatherings in the neighborhood areas around the University of Oregon. During patrols Friday night into early Sunday morning, police say they issued eight Open Container citations in lieu of custody (misdemeanor); 33 Minor In Possession of Alcohol citations (violation); and one violation for Urinating in Public (violation). Officers also say they responded to 1211 Mill Street after reports of a loud party of more than 20 people. There, they issued four misdemeanor citations in lieu of custody for Prohibited Noise and four violation citations for an Unruly Gathering under the city's Social Host ordinance. Other citations were issued for Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Open Container, and Urinating in Public. Officers also responded to 1364 Patterson Street, Apartment 5 for another party. Officers issued four misdemeanor citations in lieu of custody for Prohibited Noise and four Unruly Gathering violation citations, as well as others for Minor in Possession of Alcohol and Open Container. Property owners or managers of these sites can expect letters from Eugene Police Department regarding these incidents in the next few days. / TRIBES, EDUCATION, RACIAL JUSTICE: Monday was Indigenous Peoples Day in Oregon and 16 other states, as well as through a presidential proclamation. The overdue recognition honors tribal members and communities and their role in American life and society. In recent months, many Oregon colleges and universities have announced increased academic support for students from indigenous communities. Yesterday, campus leaders at the University of Oregon unveiled the Home Flight Scholars Program. They say it is available immediately to currently enrolled eligible undergraduate students. Through a combination of federal, state and institutional grants, the Home Flight Scholars program covers full tuition and fee costs for American Indian and Alaska Natives. There's also a new academic advisor position, enhanced mentorship opportunities, and work underway to enhance what's being described as a

“culture-rich program for new students” to help them launch successful academic careers. The program is being made available immediately to an estimated 150 to 175 eligible undergraduate students. U-of-O Interim President Patrick Phillips says the goal is to ensure Indigenous students graduate with the education and the experience that empowers them to return home and make a positive impact in their communities and for their families. /

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The group cited government data released earlier this year, which found that more than 760,000 gallons of fire retardant were dropped directly onto streams and other waterways between 2012 and 2019. The main ingredients in fire retardant are inorganic fertilizers and salts that can be toxic to some fish, frogs, crustaceans and other aquatic species. / SAFETY, RECREATION: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is advising the public of a water obstruction on the McKenzie River approximately 2.2 miles downstream from Paradise Campground. This is near milepost 52 on the McKenzie Hwy. A tree is down across the river, completely blocking the channel. There is no safe way to navigate around it. / RECREATION, WILDFIRE: Lane County Parks and the Oregon State Marine Board are hosting a community meeting on Monday to hear from the public as the agencies prepare to significantly improve river access at Forest Glen. Forest Glen Landing, in the community of Blue River, is one of the more popular launch sites for fishing and rafting along the McKenzie River. But the two-acre site burned during the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire. Lane County Parks has received a federal FEMA grant to replace the destroyed vault toilet and to improve the boat ramps, repair and expand the parking lots, and create enhanced access. Monday's public meeting takes place at 6:00 p.m. in the McKenzie School gymnasium (51187 Blue River Drive). / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: President Biden heads west today for stops in three states, including Friday's visit to Oregon. He plans to highlight his administration's accomplishments and rally the party faithful ahead of the next month's midterm elections. Biden's first stop is today near Vail, Colorado, where he will designate his administration's first national monument. Tomorrow the president heads to California, where he will hold a pair of events promoting two of his most significant legislative achievements and headline a fundraiser for the House Democrats' campaign arm. On Friday, Biden will stop in Oregon, where Democrats' grip on the governor's mansion is being threatened by a three-way race including an unaffiliated candidate who has captured double-digit support in polling and where a split vote could give the Republican a shot at an outright win in November. To counter Republican criticisms over the economy and inflation, Democratic candidates have highlighted accomplishments such as bipartisan infrastructure, manufacturing laws, and a sweeping climate, tax and health care package. Those achievements also helped prompt a late-summer uptick in Biden's own job performance ratings earlier this year. / ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: Global computer chipmaker Intel is preparing to cut thousands of jobs this fall. That's according to a report yesterday from Bloomberg. It comes amid a steep decline in revenue and a continued post-pandemic drop in sales of PCs. The Oregonian and OregonLive report some of those job cuts could take place in our state, which is home to one-fifth of Intel's 114,000 workers. The company is the state's largest private employer. ; Meantime, Oregon political leaders and the governor are working to attract a new \$3-billion chip plant to the Gresham area, east of Portland. Reporter Mike Rogoway with the Oregonian writes that the new factory being contemplated by Microchip Technology could eventually employ up to 650 workers. State lawmakers have asked Governor Kate Brown to allocate \$17.5 million to support Oregon's bid for the plant. The proposed facility would create a next generation of silicon wafers used in computer chips. The company is hoping

to receive some of the passed by Congress last summer to encourage the creation of more U.S.-based high-tech manufacturing. /

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ECONOMY: Consumer prices climbed more quickly than expected last month, driven by rising prices for food, energy, and housing. According to government data, consumer prices rose 8.2 percent in September compared with one year earlier. On a month-to-month basis, prices increased four-tenths of one percent from August to September. Gas prices were a bit lower last month, but numbers were up in other key spending areas. The rising cost of housing and other necessities is intensifying pressure on households, wiping out recent pay raises many have received, and likely ensuring the Federal Reserve Board will continue raising interest rates aggressively. ; Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates reached their highest level in more than two decades this week. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported this morning that the average on the key 30-year rate climbed close to a quarter point in the past seven days, to 6.92 percent. This time last year, the rate was 3.05 percent. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, popular among those looking to refinance their homes, rose to just above six percent. It's the first time the 15-year rate has breached that level since the housing crash of 2008. / OLDER ADULTS, ECONOMY: Millions of Social Security recipients will get an 8.7 percent boost in their benefits in 2023. That's an historic increase and welcome news for American retirees and others — but it's tempered by the fact that it's fueled by record high inflation that's raised the cost of everyday living. The average Social Security recipient will receive a bit more than \$140 extra per month beginning in January. The cost-of living adjustment is intended to help cover the higher cost of food, fuel and other goods and services. How well it does that depends on inflation next year. About 70 million people — including retirees, people with disabilities, and children — receive Social Security benefits. This will be the biggest increase in benefits that baby boomers, those born between the years 1946 and 1964, have ever seen. The boost in benefits will be coupled with a three percent drop in Medicare Part B premiums, meaning retirees will get the full impact of the jump in Social Security benefits. Social Security is financed by payroll taxes collected from workers and their employers. Each pays 6.2 percent on wages up to a cap, which is adjusted each year for inflation. The maximum amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes for 2023 is \$155,100. Next year's higher payout, without an accompanying increase in Social Security contributions, could put additional pressure on a

system that's facing a severe shortfall in coming years. The annual Social Security and Medicare trustees report released in June says the program's trust fund will be unable to pay full benefits beginning in 2035. If the trust fund is depleted, the government will be able to pay only 80 percent of scheduled benefits, the report said. Medicare will be able to pay 90 percent of total scheduled benefits if the fund is depleted. In January, a Pew Research Center poll showed 57 percent of U.S. adults saying that "taking steps to make the Social Security system financially sound" was a top priority for the president and Congress to address this year. Securing Social Security got bipartisan support, with 56 percent of Democrats and 58 percent of Republicans calling it a top priority. Some solutions for reforming Social Security have been proposed — but none has moved forward in a sharply partisan Congress. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: The U.S. is preparing to offer updated COVID-19 booster vaccinations to children as young as age 5. The reformulated boosters rolled out last month for Americans ages 12 and older — designed to target the currently spreading omicron variants. The Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday authorized child-size versions for 5- to 11-year-olds. Officials hope the boosters will expand protection against an expected winter coronavirus surge as people move indoors and celebrate the holidays. ; COVID-19 cases eased somewhat during the past week here in Lane County. But public health officials say they were notified of 334 new infections and two additional deaths. Statewide, the Oregon Health Authority received reports of 3,700 new cases statewide during the past week and 32 additional deaths. Officials say vaccination and boosters remain the best way to prevent hospitalization and death—and to protect vulnerable people with weakened immune systems. / HEALTH, EDUCATION: An increased investment in training students for careers in healthcare at Lane Community College. Officials yesterday held a groundbreaking for a new Health Professions Building. They say when complete, the facility will build on existing programs, bring LCC's Dental Clinic back to the main campus, provide additional academic and administrative space for Lane's Health Professions programs, and create a classroom with more than 100 seats for lectures and community events. The three-story, more than 34-thousand square-foot building also will serve as the future home of the Dental Hygienist, Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant and Emergency Medical Services or "EMS" programs. State funding and 2020's voter-approved campus bond measure are providing the core funds for the project, which has a \$32-million price tag. / HEALTH, GROWTH: Earlier this week, officials with PeaceHealth announced they have completed a project to modernize their longtime campus in Eugene's University District. It comes after 18 months of work at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center. Leaders of the not-for-profit Catholic health system say crews removed four older buildings on the east side, near Alder Street. Those included the former in-patient behavioral health Johnson Unit and the last remaining wing of the former Sacred Heart General Hospital. The east side now contains a 100,000-square foot lawn. Inside the remaining structures, workers also revitalized the hospital lobby, chapel, gift shop, and dining area. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: The Cedar Creek wildfire is now 40 percent contained. But amid continued dry conditions—with daytime temperatures running 5-10 degrees above normal, crews continue to face challenges extending their fire lines. The blaze is burning east of Oakridge, north of Highway 58 on both

sides of the Cascade crest. Crews have surrounded two “slopover” areas on the blaze’s southeastern corner where spot fires driven by wind gusts and dry conditions created a breach of less than 50 acres in containment during the past week. While the Cedar Creek Fire covers more than 122,000 acres, officials say there are a number of unburned pockets of trees and shrubs that might burn in the coming days, sending more smoke into the air. To the south of Highway 58, crews working the Big Swamp and Potter Fires are working to restore natural areas and add “water bars” to slow winter erosion in natural drainage areas impacted by the blaze and firefighting operations. The effort is designed to reduce the potential for sediment from containment lines running into impact local streams and rivers during the rainy season. ; An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect until Friday at 6 p.m. across much of Lane County, as well as the mid-Willamette Valley. Haze and smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge, continues to drift into the valley. The 122,000-acre blaze is 38 percent contained. Experts with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency remind you that smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. People most at risk include infants and young children, people with heart or lung disease, older adults and pregnant people. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff’s deputies say they are investigating the death of an 86-year-old man whose body was discovered following a house fire in the Pleasant Hill area. The blaze was reported Tuesday evening shortly before 9:00 p.m. in the 36000 block of Stacey-Gateway Road. Much of the house had burned before the fire could be contained. Officials believe the man was the home’s resident. His name has not been released. Crews are working to determine the cause of the house fire. / CRIME: Police say three teens have been arrested in Corvallis and in Colorado in connection with last week’s shooting in Springfield where the victim died from his wounds. Investigators say 22-year-old Cayden Reed Torkleson was shot the evening of October 4 at a residence in the 6100 block of Graystone Loop. Torkleson was taken to the hospital but succumbed to his wounds. Investigators located one suspect in the homicide the next day, a 17-year-old male who was taken into custody in Corvallis. They determined two other suspects had fled the state. On Monday, 18-year-old Anthony Freeman and 19-year-old Ryan Joseph Anthony Bell were arrested in Denver, Colorado, with the assistance of multiple law-enforcement agencies. All three suspects are being held on charges of Murder II and Robbery I. The investigation is continuing. /

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people how they voted. / PANDEMIC, HEALTH: Those new, updated COVID-19 vaccine boosters for children between the ages of 5 and 11 now are available in Oregon. The reformulated boosters contain protection against the two omicron subvariants that drove much of the summer's infection surge. Boosters for Americans ages 12 and older became available last month. Officials hope parents will get their children boosted ahead of a forecasted winter coronavirus surge as people move indoors and also travel to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. Health officials in Washington and Oregon said Thursday that a fall and winter COVID surge is likely for the Pacific Northwest after months of relatively low case levels. It comes after an analysis of virus trends in Europe, which have been an indicator of what to expect here. Oregon health officials are urging people to get the updated COVID booster as soon as possible. They say that while state and local numbers show an easing of COVID cases, the numbers do not fully reflect the situation. Many people in Oregon take at-home tests and their results are not reported to public health officials. State epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger says that monitoring of wastewater samples indicates there is still a high level of COVID-19 transmission in Oregon. / LEGAL, HEALTH: The U.S. Supreme Court's move to cut access to abortions has prompted some men to take matters into their own hands, with the help of a surgeon. Officials around the U.S. say there has been a surge in demand for vasectomies since Roe was overturned in June. / CRIME: A 37-year-old man was jailed for Disorderly Conduct and trespassing after an incident that included a bomb threat late yesterday morning in downtown Eugene. Police say there was no bomb, but that the suspect—Immanuel Menelik Williams—was waving a realistic-looking replica BB handgun outside a convenience store on East Broadway. It came after Williams allegedly donned a mask and handed a Downtown Ambassador a note that included a bomb threat. Williams was quickly arrested as he was spotted exiting a store. / BUSINESS: Two of the nation's largest grocers have agreed to merge in a deal that would help them better compete with Walmart, Amazon and other major companies that have stepped into the grocery business. Kroger—the parent company of Fred Meyer—today bid \$20 billion for Albertsons Companies—which also includes Safeway stores. As part of the deal, Kroger would also assume \$4.7 billion of Albertsons' debt. Kroger is the nation's second-largest grocer by market share, behind Walmart, and Albertson's ranked fourth, behind Costco. Kroger operates 2,800 stores in 35 states. In addition to Fred Meyer it operates brands that include Ralphs, Smith's and Harris Teeter. Alberstons operates 2,220 stores in 34 states. In addition to Safeway, its brands include Jewel Osco and Shaw's. Together the companies employ 710,000 people. Both companies' boards have unanimously approved the agreement. The deal will likely receive heavy scrutiny from U.S. regulators, especially at a time of high inflation affecting food prices. Announcement of the deal comes at a challenging time in the grocery industry. Not only have food prices soared at the wholesale and retail level, but stores have raced to adapt to changes in consumer habits during the pandemic, including a rise in online shopping, curbside pickup and delivery, and greater automation of their operations. / SAFETY, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is proposing sweeping changes in the way chicken and turkey meat is processed in an effort to reduce salmonella illnesses from food contamination. Those changes could require meat companies to make extensive changes to their operations. The

agency's Food Safety and Inspection Service is beginning the lengthy process of proposing new rules with a goal of putting them in effect in two years. The proposed changes include testing incoming flocks of chickens and turkeys for salmonella before they enter the slaughterhouse and limits on how much of certain strains of salmonella can be on meat sold to consumers. /

AGRICULTURE, WEATHER, RECREATION, FISHERIES: As the drought in Central Oregon continues into the fall, The Bend Bulletin reports that Wickiup Reservoir, a key water resource for farmers in the region during the spring and summer, is nearly emptied again at the end of the irrigation season. The Bulletin's Michael John reports that Wickiup—which is also a popular recreation spot on the south end of the Cascade Lakes Highway—was just three percent full on Tuesday. Wikiup is managed by the Bureau of Reclamation, which is working to maintain basic streamflow to the Deschutes River as the reservoir's level falls. The multiyear drought has drained the reservoir for three straight years and during four of the last five years. Visitors to the reservoir are seeing tree stumps and the reservoir's sandy bottom. Also exposed: some of the springs that feed into the Deschutes River, which are normally covered with reservoir water. /

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SPORTS: ESPN's "College GameDay" pregame show will originate from Eugene on Saturday, October 22, before the Ducks host UCLA in Autzen Stadium that afternoon. It'll be a top 10 battle in the Pac-12 as Oregon and UCLA kick off Saturday in a sold-out 12:30 p.m. game that's being televised by FOX. Both the Ducks and Bruins enter the game after having the weekend off. UCLA (6-0) is ranked No. 9 in the most recent Associated Press Top 25, one spot ahead of the No. 10 Ducks (5-1), who are riding a five-game winning streak. "College GameDay" is making its 11th appearance in Eugene, and its first since 2018. Oregon has made 27 previous appearances in games from which "College GameDay" originated, going 16-11 on those games. The Ducks' first appearance also was against the Bruins, on the road in 1998. "College GameDay" was on site at the Rose Bowl last season when the Ducks beat the Bruins, 34-31. ; With Ben Gulbranson making his second career start at quarterback for Oregon State, the Beavers relied heavily on their running game and defense in a 24-10 victory over Washington State. Oregon State welcomes Colorado to Reser Stadium on Saturday, October 22. Kickoff is 5 p.m. on the Pac-12 Networks. A win would make the Beavers bowl-eligible. / EDUCATION, FAMILY: The Duck will run, parents will cheer, and past grads will flock to the nest as the University of Oregon marks Homecoming Weekend and Fall Family Weekend this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Festivities include a pep rally and a chance to "run with the Duck" plus a 50th anniversary alumni reunion. Parents also will have a chance to sit in on one of their student's classes, mingle at a reception, or take a haunted campus tour. Friday's Run, Walk and Roll With the Duck, a 5k event that has quickly become a homecoming tradition, giving participants get a chance to experience the trails around campus. The race is free for UO students, faculty members, staff, alumni and community members who preregister. Thursday through Saturday, members of the classes of 1972 and 1973 will mark their 50th anniversary with campus tours, classroom visits, free admission to UO museums and a variety of other events. The Order of the Emerald will hold a cocktail hour, banquet and induction ceremony on Friday, and a reunion tailgater at Autzen Stadium will give grads a chance to socialize before the big game against UCLA on Saturday. The homecoming pep rally takes place at the Erb Memorial Union Green at 4 p.m. Friday. Join the Duck, the UO Cheer Team and the Oregon

Marching Band for a green-and-yellow good time. Tickets to the football game are sold out, but women's soccer and volleyball games are happening over homecoming weekend. Discounted tickets are available through Ticketmaster and GoDucks.com / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Election Day is quickly approaching, and the Lane County Elections officials remind you to make sure you're registered if you want to participate. The deadline is Tuesday. ; President Joe Biden spent part of Friday and Saturday in the Portland area, working to boost Democratic candidates, particularly in the three-way governor's race. It was the conclusion of his Western swing that also featured stops in Colorado and California. Throughout the trip, Biden has had to contend with the latest numbers in a government inflation report and rising gasoline prices. Biden spent much of the trip highlighting his administration's efforts to lower prescription drug costs. The trip came on the heels of an announcement that millions of Social Security recipients will receive an 8.7 percent boost in their benefits in 2023. It is an historic increase but much of the boost will be eroded by inflation. ; Oregon is typically known as a bastion of West Coast liberalism where Democrats are easily elected and a Republican has not served as governor since the 1980s. But with an unusually competitive three-way contest this fall, the Democratic candidate doesn't seem so assured of winning. The main reason for the race's unpredictability is Betsy Johnson, a longtime former Democratic lawmaker who is running as an unaffiliated candidate. Democrats call her a spoiler who is taking votes from Tina Kotek. That could mean a victory for Republican Christine Drazan. / WEATHER, SAFETY, HEALTH, WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY: An Air Quality Advisory remains in effect until at least this evening at 5 p.m. across much of Lane County. Haze and smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge, continue to drift into the valley. Smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. People most at risk include infants and young children, people with heart or lung disease, older adults and pregnant people. More information about air quality and health may be found at: www.lrapa.org ; The Cedar Creek Fire is now 45 percent contained but still putting out plenty of smoke in these unusually hot, dry conditions. Despite that, the fire remains within containment lines and crews are working to hold and secure any areas of intense heat. Air resources are dumping water and retardant on the blaze whenever it is safe to fly. Ground crews continue to monitor and patrol areas that experienced an increase in fire behavior during Red Flag weather on Saturday. Hand crews and dozers are completing line construction along the southern edge of the fire. Assessment and repair continue around road systems along the northern edge of the fire. The west side of the fire perimeter will also see an ongoing assessment of the road system and more chipping operations. Chipping operations near Cultus Lake have been completed. ; It's been two months of smoke and often-hazardous air quality in the Oakridge and Westfir areas. Looking for some relief? To help Oakridge area residents seek respite from the hazardous air, Lane County Public Health has partnered with Oakridge Air and Willamalane to offer free all-access memberships to the Willamalane Park Swim Center, Bob Keefer Center, and Camp Putt which will be good through November. To obtain a free membership, simply visit the front desk of any Willamalane facility and show proof of residency in the Oakridge area with an ID card, utility bill, or similar. Lane County Public Health also is urging residents in those areas to continue to protect themselves from the long-term

health impacts of continued exposure to poor air quality. Typically during periods of poor air quality, experts focus on warning the very young, the very old, and those with preexisting cardiovascular or pulmonary disease of health impacts. But Lane County Public Health Officer Dr. Lisandra Guzman says that in situations like what we are seeing in the Oakridge area, continued exposure to hazardous air can cause short and long-term health impacts for all community members. Among other tips: Keep windows and doors closed unless it is very hot outside. Run an air conditioner if you have one but keep the fresh-air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside. Seek shelter elsewhere if you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed. Use an air filter if one is available. Use a freestanding indoor air filter with particle removal to help protect people with heart disease, asthma or other respiratory conditions and the elderly and children from the effects of wildfire smoke. When smoke levels are high, do not add to indoor pollution by using anything that burns, such as candles and fireplaces. /

ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Small businesses are stocking the shelves early this holiday season and waiting to see how many gifts inflation-weary shoppers feel they can afford. Holiday shopping was relatively strong during the past two years as shoppers increased their online and some brick-and-mortar spending, fueled by pandemic stimulus dollars. Sales in November and December account for roughly 20 percent of annual retail sales, according to National Retail Federation. But this year, small businesses are bracing for a more muted season. One global consulting firm, AlixPartners, forecasts that holiday sales still will rise between 4 percent to 7 percent. But that's far below last year's growth of 16 percent. /

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, CHARITY: On Friday evening, leaders at Oregon State University announced \$100 million in gifts to launch a \$200 million research and education center. It will focus on harnessing one of the nation's most powerful supercomputers for team-based research in artificial intelligence, materials science, and robotics. The goal: help solve global challenges in areas including climate science, oceanography, sustainability, and water resources. The center is being named for Jen-Hsun and Lori Huang, two Oregon State graduates who made a \$50 million gift to the OSU Foundation for the project. Jen-Hsun Huang is the founder and CEO of NVIDIA, the American technology company. The Huangs graduated from Oregon high schools and met while undergraduates in OSU's College of Engineering. OSU President Jayathi Murthy says the three-story, 150,000 square-foot center is expected to open in 2025. It will be built in the northwest corner of the Corvallis campus. The center will employ a NVIDIA supercomputer to support research efforts and is expected to be among the world's fastest university supercomputers, powerful enough to train the largest AI models and perform complex digital twin simulations. The complex will also have a state-of-the-art clean room and other specialized research facilities. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, WILDFIRES: Areas of dense fog developed this morning along portions of Interstate 5 corridor from the Eugene area up to Portland. Patches of dense fog are also forming elsewhere in the Willamette Valley, as well as many Coast Range valleys. Visibilities are less than one-quarter of a mile in some places. The fog is expected to begin clearing after 2 p.m. Drivers: Slow down and watch for cyclists and pedestrians. Cyclists and pedestrians: Wear reflective or bright colored clothing to increase the chance of being seen in dense fog. ; The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has extended its Air Quality Advisory through 6 p.m. Friday. The most persistent areas of smoke and less-than-ideal air quality will be primarily in the Middle Fork Willamette Valley and the Oakridge area and to the east and south of Eugene. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit your outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. Improving air quality is expected Friday night into the weekend, as a weather front brings rain and breezy conditions to the region. / WEATHER: Cool and wet weather arrives later this week. National Weather Service forecasters say our rainy season likely begins in earnest on Friday or Saturday as the first in a series of Pacific frontal systems moves across the Pacific Northwest. This will bring an end to our extended and unseasonably dry and hot weather. The first strong cold front will push into the region Friday into Saturday, bringing the first significant widespread rain to the region since June. Overall expected rainfall amounts will be adjusted between now and the event, but at this point one-quarter to one-half inch of rain is possible for the inland valleys, with 1 to 2 inches possible along the coast and across the higher terrain. Afternoon high temperatures in the 70s on Thursday will begin to cool into the 60s on Friday, and then will have a difficult time getting out of the 50s over the weekend. With the expected rainfall, roads may become slippery. Also, any clogged drains or gutters could easily overflow. Consider checking outdoor drains, roof gutters, and other areas with poor drainage and clearing out the dead leaves and debris. / ELECTIONS: Election Day is quickly approaching, and the Lane County Elections officials remind you to make sure you're registered if you want to participate. The deadline is today. To register or update your voter information:

Go to www.oregonvotes.gov and complete the online form no later than 11:59 p.m. If you're mailing in your form, it must be postmarked no later than today. If you plan to hand-deliver your voter registration form, you need to get it to your local elections office no later than 5 p.m. this afternoon. Ballots will be mailed starting on Thursday, October 20. To track the status of a ballot, visit www.oregonvotes.gov/MyVote

For the November election, voters may return their ballot by regular mail, ballot drop box, or at the Elections Office. For ballot drop box locations, visit www.LaneCountyOR.gov/elections

Questions? In Lane County, email elections@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-682-4234.

/ ELECTIONS, POLITICS: The retirement of Oregon's longest serving congressman, Democrat Peter DeFazio, has opened up the U.S. House seat in the state's 4th District. The absence of the longstanding incumbent has Republicans eyeing the seat. But pollsters view it as leaning toward Democrats, partly due to new boundaries after redistricting that set the seat up to be safer for the party. The Democratic candidate, Oregon labor commissioner Val Hoyle, hopes abortion will energize voters. Republican Alek Skarlatos meanwhile is capitalizing on inflation and low approval ratings for Democrats President Biden and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown. It's the second time Skarlatos is running for the seat.

/ EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, POLITICS: President Biden on Monday officially kicked off the application process for his student debt cancellation program and announced that eight million borrowers had already applied for loan relief during the federal government's "soft launch" period over the weekend. The president encouraged the tens of millions eligible for potential relief to visit www.studentaid.gov

The application asks for the borrower's name, Social Security number, contact information, and date of birth. It does not require income information but does ask users to check a box attesting that they are eligible under the program's income limits. That information will be checked against Education Department records to help identify applicants who are likely to exceed the income limits. Those people will be asked for more information to prove their income level. Biden says the initial application form takes less than five minutes to complete. He added that an early version of the online form released late Friday handled the early stream of applications "without a glitch or any difficulty," Biden said. The president called his program a "game-changer" for millions of Americans saddled with student loan debt. The number of borrowers who applied during the testing period already amounts to more than one-quarter the total number of applicants administration officials projected would submit forms, underscoring the popularity of the program and the eagerness of borrowers to receive the debt relief. About eight million borrowers whose income information is already on file with the Education Department would see their debt canceled without applying. Biden's plan calls for \$10,000 in federal student debt cancellation for those with incomes below \$125,000 a year, or households that make less than \$250,000 a year. Those who received federal Pell Grants to attend college are eligible for an additional \$10,000. The plan makes 20 million people eligible to get their federal student debt erased entirely. Biden promised to pursue widespread student debt forgiveness as a presidential candidate, but the issue went through more than a year of internal deliberation amid questions about its legality. His plan sparked intense debate ahead of the midterm elections, with Republicans and some Democrats saying it's an unfair handout for college graduates. But on Monday, Biden offered a full-throated defense of his decision.

He also took aim at Republican officials who have either criticized the plan or are working in court to defeat it, calling their outrage “wrong” and “hypocritical.” Biden said the assistance is essential to working Americans and the middle class as people recover from the pandemic. Once the Education Department begins processing applications, officials say borrowers should expect to see their debt forgiven in four to six weeks. Most applications submitted by mid-November will be processed by January 1 — the day federal student loan payments are set to resume after being paused during the pandemic. Applications may be submitted through the end of next year. The Biden administration is pushing ahead with the debt cancellation even as it fights a growing number of legal challenges. Six Republican-led states are suing to block the plan, saying it oversteps Biden's authority and will lead to financial losses for student loan servicers, which are hired to manage federal student loans and earn revenue on the interest. A federal judge in St. Louis is weighing the states' request for an injunction to halt the plan. In court documents, the Education Department has vowed not to finalize any of the debt cancellation before October 23. / CRIME, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Another busy weekend and another round of citations issued in the West University neighborhood by the Eugene Police “Party Patrol.” The overtime staffing efforts works to reduce illegal alcohol use, noise ordinance violations, and unruly gatherings in the neighborhood areas around the University of Oregon. During patrols Friday night into early Sunday morning, police say they made one arrest for Assault 4 – Domestic Violence; one for DUII – Alcohol Hit-and-Run property damage; and one for Resisting Arrest. Officers also responded to 1375 and 1379 Mill Street for a loud party of more than 100 people. Officers also responded to 1480 and 1490 Hilyard Street where there was a party with more than 80 people. Officers say they also responded to a third significant party at 2057 Hilyard Street. Property owners or managers of the sites will receive letters from Eugene Police Department about the incidents. Over the course of the weekend, officers say issued a total 21 citations in lieu of custody for Prohibited Noise; 16 violations for Unruly Gatherings; 16 Open Container citations in lieu of custody; 33 violations for being a Minor In Possession of Alcohol citations; three violations for Littering; and one violation for Urinating in Public. / CRIME: Eugene Police say a man arrested last week in connection with the violent armed robbery of a Junction City bar has been named as a suspect in connection with three Eugene hold-ups. 49-year-old Dustin William Lindsay was initially arrested on Thursday in connection with the September 21 incident at Cherries bar in Junction City. Investigators say the man pointed a pistol at both bartenders, and demanded they give him the money from the cash register. As the suspect fled, witnesses said he fired a single bullet from his pistol into a video lottery machine, endangering at least three people in the bar. Lindsay's arrest came after a cooperative effort between the Junction City Police Department, Eugene Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and the Lane District Attorney's Office. Yesterday, Eugene Police said Lindsay is also a suspect in the August 25 robbery of Sandy's Deli on Barger Drive, during which the suspect fired a shot inside the business and fled with cash. He's also a suspect in the hold-ups of Anna's Deli on Coburg Road on August 6, and Baileys Café on Coburg Road on August 27. Police say Lindsay also was wanted for previous firearm possession cases and was supposed to turn himself in for sentencing for those previous cases a week ago Monday. ; Eugene Police say a

man is in custody facing a range of charges after he allegedly fired shots on and near a section of the Fern Ridge Bike Path near Oak Patch Road. Police received the first calls on Saturday shortly before 1:30 p.m.. A man reportedly shot a gun on the bike path, yelled at others on the path, and at one point ducked into nearby bushes. One arriving officer quickly spotted a suspect man running behind residences along West 14th Avenue, and police kept the man in sight as he jumped fences and reportedly reached into his waistband. The suspect, later identified as 37-year-old Maximo Rodolfo Covernali, was apprehended in a residential backyard in the 2400 block of West 14th Avenue. Investigators say a bullet was found on the bike path and another lodged in a backyard fence near where two people had been hanging out. Covernali was jailed on charges of being a Felon in Possession of Firearm, Unlawful Use of Weapon, Disorderly Conduct, Escape in the Third Degree, Reckless Endangering, and Theft in the First Degree of a Firearm. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Southbound Interstate 5 is closed at milepost 216, the OR 228 Halsey-Brownsville exit. Multiple crashes have occurred in heavy fog. Traffic is being detoured to OR 99-East. This will be an extended closure. Travelers should drive with caution, take alternate routes, and watch for emergency responders. Go to www.tripcheck.com for road conditions. ; A Dense Fog Advisory remains in effect until noon today. Visibility in some areas might be less than one-quarter mile. / WEATHER, WILDFIRES, HEALTH: According to forecasters with the National Weather Service office in Portland, today should be the final solid day of summerlike weather before a transition toward genuine October weather begins tomorrow. As has been the case the past few mornings, a cold-air inversion in the valley is keeping temperatures cooler (it was 57 degrees at one weather station east of Oakridge around 3:00 a.m. this morning and 43 here in town). Those inversions fuel morning fog formation in the Eugene-Springfield area and trap wildfire smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire closer to the ground until the air warms later in the later. Until marine air brings rain to the region Friday night into Saturday morning, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is maintaining its Air Quality Advisory through 6 p.m. Friday. The most persistent areas of smoke and less-than-ideal air quality will be primarily in the Middle Fork Willamette Valley and the Oakridge area and to the east and south of Eugene. Go to www.lrapa.org to learn more. As for the changing weather: National Weather Service forecasters say our rainy season likely begins in earnest Friday evening into Saturday as the first in a series of Pacific frontal systems moves across the Pacific Northwest. This will bring an end to our extended and unseasonably dry and hot weather and providing the first significant widespread rain to the region since June. Overall expected rainfall amounts could be anywhere from one-quarter to one-half inch in the inland valleys, with 1 to 2 inches possible along the coast and across the higher terrain. Daily high temperatures also will drop in the coming days, from a forecasted 72 degrees in Eugene-Springfield today to 57 degrees on Saturday and Sunday. With the expected rainfall, roads may become slippery. Also, any clogged drains or gutters could easily overflow. Consider checking outdoor drains, roof gutters, and other areas with poor drainage and clearing out the dead leaves and debris. ; The Cedar Creek Wildfire, burning east of Oakridge, continues to put out plenty of</p>

smoke. But incident managers say that after two-and-a-half months of tough battles, the blaze now is 50 percent contained. The fire has burned across more than 125,000 acres. It was sparked by lightning on August 1. To the north of us, investigators say a fire that started earlier this week in trees and brush east of Vancouver, Washington—leading to quick evacuations of 3,000 nearby homes—was likely started by four people playing with pyrotechnics. Fire officials describe the pyrotechnics as either fireworks or incendiary rounds from a rifle. Officials have asked people in the Portland-Vancouver area for leads as they work to track a vehicle tied to the group. / DISASTERS, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, EDUCATION: Earthquakes can strike any time without warning, as many Oregonians learned earlier this month when a magnitude 4.4 quake occurred in Linn County. When the earth starts to shake, you need to know how to protect yourself. Tomorrow's Great Oregon ShakeOut is part of a global drill for people to practice how to stay safe during an earthquake. Nearly half a million Oregonians have registered at <https://www.shakeout.org/oregon/> to take part in this year's self-led drill at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, October 20. They've pledged to Drop, Cover and Hold On for at least 60 seconds, to simulate how they'd react if a major earthquake were occurring. Oregon averages close to 70 earthquakes a year; 15 of those are large enough to be felt. Most are crustal quakes that occur at relatively shallow depths. The Cascadia Subduction Zone – a 600-mile fault located off the Pacific coast shoreline – puts Oregon at risk for a 9.0+ magnitude earthquake. A Cascadia quake could cause up to four minutes of shaking or rolling, followed by a tsunami of up to 100 feet in height that will impact the state's coastal areas. Additional simple and effective no-cost and low-cost measures that people can take to prepare for an earthquake include securing their space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items, signing up to receive local emergency alerts at <https://oralert.gov/> and enabling Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on cell phones. People in Oregon, Washington and California who've opted into WEA automatically receive ShakeAlert earthquake early warnings notifications (for quakes in their area with a magnitude of 4.5 or greater), which can offer critical seconds of warning to seek cover from falling objects and brace themselves. See the ShakeAlert page at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/Pages/orshakealert.aspx> There are currently two ShakeAlert-powered apps available for download on the app stores: QuakeAlertUSA and MyShake. Those who have the MyShake app will receive a TEST alert at 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 20 for the Great Oregon ShakeOut. Oregon Emergency Management leaders recommend you have an emergency plan and enough food, water and supplies to be 2 Weeks Ready after any disaster: <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/Pages/2-Weeks-Ready.aspx> / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Ever wonder why some people are rarely bitten by mosquitoes, while the "skeeters" feast on others? Some scientists think they have an answer. A new study finds that people who are "mosquito magnets" have high levels of certain chemicals on the skin that are tied to odor and appeal to the bloodsuckers. Scientists used samples of fabric that had been worn by test subjects to conduct the research. Time and again, mosquitos swarmed to items that had been worn by the same individuals and ignored fabric that has come into contact with the skin of others. What can you do to keep from being an all-you-can-eat buffet for mosquitoes? Probably nothing because it's hard to change the level of chemicals your body emits. But scientists hope their work can lead to

development of products that might better mask the chemical scent. And if you're a mosquito magnet, they recommend a shower before heading out for the day and avoid wearing "stinky shoes" that add to the smell. / ELECTIONS: Oregon's Secretary of State says our vote-by-mail elections are secure and reliable. Shemia Fagan yesterday completed a 36-county tour of Oregon's elections offices. She says she was impressed by the systems in place but was concerned as she heard directly from elections workers about the challenges they face. Fagan predicts a smooth election in November, because of the integrity of county elections officials. But she warns that our democracy is under attack, and that our county elections officers are the first line of defense. Fagan adds that if every Oregonian could tour their county elections office, it would do much toward putting to rest much of the false information that spreads from the Big Lie. The secretary of state says the operations of county elections offices are transparent: Any voter may observe the pre-election certification of voting machines, the verification of signatures, the counting of ballots, and the post-election audits that verify accurate results in every county. Fagan says she supports a proposal for the next legislative session that would create a commission to study and recommend long-term spending to further enhance and protect the state's elections system. / GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, ECONOMY: Lane County taxpayers are starting to receive their 2022–2023 property tax statements this week. Statements are available online now, as well as information about the county value trends, levy changes, and individual property tax account information, at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/AT. The first payment is due on November 15. Lane County Assessment and Taxation collects property tax on behalf of 85 separate taxing districts, including cities, schools, education service districts, water districts, rural fire districts, urban renewal districts and others such as park and recreation, library and ambulance districts. Most properties will continue to see the 3 percent statutory increase in their Maximum Assessed Value. On average, residential property owners will pay tax on 53 percent of their Real Market Value in 2022. That's because Oregon's constitution limits the increase in Maximum Assessed Value of each property to three percent per year, unless there have been changes or improvements made to the property. / SAFETY: Officials say some quick-thinking motorists and passing police officers helped save the life of a driver who experienced a medical emergency and crashed Monday afternoon on Interstate Five near the Highway 58 interchange. It happened around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, when drivers stopped to assist the man, whose vehicle had gone off the roadway and struck the center median, coming to rest against the protective cable barrier. Members of the Eugene Police Street crimes unit were among them and joined passing drivers in rendering aid. But as they did, the front engine compartment of the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The driver was unconscious and unable to assist in his rescue. Because the driver's side of the vehicle came to rest against the median cables, it made a driver's side rescue improbable. To compound the problem, all the vehicle doors would not open. The officers used breaching tools to open the doors but were unable to extract the unconscious male. A contracting crew vehicle stopped and used a water tank from the rear of their vehicle to try and extinguish the fire. As things became more dire for the driver and rescuers, a plan was developed to use brute strength to move the car from the median cabling. The officers and bystanders went to the rear of the vehicle and in unison lifted the vehicle and

created enough space to extract the unconscious male from the driver's side and drag him away from the burning vehicle. Firefighters soon arrived and dealt with the vehicle fire and attended to the man, who was transported to a local hospital. The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police also responded. /

ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Gasoline prices remain high across the U.S. And while they've eased a bit the past week in Oregon, they remain well above five dollars a gallon. This morning, AAA reports the average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel in the Eugene-Springfield area is \$5.24. That's down 26 cents from one week ago, but still \$1.44 cents higher than one year ago. Local diesel prices this morning average \$5.74, nine cents more than last week close to two dollars per gallon higher than one year ago. /

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WEATHER, WILDFIRES, HEALTH: The wait is almost over for those eager to see a transition to true autumn weather after a prolonged period of historic warmth and dryness. A potent Pacific cold front is gathering strength over the Gulf of Alaska and will bring a dramatic change toward wetter and colder weather Friday and Friday night. By this weekend, snow will be falling at or slightly above the Cascade passes, with several inches likely above 5,000 feet. Unsettled weather likely will continue well into next week, with heavy surf at times along the Oregon coast. Today, areas of haze and smoke associated with nearby wildfires will continue to have major impacts on air quality. The Pacific Northwest has seen some of the worst air quality in the country and the world this week. But improvement is likely tomorrow as clouds and marine winds increase ahead of the incoming front. The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is maintaining its Air Quality Advisory through 6 p.m. Friday. The most persistent areas of smoke and less-than-ideal air quality will be primarily in the Middle Fork Willamette Valley and the Oakridge area and to the east and south of Eugene. Go to www.lrapa.org to learn more. As for the changing weather: National Weather Service forecasters say our rainy season likely begins in earnest Friday evening into Saturday as the first in a series of Pacific frontal systems moves across the Pacific Northwest. This will bring an end to our extended and unseasonably dry and hot weather and providing the first significant widespread rain to the region since June. Overall expected rainfall amounts could be anywhere from one-quarter to one-half inch in the inland valleys, with 1 to 2 inches possible along the coast and across the higher terrain. Daily high temperatures also will drop in the coming days, to 52 degrees on Saturday and 55 on Sunday in Eugene-Springfield. With the expected rainfall, roads may become slippery. Also, any clogged drains or gutters could easily overflow. Consider checking outdoor drains, roof gutters, and other areas with poor drainage and clearing out the dead leaves and debris. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: It was a horrifying series of chain-reaction crashes yesterday morning on Interstate 5 southbound about two miles before the Harrisburg exit. One person is dead, others injured, dozens of vehicles are damaged, and the clean-up and efforts to reopen the southbound lanes of the freeway lasted well into the night. This morning, much of that section of Interstate 5 has reopened. But crews remain on the scene working to repair guardrails and

patches of pavement and clean up any leftover debris or spills from the crash sites. Watch for single-lane closures and possible detours as that work continues. Investigators have not yet said what caused the initial wreck, but we know what contributed to the others: Poor visibility amid thick fog aggravated by wildfire smoke, plus people driving too fast and following too close. Oregon State Police say their dispatch center received the first calls about the crashes around 8:00 a.m. yesterday morning. But the time visibility improved, there were multiple crashes from around Milepost 211—just north of the Harrisburg exit—stretching all the way back through the slowed and stalled traffic to Milepost 228—the Albany exit. Early estimates by State Police from the first crash scenes were that between 15 and 20 Commercial Motor Vehicles—including semitrucks and trailers—were involved along with 45 passenger vehicles. The name of the person who died has not been released, nor details on how many people were injured. The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and HAZMAT crews responded to clean up the pavement and nearby soil after learning that approximately six of the Commercial Motor Vehicles were leaking fluids onto the roadway. An estimated 30-40 motorists and their passengers were stranded because their vehicles were no longer accessible or drivable. Buses from the Eugene School District were used to transport them to the Pioneer Villa truck stop at the Brownsville exit, Exit 216. The initial wrecks completely blocked Interstate 5, forcing a detour onto Highway 99-East—first from the Brownsville exit but during the next couple of hours as more crashes occurred from the Corvallis exit and then from the Albany exit. Interstate 5 northbound remained open but was moving slowly, with one lane closed near the major crash sites to help provide emergency access. Crews with the Oregon Department of Transportation temporarily dropped the cable barrier at the scene to help vehicles caught in the southbound gridlock carefully cross the median, turn around, and head north. Several public agencies and multiple tow truck and wrecker companies assisted in clearing the scene. Members of the Oregon State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit spent hours at the location. State Police said the entire situation was “extremely challenging” and urged drivers to slow down and travel more carefully.

SAFETY, DISASTERS, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, EDUCATION: This morning’s Great Oregon ShakeOut is part of a global drill for people to practice how to stay safe during an earthquake. Nearly half a million Oregonians have registered at <https://www.shakeout.org/oregon/> Take part in this year’s drill at 10:20 a.m. or whenever you’re able to practice your skills: Drop, Cover and Hold On for at least 60 seconds, to simulate how you would react if a major earthquake occurred. This is a good time to identify hazards in your home, school, and workplace. Secure moveable items. Enable Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your mobile device and sign up to receive emergency alerts at <https://oralert.gov/> If you opt into Wireless Emergency Alerts you will automatically receive ShakeAlert earthquake early warnings notifications (for quakes in their area with a magnitude of 4.5 or greater). Those early warnings can offer critical seconds of warning to seek cover from falling objects and brace themselves. See the ShakeAlert page at <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/Pages/orshakealert.aspx> There are currently two ShakeAlert-powered apps available for download on the app stores: QuakeAlertUSA and MyShake. Those who have the MyShake app will receive a TEST alert at 10:20 a.m. for the Great Oregon ShakeOut. Oregon

Emergency Management leaders also recommend you have an emergency plan and enough food, water and supplies to be 2 Weeks Ready after any disaster: <https://www.oregon.gov/oem/hazardsprep/Pages/2-Weeks-Ready.aspx> / CRIME: Springfield Police say a rapid response led to the quick apprehension of a bank robbery suspect yesterday morning. How rapid? How about within four minutes? 38-year-old Joshua Hayden Scott was arrested in connection with the hold-up at the Mohawk Boulevard branch of Umpqua Bank. Witnesses say the suspect entered armed with a box cutter, demanded money, and jumped over the counter. He fled with some currency but was apprehended moments later. Police say Scott still had the box cutter and currency in his possession. ; Eugene Police say they arrested two men yesterday morning after they allegedly burglarized a Verizon store on Royal Avenue, stealing a number of phones. Detectives located the suspects' vehicle around 9:00 a.m. and officers performed what they described as a "high-risk traffic stop" near West 18th Avenue and Bertelsen Road. The driver, identified as 52-year-old Steven Jackson, exited the vehicle. But officials say the passenger remained inside and challenged police to shoot him. After closing the roadway for safety and attempting to negotiate, police say they used pepperballs, a police K9, and finally two 40 mm less-than-lethal rounds to get 40-year-old Brandon Curtis Bhuhl to exit the vehicle. The investigation is continuing. / EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY: A bit of a slowdown but still a very strong Oregon jobs market. State analysts say non-farm employers saw a net loss 600 jobs in September—the first drop following 12 consecutive months of gains. But they say much of that was in the government and other areas. The private sector added 500 jobs in September, reaching an all-time employment high that exceeded our pre-recession peak employment in February of 2020. Oregon's unemployment rate did edge up last month to 3.8 percent. That's one-tenth of a point higher than our 3.7 percent in August and the recent low of 3.5 percent reached in May, June, and July. There were hiring slowdowns in the government, religious, civic, and social categories, as well as among some small businesses including nail salons. But sectors that saw hiring gain saw strong ones, including in professional and business services (+1,400), health care and social assistance (+1,000), manufacturing (+800), leisure and hospitality (+600). /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: If you're planning travel over the Cascade passes and to other high-elevation areas this weekend, prepare for the possibility of snow. The Oregon Department of Transportation says snow levels will drop as the first big rainstorms of the season make their way across the Pacific Northwest. It might be warm when you start your trip, but by Saturday afternoon and evening, snow levels will fall to 4,500 feet and then 3,500 feet, meaning at least a few inches are possible on Willamette and Santiam Pass, along with some of the higher mountain passes along Interstate Five in southern Oregon. ODOT road crews are prepared for snow, and they'll work continuously to keep roads clear, but they can't be everywhere at once. Experts say the best time to prepare for possible winter weather and winter weather driving is before you leave home. Carry tire chains in your vehicle and practice putting them on. Inspect your vehicle. Make sure that tires have good tread and windshield wipers are clean and in good condition. Make sure your car's heater and defroster are working well. Pack warm clothes, extra snacks and water, and any medications you may need if delayed. Check ODOT's official highway safety website at www.tripcheck.com for up-to-date road conditions and a look at highway cameras on your route. Two other important tips: If you're using GPS navigation, double check the route at Tripcheck.com and elsewhere. Some GPS systems don't reflect seasonal road closures. Every year, motorists looking for ways around the snow or traffic jams take routes down unmaintained back roads and either get stranded or have to turn around and head back. Be safe. Stick to main roads. And remember when you're traveling: Slow down, give other vehicles extra space, and drive according to conditions. / WEATHER, WILDFIRES, HEALTH: A major shift in the weather pattern is on the way with a transition to more seasonable fall weather. A stronger, wetter frontal system sweeps across the Pacific Northwest later today and tonight, bringing widespread rain. Snow levels will lower to near or just below the Cascade passes as showers persist through the weekend. The unsettled weather will likely continue well into next week, with heavy surf at times along the coast. Areas of haze and smoke are easing a bit, but local smoke impacts are expected to remain, despite the incoming rain and marine air. Because of that, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is keeping its Air Quality Advisory in effect until 6 p.m. Monday. The rain is expected to reduce, but

not end, smoke production from the Cedar Creek fire. The fire will continue to burn and smolder, resulting in reduced air quality at times. In Oakridge, air quality is likely to remain in “unhealthy for sensitive groups” to “very unhealthy” on the Air Quality Index. Young children, the elderly, and people with heart or lung problems are especially vulnerable. The southern Willamette Valley, including Eugene and Springfield will see periods when the air quality is “moderate” to “unhealthy for sensitive groups.” ; An ecological burn at Mt. Pisgah was canceled yesterday, amid air quality concerns. Lane County Parks, Friend of Buford Park & Mt. Pisgah, and the Rivers to Ridges partners conduct those planned burns throughout the warmer months to reduce the number of invasive plants and help restore the slopes of Lane County’s largest and most popular park. But with smoke still filling the air from the Cedar Creek Wildfire, organizers say they’ll evaluate conditions again today and postpone again, if needed. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Oregon Highway 38 can be a dark and challenging drive for some travelers. But the Oregon Department of Transportation this week illuminated a new feature for those passing through the small town of Scottsburg. ODOT turned on the lights atop the decorative pylons that now adorn each end of the new Scottsburg Bridge, which crosses the Umpqua River about 15 miles east of Reedsport. ODOT Southwest Area Manager Chris Hunter says the lights look great, but also provide some key illumination for those heading across the bridge in foggy weather and darkness. The old Scottsburg Bridge didn’t have that kind of lighting and was struck over the years by vehicles either at night or during foul weather. The original Scottsburg Bridge opened in 1929 and carried highway traffic until May of this year, when it was decommissioned and removed. Crews are putting the finishing touches on the new bridge, which opened to traffic when the old one was shut down. /

SAFETY: Oregon State Police yesterday released the name of the man who died in one of Wednesday morning’s chain reaction crashes on southbound Interstate Five in Linn County. They say near Milepost 219, a few miles before the Brownsville / Halsey exit, a semi-truck was stopped in the slow lane amid the back-up from an earlier chain-reaction crash when a second semi driven by a 63-year-old California man collided with the stopped vehicle. That second semi-truck caught fire. The driver, Kirpal Singh, died from his injuries. During the crash, two passenger cars were rear-ended but neither those drivers nor the driver of the first semi-truck were injured. Interstate 5 was closed for approximately close to eight hours at that location while experts conducted a collision reconstruction investigation. / LOW-INCOME, UTILITIES: Rising home heating prices are causing alarm among some individuals and families on tight budgets as winter approaches. The U.S. Department of Energy is projecting sharp price increases for home heating compared to last winter. Some low-income households worry whether heating assistance programs will be adequate for struggling individuals and families. Last month, Congress added \$1 billion to LI-HEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, bringing the total to at least \$4.8 billion. But that level represents a cut from last year when federal pandemic relief pushed the total energy assistance package past \$8 billion. / ELECTIONS: Lane County Elections workers yesterday put tens of thousands of ballots for the November General Election in the mail. Watch for them to arrive in the coming days. You may track the progress of your ballot on the way to you and after you return it by going to the State of Oregon’s official elections site at

www.oregonvotes.gov/MyVote You also may see the Voter's Pamphlet and other information at www.oregonvotes.gov Lane County's 21 ballot drop boxes also now are open and will remain open until 8:00 pm on Election Day, November 8, 2022. Drop boxes are open 24/7. A list of drop box locations is included with every ballot and online at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/elections Because there is a large number of ballot issues and candidates on many ballots, be sure to check both sides of your ballot and remember to sign the back of your return envelope. You may return your vote-by-mail ballots in one of the following ways: Regular mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than November 8, 2022, and received no later than November 15, 2022, to be counted. A 24/7 ballot drop box. Lane County Elections. Ballots can be turned in directly to the Lane County Elections Office during business hours. Voters with questions may email elections@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-682-4234. / SPORTS: ESPN's "College GameDay" pregame show will originate from Eugene on Saturday before No. 10 Oregon hosts No. 9 UCLA in Autzen Stadium that afternoon. ESPN "College GameDay" will air from the Memorial Quad on campus. People may enter the GameDay area beginning at 4 a.m. The show goes live at 6 a.m. and runs through 9 a.m. GameDay has rules about what is allowed and not allowed into "the pit" behind the stage, including what can be written on signs. To find out more, check out the rules on the GameDay website. The Duck and Bruin game kicks off at 12:30 p.m. The TV broadcast will air on FOX. ; Oregon State welcomes Colorado to Reser Stadium on Saturday, October 22. Kickoff is 5 p.m. on the Pac-12 Networks. A win would make the Beavers bowl-eligible. / CRIME: There was a law enforcement crackdown this month on an illegal Butane Hash Oil (BHO) extraction lab on property near Pleasant Hill. Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police investigators say it came after they were contacted by inspectors with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. OLCC officials say they had been conducting a site inspection of a permitted marijuana growing operation off Raintree Street when they saw the illegal BHO lab as well as marijuana and other products stored outside of the permitted site. Sheriff's and State Police detectives say they located two labs on the property. They said one indoor lab was active and butane vapor was actively venting from a vessel inside the garage. Officials say the odorless vapor is highly volatile and creates a substantial danger of fire and explosion. As part of the search, officials seized portions of the lab equipment; hundreds of pounds of marijuana in various states of processing, including 533 plants; commercial amounts of BHO; firearms and currency. The case is being referred to the Lane County District Attorney's Office for charges. Lane County Code Compliance officials and the State Watermaster are following up on numerous violations found at the site. ; A Cottage Grove man is facing multiple charges related to a child pornography investigation after the FBI, assisted by the Lane County Sheriff's Office, obtained a search warrant and collected evidence at his residence on Horn Road north of Cottage Grove. Officials say 22-year-old Matthew Aaron Blomquist had uploaded approximately 40 separate files of child pornography to a messaging platform ("Kik"). Investigators say they found videos on Blomquist's phone that contained homemade child pornography. And they say they recovered evidence that indicated that Blomquist has been filming himself sexually abusing a child in the recent past. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Better monitoring and more heavy equipment. Members of Oregon's Emergency Fire Cost Committee, which

oversees the landowner-funded Oregon Forest Land Protection Fund, recently allocated \$1.4-million dollars to seven projects across the state to improve Oregon's wildfire detection and protection system. Some might seem like small investments but added to what's already in place they can fill some significant gaps and shore up response operations. The money will help pay for: Three new detection cameras for the Coos Forest Protective Association and a microwave-communication link to share the video with command centers and a new modular building to provide the space needed for ODF Southwest Oregon District's detection center. There will be two more guard stations in the Oregon Department of Forestry's Klamath-Lake District to assure rapid response to fires in remote areas. Money also will pay for mobile communication and cache trailers to support incident response in Eastern Oregon; a new grappler dozer for more effective containment of wildfires in ODF's Central Oregon District; and added software licensing to help improve dispatch capability for the Douglas Forest Protective Association. The intent is to catch wildfires early and quickly to put them out while they are small. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION, PANDEMIC: New national education test results show that the pandemic spared no part of the country as it caused historic learning setbacks for America's children. Every single state saw math or reading scores decline in the latest results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress. Nearly four in 10 eighth graders failed to grasp basic math concepts. National math scores saw their largest decreases ever, and reading scores fell back to 1992 levels. Those are the findings from the National Assessment of Educational Progress — known as the "nation's report card" — which tested hundreds of thousands of fourth and eighth graders across the country this year. It was the first time the test had been given since 2019, and it's seen as the first nationally representative study of the pandemic's impact on learning. U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona called the results unacceptable, saying schools must redouble efforts to help students recover from their time away from classrooms. When schools shifted to remote learning, higher performing students were far more likely to have reliable access to quiet spaces, computers and help from their teachers, the survey found. Even last school year, as most students returned to their school buildings, there were educational challenges. Communities endured COVID surges. There were masking requirements and staffing shortages, drops in student attendance and increases in mental health issues. / SPORTS: Oregon moved up to No. 8 in the AP College Football poll after defeating UCLA at Autzen Stadium on Saturday. Oregon got the pre-game nod from Lee Corso with ESPN's College GameDay, who donned the head of the Duck mascot at the end of the show to indicate his pick. The broadcast, from the U-of-O's campus, attracted plenty of fans despite the rain and early broadcast time. Sabrina Ionescu, the WNBA standout and former Oregon basketball star, was a guest on the show. The Ducks head to Berkeley on Saturday to take on Cal. Game time is 12:30 p.m. on FS1. ; The Oregon State Beavers did not make the AP Top 25 but did receive a handful of sportswriter votes after defeating Colorado at Reser Stadium. The Beavs have this weekend off, but visit Washington on Friday, November 4. / POLITICS, LGBTQ: Dueling groups of protesters blocked the roadway near the 200 block of Eugene's Washington Street yesterday afternoon. It came after an event at a nearby pub, billed as a Drag Queen Story Time, attracted polarized attention and was publicized on social media not only locally, but across the state.</p>

Because opposing groups were communicating plans to attend, possibly armed, Eugene Police say they created security plans so members of both groups could safely hold their gatherings. At one point near midday, the roadway on Washington Street between 1st and 3rd Avenues was shut down due to the groups' presence. Later, police said as one of the groups began leaving someone began throwing projectiles and both groups wound up lobbing projectiles at one-another, leading to a second traffic restriction at 2nd and Lawrence Streets. A woman appeared to have been exposed to pepper spray. Eugene Springfield Fire medics were called to respond to a man who was reported down with an unknown condition. He was transported by Eugene-Springfield Fire. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: A big drop in gasoline prices in the past week. According to AAA, the automobile club, the average price this morning in Eugene-Springfield for a gallon of regular-grade fuel is \$4.98. That's down 35 cents per gallon from last week but still \$1.17 more than this time last year. Diesel is only down a penny on average from last week, to \$5.68 per gallon. One year ago, the price was \$3.84. Analysts say while global oil prices continue to fluctuate, demand has fallen in the U.S., leading to the recent price declines at the pump. / LOW-INCOME, WILDFIRES: If you receive SNAP benefits and lost food due to wildfire-related power outages during August and September, a reminder that today is the deadline for requesting replacement benefits from the Oregon Department of Human Services. If your household lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat due to those events, officials say you may request replacement food benefits equal to one month of the normal SNAP benefit amount for your household. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police on Friday have released additional information related to the first of the multi-vehicle chain-reaction crashes on Interstate 5 on Wednesday, October 19: Initial estimates of involved vehicles (60+) have not changed. Total numbers of involved vehicles may not ever be fully known. Upon dropping the cable barrier to allow first responders ingress/egress, many drivable vehicles within the crash zone drove over the barrier and left the scene. 4 subjects were transported to area hospitals, one in serious condition. The name of the single fatality is being released: Phillip Frye (29) of Portland. An accident later in the day and a few miles north in the traffic backup claimed the life of a 63-year-old semi-truck driver from California. / TRANSPORTATION, WEATHER: If you're planning travel over the Cascade passes and to other high-elevation areas this week, prepare for the possibility of freezing rain. And now is the time to make sure your vehicle is ready for winter snow. Experts say the best time to prepare for possible winter weather and winter weather driving is before you leave home. Carry tire chains in your vehicle and practice putting them on. Inspect your vehicle. Make sure that tires have good tread and windshield wipers are clean and in good condition. Make sure your car's heater and defroster are working well. Pack warm clothes, extra snacks and water, and any medications you may need if delayed. Check ODOT's official highway safety website at www.tripcheck.com for up-to-date road conditions and a look at highway cameras on your route. Two other important tips: If you're using GPS navigation, double check the route at Tripcheck.com and elsewhere. Some GPS systems don't reflect seasonal road closures. Every year, motorists looking for ways around the snow or traffic jams take routes down unmaintained back roads and either get stranded or have to turn around and head back. Be safe. Stick to main roads. And remember when you're traveling: Slow down, give other

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, WEATHER, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: As fall rains have settled across much of Western Oregon, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has lifted the remaining Level 1 (Be Ready) evacuation notices in the Oakridge, Westfir, and High Prairie areas. Officials say it comes after the weekend rain and the progress that fire crews are making on the Cedar Creek Wildfire. The fire has burned across 127,000 acres but is 55 percent contained. Lane County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Carl Wilkerson says, "This has been a long haul for everyone living in that area and all of us at the Sheriff's Office appreciate how understanding the community has been, how quickly people moved to evacuate in September, and the cooperation among neighbors during such a challenging time." The Cedar Creek Fire continues to burn east of Oakridge. ; The overdue arrival of the first fall storm in Lane County has ended wildfire season and cleared smoky skies.</p> <p>Officials with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency or L-RAPA say the Air Quality Advisory for Eastern Lane County has been lifted. It comes after 37 days of air quality at or above "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" level in Oakridge and Westfir—which began on September 1. Today, the Fall Outdoor Burning Season opens for many Lane County residents. The season was originally set to start October 1 but was delayed twice by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry due to a drier- and warmer-than-average weather outlook. While outdoor burning season now is underway, LRAPA encourages disposing of wood debris without burning. Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites are resources available to those who wish to dispose of woody yard material without burning. Composting and chipping are also recommended. L-RAPA has published a factsheet providing information on non-burning disposal alternatives for natural vegetation in Lane County. You may check on the season's status by visiting LRAPA's website or calling the L-RAPA daily open burning advisory line: 541-726-3976. Coastal residents may call: 541-997-1757. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: Even if you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and do not have insurance through your workplace, you can still get coverage for yourself and your family through the Oregon Marketplace. The annual open enrollment period for health coverage begins in one week on Tuesday, November 1. It's a chance to enroll in health coverage through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, often with financial help. Eligibility rules</p>

have changed this year, making health coverage more affordable for thousands of Oregonians. Previously, people offered health coverage through a spouse or parent's employer could not access financial help if the least expensive plan offered to only the employee was considered affordable. New rules allow people who previously were ineligible for financial help through the Marketplace if that coverage is considered unaffordable to the enrollee. Officials say if you were previously not eligible for financial help, apply again at the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. Nearly 80 percent of Oregonians who applied for financial help qualified in 2022 averaging \$483 per month. That could be you. Sorting through health coverage options can be confusing, but Oregonians should know that there are tools. OregonHealthCare.gov offers a quick and easy-to-use "window shopping" tool where users can preview what plans and savings are available to them. The tool also allows users to see which plans cover their prescription drugs and are networked with their preferred doctors or hospitals. A new tool available at OregonHealthCare.gov can help you figure out if job-based coverage is considered affordable. Free expert help is available to make the process of signing up for health coverage and choosing a plan less stressful. Licensed insurance agents and trained community groups can be found at OregonHealthCare.gov/GetHelp / HEALTH, OLDER ADULTS: Every October, open enrollment begins for Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans. Medicare plans and coverage for prescription drugs change each year, so it is important for Oregonians who are enrolled in Medicare to evaluate their plan options and make changes during open enrollment. Open enrollment for the 2023 Medicare plan year began October 15 and continues through December 7. The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is available to help Oregonians understand their Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance, and answer any questions related to Medicare benefits. Local SHIBA counselors are available to help and can be found by visiting SHIBA.Oregon.gov or calling (800) 722-4134 (toll-free). SHIBA counselors are providing telephone and limited in-person support. SHIBA's 2022 Oregon Guide to Medicare Insurance Plans is expected to be available on SHIBA.Oregon.gov in the coming days. SHIBA provides trained counselors to educate and advocate for Oregonians with Medicare. Get local Medicare help visiting SHIBA.Oregon.gov or (800) 722-4134 (toll-free). / LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT: The outsider brought in to reform the ailing federal Bureau of Prisons has pledged to hold accountable any employees who sexually assault inmates and reform the agency's archaic hiring practices. Former Oregon prisons chief Colette Peters also did not rule out closing problematic prisons. In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Peters pledged to change the agency's hiring practices to find candidates who want to "change hearts and minds." AP reporting has revealed rampant sexual abuse and other criminal conduct by staff. There have been dozens of escapes, deaths, and severe staffing shortages that have hampered responses to emergencies. /

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WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION: The snow is here, and it's time to close the Old McKenzie Pass Highway, also known as Oregon Highway 242, for the winter season. On Tuesday morning, November 1, crews will close the highway from the western gate at Highway 126 east of McKenzie Bridge to the eastern gate just outside of Sisters. The route over the Old McKenzie Pass is a secondary, scenic highway. Weather, cost and logistics make it impractical to maintain for travel year-round. In the winter, state highway crews focus on the main highways to keep them plowed, open and safe. When the Old McKenzie Highway is closed, it is closed to all users and is not maintained. Travelers who venture past locked gates and closure signs could encounter hazards and working equipment on the road, and there are no services or cell coverage. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A Pacific Crest Trail hiker was rescued in the Diamond Peak Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest by Douglas County Search and Rescue. On Friday, October 21, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Klamath County Search and Rescue requested Douglas County SAR take a mission in the Diamond Peak Wilderness on the Deschutes National Forest in Klamath County due to not having available resources. A 57-year-old Pacific Crest Trail thru-hiker, Hassan Falsafi of Weaverville, California, had called 911 and reported he had tried to beat the incoming weather front but was unsuccessful and needed emergent assistance. Falsafi stated all of his clothing, sleeping bag, and other camping supplies had become soaked with rainwater, and he was experiencing hypothermia symptoms. Douglas County Search and Rescue deployed and was able to access the wilderness area from the PCT trailhead at Summit Lake and hike north on the trail to Falsafi's location. While searchers were enroute the weather continued to worsen from rain to sleet, hail, and eventually snow. Temperatures dropped from 36 F to 30 F. For a period of time, snow was falling so fast that three-quarters of an inch accumulated in 20 minutes. Searchers located Falsafi at approximately 4:15 a.m. on Saturday and treated him for moderate hypothermia by providing dry clothing and helped to warm him. After Falsafi had improved, searchers escorted him out to a waiting warm vehicle at the trailhead. They arrived at the trailhead at approximately 7:00 a.m. and it was determined an ambulance was not necessary. Falsafi was transported to Roseburg where he arranged for family to pick him up. / CRIME, ILLEGAL DRUGS: It is the largest

fentanyl seizure in the history of the Eugene Police Department. Last Wednesday night, October 19, a Eugene Police officer who was working on a DUI Traffic enforcement operation responded to the intersection of East 11th Avenue and High Street to check on a driver spotted slumped over a vehicle's steering wheel at the stop light. Officials say that driver, 42-year-old Andre Lavell Johnson of Portland, was found unconscious and police pinned his vehicle before rousing him to prevent him from going into traffic. When he was awakened, police say Johnson attempted to start the vehicle and refused commands to stop. He was removed from the vehicle and officers say they spotted a firearm near his feet, along with bags containing pills. Investigators later determined those pills were fentanyl and matched the description of counterfeit oxycodone pills containing fentanyl that are currently circulating. After conducting a search, police also recovered a large amount of cash and multiple phones. They say Johnson also had warrants out for his arrest. Johnson was lodged at Lane County Jail on multiple charges. Over the next 28 hours officers and detectives conducted follow up search warrants on Johnson's vehicles and residence where they seized approximately 18 pounds of suspected fentanyl in both powder and pill form, 12 firearms and over \$47,000 in cash. Of the firearms seized in this case, six were confirmed to have been previously stolen. / CRIME, ILLEGAL DRUGS, HEALTH, SAFETY, YOUTH: Eugene Police say the growing presence of fentanyl in our community means no street drug is safe to take. Here's the news release: Recently, parents and guardians have been reaching out after news reports regarding rainbow fentanyl (colored fentanyl that can look like candy), as well as fentanyl in general. Our community has seen an increase in street drugs containing fentanyl, a powerful, illicit opioid with high risk for overdose. Police locally have come across the rainbow fentanyl variety, but it is important to be aware that all street fentanyl forms are deadly. Any street drug could contain fentanyl, which is extremely dangerous. According to the DEA, just two milligrams of fentanyl, which is equal to 10-15 grains of table salt, is considered a lethal dose. Without laboratory testing, there is no way to know how much fentanyl is concentrated in a pill or powder. Taking street drugs is an extremely risky and potentially deadly gamble. Rainbow fentanyl is thought by federal officials to be a way of marketing to children and young adults, driving addiction. The rainbow fentanyl has been seized in other parts of the country in various forms: pills, powder, sidewalk chalk-like blocks and other. Any form and color of fentanyl is dangerous. Eugene Police Department has seen fentanyl contamination in cheap, counterfeit pills sold as common medications such as oxycodone, Adderall, or Xanax. We also have reports of fentanyl being found in white or colored powdered drugs that might be sold as cocaine, MDMA, or methamphetamine. It should be assumed that any illicit drug could contain fentanyl. Lane County Public Health warns against any pills not obtained from a pharmacy. They urge people who use illicit drugs to take precautions and to not use alone. They recommend anyone who uses drugs or knows someone who does, to carry Narcan (naloxone), an overdose reversal nasal spray. Individuals are able to test drugs for fentanyl with a fentanyl testing strip. It is also important to know the signs of an overdose and always call 911 immediately. Narcan is available at any pharmacy upon request. State Law requires pharmacists provide it and many insurance plans cover it. You can also obtain free Narcan and a brief training from HIV Alliance's Eugene location during drop-in hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10

a.m. -2 p.m., Friday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.). Young adults can access Narcan by contacting CORE Eugene. / SAFETY: On Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m., officers from the Springfield Police department were dispatched to a reported vehicle-versus-pedestrian traffic crash in the 1500 block of Q Street. Officers found the female pedestrian lying on the south side of the roadway and provided medical assistance until medical personnel arrived. The woman was rushed to the hospital but did not survive. The driver of the involved vehicle was the caller to 911 and remained on scene. The driver is fully cooperating with the investigation. The names of the involved are currently being withheld pending family notification. Any witnesses to the crash are encouraged to call the Springfield Police Department to provide a statement. / SPORTS: Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff says the 10 schools that will remain in the Pac-12 Conference when UCLA and USC leave for the Big Ten in 2024 are united in driving the future success of their league. Kliavkoff, speaking at the Pac-12 Women's Basketball media day, says the conference is open to expansion and will be "incredibly bullish" about future growth. Meantime, reporter Jon Wilner from the Bay Area News Group writes that as the Pac-12 pursues a long-term media rights agreement, one likely partner is Amazon's Prime streaming service. In a report carried by The Oregonian and OregonLive, Wilner notes that Amazon is looking to shore up its live sports menu after picking up rights for the NFL's "Thursday Night Football." But because of the importance of broadcast and cable to fans of the conference teams, any such deal might include a shared distribution agreement with ESPN and possibly Fox. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, SAFETY: Lane County Elections officials say they're receiving increasing reports of groups planning to "watch" official ballot drop boxes in Oregon. They're also seeing news coverage of contentious interactions in other parts of the country. They fear that has some voters questioning their rights when it comes to returning their ballots to an official ballot drop box. "Every eligible voter has the right to cast their ballot without intimidation," said Lane County Clerk Dena Dawson. "We take that right very seriously in Lane County and we encourage voters to report intimidation at a ballot drop box to the Secretary of State's Office so that we can work with them to follow up." Voters have the right to: Access official ballot drop boxes and election offices without interference. Keep their votes private. Vote without intimidation or threats. "Lane County Elections has been communicating with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that we are ready to be good partners in ensuring that voter intimidation is not permitted here," said Dawson. "No one has the right to ask you how you voted, how you intend to vote, or ask to examine your ballot at an official drop box." Examples of voter intimidation include: Aggressive or harassing questions about whether you are qualified to vote intended to interfere with your right to vote, scare you into voting a certain way or to intimidate you for voting, such as questions about your citizenship status, criminal record, residency, other personal information, or questions about how you intend to vote. False or misleading statements or accusations about voter fraud or related criminal penalties, designed to frighten you away from voting. Verbal or physical threats – express or implied – meant to stop you from voting or to force you to vote for a particular candidate or measure. Purposefully obstructing or interfering with your ability to vote. Targeted surveillance of particular voters or groups of voters, such as following or tracking voters, copying license plates, taking videos or photos, etc., with the intent to dissuade or obstruct

them from voting. Lane County Elections also recommends all voters return their ballots through an official channel (directly to the Elections Office, via USPS, or at one of 21 official drop boxes). Lane County Elections does not send people door to door to collect ballots or establish non-official drop boxes. Voters who believe their rights have been violated should contact the Secretary of State's Office. /

LOW-INCOME, PANDEMIC: Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in November. The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic. These emergency benefits are a temporary support that Oregon can provide because of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency. Because the federal government approved these emergency benefits for November, Oregon will also be able to issue them in December. However, the emergency benefits are expected to end when the federal public health emergency ends. In November, approximately 430,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$69 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits. "We know that many rely on these additional emergency food benefits to get enough healthy food for themselves and their families," said Jana McLellan, interim director of the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), Self-Sufficiency Programs. "We also know that many Oregonians are still struggling to meet their basic needs and we encourage them to contact our partners at 211, the Oregon Food Bank and their local Community Action Agency for support during this difficult time." Current SNAP households will receive emergency allotments on Nov. 11. Emergency allotments will be issued Nov. 30 or Dec. 2 for households who did not receive benefits in the first monthly issuance. SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards. /

WILDFIRES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AGRICULTURE, POLITICS: The head of the U.S. Forest Service has denounced the arrest by a Southeastern Oregon's Grant County Sheriffs' Office of a Forest Service employee after a planned burn on the Malheur National Forest spread to 20 acres of private land. Rick Snodgrass, the U.S. Forest Service "burn boss," was arrested and handcuffed while his crew was working the burn and transported to the Grant County Jail, where he was conditionally released. Randy Moore, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, said the arrest was highly inappropriate under the circumstances and put the crew at risk by leaving them without their manager. The arrest underscored simmering tensions over management of federal lands in rural, conservative eastern Oregon. Grant County District Attorney Jim Carpenter defended the arrest, saying he respected the sheriff's decision. Prescribed burns are set intentionally and under carefully controlled conditions to clear underbrush, pine needle beds and other surface fuels that make forests more prone to wildfires. /

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ECONOMY: The U.S. economy grew at a 2.6 percent annual rate from July through September, snapping two straight quarters of economic contraction and overcoming punishingly high inflation and interest rates. This morning's estimate from the Commerce Department showed that the nation's gross domestic product — the broadest gauge of economic output — grew in the third quarter after having shrunk in the first half of 2022. Stronger exports and steady consumer spending, backed by a healthy job market, helped restore growth to the world's biggest economy. Most economists have said they believe our economy has skirted a recession, noting the still-resilient job market and steady spending by consumers. But most also have expressed concern that a recession is likely next year as the Fed steadily tightens credit. The government's latest GDP report comes as Americans, worried about inflation and the risk of recession, have begun to vote in midterm elections that will determine whether President Biden's Democratic Party retains control of Congress. Inflation has become a signature issue for Republican attacks on the Democrats' stewardship of the economy. Higher borrowing costs have weakened the home market, in particular. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, just 3.09 percent a year ago, is now above seven percent. The last time the average rate was above 7 percent was April 2002, a time when the U.S. was still reeling from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, but six years away from the 2008 housing market collapse that triggered the Great Recession. Sales of existing homes have fallen for eight straight months. Construction of new homes is down nearly 8 percent from a year ago. Still, the economy retains pockets of strength. One is the vitally important job market. Slightly more Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week. But employers have added an average of 420,000 jobs a month this year, putting 2022 on track to be the second-best year for job creation (behind 2021) in Labor Department records going back to 1940. The unemployment rate was 3.5 percent last month, matching a half-century low. Still, the outlook for the economy has darkened. The Federal Reserve has aggressively raised interest rates five times this year to fight chronic inflation and is set to do so again next week and in December. With inflation still near a 40-year high, steady price spikes have been pressuring households across the country. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: Lane County's jobless rate ticked up to 4.1 percent in September

from 3.9 percent in August. It's still fairly low and is down from 4.7 percent one year ago. Lane County's payroll employment dropped by a net 100 jobs. But analysts say we've still regained 86 percent of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the start of the pandemic-caused recession. Who cut positions? Generally, businesses in the Leisure and Hospitality, Retail Trade, and Construction sectors. Who's still hiring? Health Services, Private Education, Professional and Business Services, and much of the Government sector. /

POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Two of Oregon's more hotly contested political races are getting a bit of attention this morning. Former presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is in Eugene and Portland today to lead rallies. Sanders will speak to a crowd at the University of Oregon during a 10 a.m. event, then head north for a 2 p.m. rally in Portland. His focus is on bolstering support for two Democratic candidates in tight races: gubernatorial hopeful Tina Kotek and 4th District Congressional candidate Val Hoyle. As part of the push, Sanders will be joined by—among others—Oregon's two U.S. Senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and Congressman Peter DeFazio, who is retiring at the end of his term. /

SAFETY, HEALTH: Consumer product-safety officials say 500,000 of them were sold between July 2021 and July 2022 in the U.S. Now, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says manufacturer Whele LLC (doing business as Perch) is voluntarily recalling certain batches of its Mighty Bliss electric heating pads sold through Amazon.com and Walmart.com due to the risks of injury, including electric shocks, skin burns, rashes or irritation. /

WEATHER, WILDFIRES: With widespread rain and cooler temperatures across the state, fire season is ending Saturday on all Oregon Department of Forestry districts. Officials say the arrival of steady, soaking rain—coupled with cooler temperatures and shorter daytime hours—usually triggers the end of the fire season. It also means removal of restrictions on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands that are intended to prevent wildfire. That included restrictions on backyard debris burning and use of certain equipment. Many structural fire departments in Oregon, however, still require a permit for debris burning, so check with your local fire department before starting a burn. As Oregon transitions out of fire season, state forestry districts across Oregon are shifting their attention to wildfire prevention efforts. That includes working with local landowners and other agencies to ensure vegetation is being cleared, defensible space is being created around homes, and that debris piles are being safely burned to reduce wildfire risk. /

FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES: Now that representatives of the timber industry and conservation groups have come together on their groundbreaking Private Forest Accord, the Oregon Board of Forestry has approved more than 100 changes to the state's Forest Practices Act. The changes will impact timber harvest activities on more than 10 million acres of private and non-federal forests in the state. The goal is to better protect Oregon's natural resources and respond to the climate change crisis, while also providing some stability for the communities and economies that rely on the forest products industry. Among the updates: New and wider stream buffers to protect stream habitat that supports salmon, steelhead, bull trout, and amphibians. New requirements to better inventory, maintain, and manage forest roads, with an emphasis on replacing culverts on fish-bearing streams. Ensuring more trees are on steep slopes to help stabilize the soil and reduce sediment run-off into streams and fish habitat. In addition to rule changes, some recent legislation also funded

the creation of a small forestland owner assistance office. It also established a program of tax credits for small landowners, started the development of a habitat conservation plan for aquatic species, and made investments in training and outreach. / WILDLIFE, RECREATION, HEALTH: This is the final weekend (Oct. 29-30) that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is operating Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Check Stations for successful elk hunters at three locations at Central and eastern Oregon. It's part of a continuing monitoring effort to keep the fatal, infectious disease out of herds such as deer, elk, and moose. While Chronic Wasting Disease has been detected in 26 U.S. states and four Canadian provinces, as of December 2021 it has not been found in our state--although it was detected in two hunter harvested mule deer in Idaho within 30 miles of the Snake River and the Oregon border. The Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine at Oregon State University is helping to enhance the testing effort. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The plan is to close it for the season on Tuesday morning. But nature and some traffic challenges might be doing the job a few days earlier. The Old McKenzie Highway, also known as Highway 242, remained closed overnight following a crash and heavy, wet snowfall that blocked the route. Oregon Department of Transportation crews planned to resume work to reopen the affected stretches this morning. But they're also reminding you to be aware of the changing weather and sometime challenging driving conditions when they do. The Old McKenzie Highway is generally open during the summer months, winding across the lava fields in the heart of the Cascades with sweeping views of Western and Central Oregon forests, along with mountain peaks including the Three Sisters. But winter weather, cost and logistics make it impractical to maintain for travel year-round. In the winter, state highway crews focus on the main highways to keep them plowed, open and safe. On Tuesday morning, November 1, crews will close the highway from the western gate a few miles off at Highway 126 east of McKenzie Bridge to the eastern gate just outside of Sisters. When the Old McKenzie Highway is closed, it is closed to all users and is not maintained. Travelers—including cross country skiers and snowmobilers—who venture past locked gates and closure signs could encounter hazards and working equipment on the road. There are no services or cell coverage. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, SAFETY, AGRICULTURE: They include sessions in Corvallis on Wed., Nov. 30, and Eugene on Tues., Nov. 6., along with a series of webinars for those unable to attend in person. SAIF Corporation is offering free farm safety sessions in the coming months. The 29 free ag safety seminars are taking place in 17 cities across Oregon. They continue through March. Nine of the seminars will be presented entirely in Spanish. SAIF has put the seminars on for the last 29 years, helping Oregon's farm owners, managers, and workers stay safe in one of the most hazardous industries. SAIF offered online webinars the last two years in lieu of in-person events. This year's seminars will focus on four topics: ag hacks and ag myth busters; coexisting with agricultural chemicals; balancing the effects of heat and the effects of OSHA's new heat rule; and first responders on the farm. SAIF will also host online webinars in December and March in both English and Spanish. The seminars are designed primarily for people working in agriculture but are open to anyone interested in ag safety and health—they don't have to be insured by SAIF. In-person seminars will be held in Bandon, Boring, Central Point, Corvallis, Eugene, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Madras, Milton-Freewater, Mt. Angel, Ontario,

Salem, The Dalles, and Wilsonville. Spanish seminars will be held in Central Point, Hermiston, Hillsboro, Hood River, Madras, Mt. Angel, Salem, The Dalles, and Wilsonville. All run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and lunch will be provided. Employers with small ag businesses who attend the seminar, or watch the webinars, will meet OSHA's instructional requirement—one of four requirements that exempt small agricultural operations from random OSHA inspections. Three hours of technical and one hour of business continuing education credits are available from the Landscape Contractors Board. Four producer continuing education credit hours for licensed insurance agents are approved by the Department of Consumer and Business Services. / PANDEMIC: Health experts continue to anticipate another winter uptick in COVID cases as more people head indoors during cooler temperatures and fewer Americans appear to be receiving the newest booster vaccine. This week, we learned that some of the most common symptoms of coronavirus infection have changed as the virus has mutated. Health experts say signs of infection are increasingly hard to tell apart from symptoms of a common cold or flu. A mild runny nose, headache or sore throat could now precede a positive test result with one of the many offshoots of omicron. Some of the symptoms reported during earlier phases of the pandemic, such as loss of taste and smell, have dropped down the list. In addition, your level of vaccination might affect what symptoms you experience and their severity. But among the common symptoms are a sore throat, runny or stuffed nose, persistent cough, and headache. Experts say the threat of the virus remains unchanged. But thanks to widespread immunity derived from the vaccines and prior infection, most people are now better equipped to fight off the most severe manifestations of the disease. in Lane County, public health officials were notified of 290 new infections during the past week and five additional COVID-related deaths. Experts say they know the infection numbers are an undercount, because only include cases diagnosed in a lab, and do not include positive home tests. Slightly more than six percent of all lab-tested samples were positive for the virus. /

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CRIME, SAFETY: Some tense and dangerous moments early yesterday afternoon ended when Eugene Police officers used a “forcible stop” technique to apprehend a reckless driver. While the suspect’s name has not yet been released, investigators say that for close to 90 minutes the man put members of the public at risk and used his car to run into multiple police vehicles. It started shortly after 1 p.m., when dispatchers began receiving calls about a man in the 1100 block of Eugene’s Highway 99-North who was stumbling around a parking lot, trying to enter nearby businesses, taking flowers from his vehicle, and throwing them in various places. Half an hour later, dispatchers were called about a man at the Gilbert Shopping Center on Highway 99, who was getting in and out of a sedan, stabbing at it with an item, driving recklessly, and throwing trash out of his vehicle. Witnesses said he almost crashed into one building before leaving from the area. There also were calls reporting the sedan nearly struck other vehicles and a bicyclist, was driving at high speed, and was driving in the wrong lane. As police searched for the suspect, nearby schools were notified of the safety risk and a nearby train was halted as a precaution. Additional officers joined the response and during a pursuit the suspect allegedly ran his vehicle into multiple police vehicles, leaving one officer with minor injuries. Police say they were able to forcefully stop the vehicle near KR Nielson Road, off Highway 126 west of Eugene. They say the driver fled on foot through a thick growth of blackberry bushes but was taken into custody shortly before 2:30 p.m. If you either witnessed the incident or were a victim in the case, Eugene Police would like to hear from you. ; In Benton County, sheriff’s investigators say a fatal vehicle crash in a construction zone killed the driver of a passenger vehicle who failed to stop for a flagger. It happened late yesterday morning on Alpine Road near Bellfountain Road. Witnesses say the driver of a Subaru crashed into a parked dump truck belonging to the Benton County Road Department. The driver’s name will be released once relatives are notified. / CRIME: Prosecutors say they were trafficking large quantities of methamphetamine and heroin from California to Oregon—including into Lane and Douglas counties. Now, officials with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Oregon say two California men—who pleaded guilty earlier this year—are headed for long federal prison terms. Prosecutors say 36-year-old Jack Scott Lewis was sentenced yesterday to serve ten years in

federal prison. His accomplice, 56-year-old Michael Panoosi was sentenced to 17-and-a-half years in federal prison. Once they complete their incarcerations, each must spend five years under supervised release. Investigators said the men made regular trips from California to Oregon, transporting several dozen pounds of methamphetamine each time. In October of 2020, Lewis, Panoosi, and a third man were stopped by members of the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team, which conducted a search of their vehicle and seized 46 pounds of methamphetamine and one pound of heroin. Detectives found more methamphetamine and three handguns in Lewis's backpack. Two of the guns were loaded, two had obliterated serial numbers, and one had a high-capacity magazine. Another handgun and drug packaging material were found in Panoosi's backpack. A federal grand jury in Eugene returned indictments charging Lewis and Panoosi with possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possessing firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Earlier this year, the men pleaded guilty during separate court proceedings.

/ HEALTH, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: On Saturday, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration hosts the 23rd National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites across the nation. The effort, coordinated by the DEA with local law enforcement agencies and community partners, seeks to collect and safely dispose of potentially dangerous unused, unwanted, and expired prescription medications—anonymously and free of charge. Only tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs are collected. Sites that are open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. include the Lane County Sheriff's Office site outside the Veneta Bi-Mart, the Coburg Police Department's collection outside their headquarters, and in the parking lot on the East 30th Avenue campus of Lane Community College. Several law enforcement agencies offer year-round collection sites.

/ WILDLIFE, CRIME: Tuesday evening, an Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Trooper received a report of two elk being shot in southern Douglas County within 100 yards of Interstate 5 near Milepost 84. That's a few miles north of the Glendale exit. The remains of the two elk, one bull and one cow, later were found in an open field on the west side of the freeway. The bull was not touched, but the cow was processed with the edible portions taken. Investigators say this indicates that the subject (s) were in the area for a lengthy amount of time. It is believed the subject (s) used a flashlight in the field between 7:00 p.m. October 25 and 7:00 a.m. October 26. There is also a report of a subject driving a silver midsize pickup with a rifle in the area earlier in the day along the freeway. OSP Fish & Wildlife is urging anyone with information about the identity of the person (s) or vehicle, in this case, to call the OSP tip line at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP22288310.

/ HEALTH, LEGAL, CIVIL LIBERTIES, ELECTIONS: Yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of Oregon's landmark "Death With Dignity" act taking effect. The act—which legalized physician-assisted suicide under certain conditions for patients in the final months of a terminal illness—was approved by voters in 1994 but it took another three years of legal challenges and court rulings before it became law. During the first 15 years it was in force, analysts said more than 1,500 adults obtained prescriptions but only about 1,000 patients actually used them. During the intervening 25 years, nine other states and Washington, D.C. have authorized similar medical laws.

/ ELECTIONS, HEALTH: Oregon voters are being asked to decide whether the state should be

the first in the nation to amend its constitution to explicitly declare that affordable health care is a fundamental human right. State Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward is a main sponsor of the legislation behind the ballot measure. She says making health care a human right is a value statement and is not aimed at pushing Oregon to a single-payer health care system. Opponents warn the amendment could trigger legal and political woes and open the door to lawsuits. Measure 111 got onto the Nov. 8 ballot because the Democratic-controlled Legislature referred the issue to voters last year. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders kicked off a multi-state tour in Oregon on Thursday. The tour is an effort to energize young voters and shore up support for vulnerable Democratic candidates ahead of the midterm elections. The rallies in Eugene and Portland included appearances with Tina Kotek, Oregon's Democratic gubernatorial candidate, and Val Hoyle, the Democrat running for the U.S. House in the state's 4th District. Oregon has become the unlikely site of one of the most competitive governor's contests in the country. Considered a tossup by analysts, the three-way race features Kotek, Republican Christine Drazen and nonaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson. / EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, COMMUNITY: Across the U.S., Americans learned the importance of internet connectivity during the pandemic, as businesses, families, and others worked to stay connected for work, school, and more. But limited access to high-speed internet in many rural areas created challenges for those residents. The U.S. Department of Agriculture this week announced \$759 million in grants and loans to enable rural communities to access high-speed internet. It's part of the broader push for high-speed connectivity from last year's infrastructure law. This is part of a long-term effort to enhance basic connectivity, assist key rural sectors including farming and tribal areas, and spur economic development. There are 49 recipients, two of which are in Oregon: Close to \$10.6 million to Siuslaw Broadband. The money will be used to deploy a fiber network that will connect more than 1,400 residents, 28 businesses, 21 farms, and two educational facilities to high-speed internet. Close to \$25 million to Pioneer Telephone Cooperative. The funds will help deploy a fiber network to connect more than 3,500 people, along with 558 farms and 72 businesses to high-speed internet in parts of Lane, Benton, Polk, and Lincoln counties in Oregon. Under the grant, Pioneer Telephone Cooperative will offer affordable high-speed internet by participating in the FCC's Affordable Connectivity and Lifeline programs. Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley led the effort to secure the grants. / EDUCATION, PANDEMIC: The COVID-19 pandemic that shuttered classrooms set back learning in some U.S. school systems by more than a year, with children in high-poverty areas affected the most, according to a district-by-district analysis of test scores shared exclusively with The Associated Press. In the most comprehensive look yet at how much American schoolchildren have been put behind, the analysis found the average student lost half a school year of learning in math, and more than a quarter of a school year in reading. Online learning played a role, but students lost significant ground even where they returned quickly to schoolhouses. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, WILDFIRES, AGRICULTURE, POLITICS: A ranching family in Oregon is applauding the arrest of the leader of a U.S. Forest Service crew that carried out a planned burn in a national forest that spread onto the family's property. The repercussions of the singular incident have reached all the way back to Washington, where Forest Service Chief Randy Moore denounced the

sheriff's action. The incident has once again exposed tensions over land management in the West, where the federal government owns nearly half of all the land. / SPORTS: The Oregon Women's Basketball team, ranked No. 20 in the preseason AP poll, plays its lone exhibition contest of the preseason when it hosts to Carroll College this evening at 6 p.m. at Eugene's Matthew Knight Arena. The Ducks are coming off their fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, return six letter winners, and welcome in five newcomers to the 2022-23 roster. Oregon begins its regular season at home on Monday, November 7 at 3 p.m. against Northwestern. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: A distant storm in the Gulf of Alaska is generating large ocean swells, fueling a High Surf Advisory through 5 p.m. on the Oregon Coast and hazardous surf conditions with breakers up to 27 feet. This can produce rip currents, sneaker waves, and beach erosion. Destructive waves may wash over beaches, jetties, and other structures unexpectedly. Higher than normal water run-up is expected on beaches and low-lying shoreline. People can be swept off rocks and jetties and drown. Keep away from large logs on the beach. Water running up on the beach can easily lift or roll logs which can injure or kill someone caught in their path. Minor beach erosion may damage coastal properties and buildings. / WILDLIFE, HEALTH: Marine wildlife biologists say they've seen an increase in the number of stranded California sea lions along the Oregon coast due to leptospirosis. It is a naturally occurring bacteria that can sicken and kill sea lions. But it also poses a health risk to dogs, people, other wildlife, and livestock. The risk to people is small. But dogs are most at risk of getting the disease because they're attracted to interesting smells and critters on the beach. The disease can spread when an animal or person is in contact with urine or other bodily fluids of an infected or dead sea lion. Experts with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon Parks and Recreation urge beachgoers to leash their dogs and stay at least 150 feet away from sea lions, whether they are alive or dead. There is a veterinary vaccine available for leptospirosis. Dog and horse owners should discuss the merits of vaccination with their veterinarian. Leptospirosis outbreaks occur sporadically in marine mammals. Outbreaks can result in increased strandings and mortalities among sea lions. The Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network documented over 150 sick or dead sea lions along the Oregon coast since the current outbreak began in late July 2022. Necropsies on seven sea lions confirmed all tested positive for leptospirosis. Sick or injured seals, sea lions, whales or dolphins can be reported to Oregon State Police at 1-800-452-7888. All marine mammals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and it is a violation of federal and state laws to harasses, touch, or feed marine mammals. Marine mammals on the beach are often just resting or are sick and should be left alone. / SPORTS: Sedona Prince's career at Oregon has ended with a torn a ligament in her elbow that will require surgery. Prince, a 6-foot-7 senior center, has opted to forgo her final year of</p>

eligibility and pursue a professional career following surgery next month, the Ducks announced Friday. Prince averaged 9.3 points, 4.9 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game last season. She drew attention when she posted about the disparities between the women's and men's weight rooms at the 2021 NCAA Tournament on social media. / TRANSPORTATION: U.S. 20 Santiam Highway is closed by a crash, 1 mile west of Cascadia State Park, milepost 40. Travelers should take alternate routes or delay travel. Check TripCheck.com for current road conditions. / EVENTS: On Saturday night, no one matched all six numbers to win the estimated \$825 million grand prize. No one has matched all six numbers and won the Powerball jackpot since August 3—meaning we've had 37 consecutive drawings without a jackpot winner. The \$1-billion million amount is for winners who take their prize through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years. Nearly all winners instead choose the cash option, which would be \$497.3 million after taxes. Tonight's increased jackpot will remain the fifth largest in U.S. history. The biggest prize was a \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot won by three ticketholders in 2016. / EVENTS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY: It was a big Halloween weekend around the area. The Lane Transit hosted a "Thriller" flash mob during its events at the Eugene Transit Station on Saturday. Eugene Police held a drive-through / walk-through "Candy With a Cop" on Sunday. Willamalane and other organizations held events. There were lots of parties, too. This afternoon from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., the City of Springfield and a bunch of local organizations host the indoor "City Hall-o-ween" at Springfield City Hall. And, of course, there will be kiddos braving the elements on a rainy night for door-to-door trick-or-treating. / EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT: As America loads up on an estimated 600 million pounds of Halloween candy, a handful of companies are trying to make it easier to recycle all those wrappers. Mars Wrigley is sending 17,400 free bags to U.S. consumers to collect plastic wrappers and mail them to a specialty recycler. Rubicon Technologies is sending 5,000 free boxes to schools and businesses to recycle candy wrappers. Plastic wrappers are hard to recycle because they're small, they contain food waste, and they have little value. Candy makers say they're working on new packaging that would be more easily recyclable or compostable. / LABOR, BUSINESS, FORESTRY, SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — Union workers at the timber company Weyerhaeuser have ended their strike and could be back on the job as early as this week in Oregon and Washington. It comes after Friday's union vote. More than 1,000 employees took to the picket line for 46 days because of sticking points over health care costs in negotiations. The union agreed to end the strike after Weyerhaeuser agreed on some fixed costs, instead of percentages. Weyerhaeuser, one of the world's largest forest and forest products companies, owns nearly 12.4 million acres of timberland in the U.S., manages an additional 14 million acres in Canada and also make wood products. / LEGAL, EDUCATION, RACE: The future of affirmative action in higher education is on the table as the U.S. Supreme Court wades into the admissions programs at the nation's oldest public and private universities. The justices are hearing arguments today in challenges to policies at the University of North Carolina and Harvard that consider race among many factors in evaluating applications for admission. Following the overturning of the nearly 50-year precedent of Roe v. Wade in June, the cases offer another test of whether the court now dominated by conservatives will move the law to the right on another of the nation's most contentious cultural issues. / RELIGION,

DEVELOPMENT: Oregon is home to more than 154,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Many are based in Eugene-Springfield and the surrounding region. Over the weekend, L-D-S church leaders held a groundbreaking for a planned new temple to be constructed in Springfield's North Gateway Area. The Willamette Valley Temple, as it will be known, will take shape on a ten-and-one-half acre parcel off International Way at Corporate Way. Architects' renderings call for a single-story, 30,000 square-foot structure with a steeple, clad in what appears to be white marble. It will be the third Latter-Day Saints temple in Oregon—with other temples in Lake Oswego and Medford. The Eugene-Springfield temple is part of a global effort by the church to construct 20 new temples in the coming years. L-D-S temples are located in key regions and provide a space for specific rituals to support congregations of local meetinghouses and chapels known as "wards" and "stakes." In addition to Eugene-Springfield, other new temple locations include eight other locations in the Western U.S. / CRIME, OLDER ADULTS: A man formerly residing in Newark, New Jersey was sentenced to federal prison on Friday for his role in a scheme to deceive and cheat \$1 million from an elderly man residing in Roseburg, Oregon. 43-year-old Thomas Gerard Mautone was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison, three years' supervised release, and ordered to pay \$1 million in restitution to his victim. According to court documents and trial testimony, Mautone was one of five individuals who together perpetrated a scheme to convince an elderly man to invest \$1 million in a fraudulent high-yield international investment scam. In July 2015, one of Mautone's co-defendants, 46-year-old Jared Mack of Utah, made initial contact with the victim to pitch an investment opportunity claiming to produce weekly returns of 20 percent. Once the victim expressed interest in the purported investment opportunity – and produced evidence he had \$1 million to invest – Mack introduced him to Mautone, the supposed connection to investment "platform partner," and codefendant 39-year-old Olabode Olukanni of New York. For several months, Mautone and his co-defendants maintained frequent contact with the victim and repeatedly attempted to assure him, via a series of increasingly intimidating and pressure-laden communications, of the investment opportunity's legitimacy, low risk, and promised returns. Mautone made these false representations despite knowing that others had their money stolen by his supposed Hong Kong investment partner, and despite being convicted only two years earlier of wire fraud for pitching a similar high-yield investment scam in South Carolina. In December 2015, following this monthslong pressure campaign, the victim wired \$1 million to a bank account in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, which was controlled by codefendant 38-year-old Rovshan Bahader Oglu Qasimov of Azerbaijan. Qasimov immediately withdrew the money and used it to purchase gold from a jewelry store in Dubai. The victim never saw his money again, nor did he receive the promised investment returns. In June of 2017, a federal grand jury in Eugene returned a six-count indictment charging Mautone, Mack, Olukanni, and Qasimov with wire fraud. In May of this year, Mautone was convicted at trial by a jury in Eugene. Mack, Olukanni, and Qasimov all pleaded guilty and were sentenced for their roles in the scheme. / GOVERNMENT, RACIAL JUSTICE, PRIVACY, POLITICS: U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials under then-President Donald Trump compiled intelligence dossiers on people who were arrested at Black Lives Matter protests in Portland. That's according to a newly unredacted

internal review released on Friday. When the so-called “baseball cards” on protesters were being compiled, some DHS intelligence analysts voiced concerns over the legality of collecting intelligence on protesters arrested for minor offenses with no apparent threat to homeland security. Democratic U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon obtained the newly unredacted report — initially released last year but heavily censored — and provided it to reporters. He criticized DHS leaders in the Trump administration for actions revealed in the document. /

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EVENTS: There were no big treats from the Halloween night Powerball drawing, as none of the tickets sold matched all six numbers. The lack of a winner means the next drawing Wednesday night will be for a massive \$1.2 billion jackpot. The increased jackpot will be the 4th-largest in U.S. history. The biggest prize was a \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot won by three ticketholders in 2016. Massive lottery jackpots have become more common in recent years as lottery officials have adjusted game rules and ticket prices to pump up the top prizes. No one has matched all six numbers and won the Powerball jackpot since August 3—meaning we've had 38 consecutive drawings without a jackpot winner. The \$1.2-billion million amount is for winners who take their prize through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years. But nearly all winners instead choose the cash option, which would be \$596 million before taxes. Your odds of winning: One in 292-million. / SPORTS: The first College Football Playoff rankings of the season are unveiled tonight. Even before the selection committee finishes its work, the teams with a chance to be reach the final four are clear. They are all in the Power Five and include Southeastern Conference powerhouses Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama. It would take a lot of wins and some strategic losses by their opponents for Oregon to have a shot at a Top Four spot. In this week's Associated Press College Football rankings, three Pac-12 teams are in the Top Ten: No. 8 Oregon (7-1), No. 9 USC (7-1) and No. 10 UCLA (7-1). They all need to run the table to have a chance and even then that might not be enough. Analysts say the Ducks will have to overcome a 49-3 loss to Georgia in their opener. The Trojans have a bad defense and won't going to get much of a bump by beating Notre Dame. And UCLA played one of the weakest nonconference schedules in the country. No. 8 Oregon heads to Boulder on Saturday to take on Colorado. Game time is 12:30 p.m. on ESPN. The No. 24 Oregon State Beavers visit Washington in Seattle on FRIDAY. The 7:30 p.m. game is being carried by ESPN2. Oregon State becomes the latest Power Five school to snap a long absence from the rankings. The Beavers had not been ranked since they were No. 25 in the 2013 preseason poll. They had not been ranked in the regular season since 2012 when they finished 20th. / EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT: After all that picking, carving and scooping — what you have today is a pumpkin that's a day past its prime. But before you go out of your gourd and chuck the pumpkin in the trash along with the candy

wrappers, there are ways to keep yesterday's jack-o'-lanterns from being tomorrow's landfill waste. If you do gardening, you can dump the pumpkin into a compost pile, after removing the seeds and any decorations. You can also give them to community gardens, farms or even a zoo. Or if you want to give backyard birds and critters a treat, just leave the pumpkin carcass on the lawn. / WILDLIFE, CRIME, SAFETY: Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Troopers say someone killed a buck deer and left it to waste in West Eugene last week. Now, they're asking for tips in the case. State Police were notified of the incident on Thursday afternoon and say they found the carcass along Willow Creek Road, near West 18th Avenue. The deer had been shot, field dressed, and skinned, with the carcass discarded in the ditch with only the back-strap, and part of a rear quarter removed. The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife urge anyone with information about the identity of the person(s) or vehicle, in this case, to call the OSP tip line at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP22-289759. The Turn in Poachers (TIP) program offers preference points or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation, to a suspect, for the unlawful killing of wildlife, and or waste of big game. Learn more: <https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/fw/Pages/tip.aspx> / COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Those leaves don't stay on the trees forever. Want to know when leaf pick-ups get underway in your community? In Eugene and unincorporated parts of the metro area served by Lane County, things start next week, the week of Nov. 7. Springfield waits until the end of the month and begin leaf pick-up the week of Nov. 28. Place your leaves curbside a few days before collection. And please, do not blow your leaves into the street. Crews need organized, easy-to-collect piles. Do not block storm drains, driveways, sidewalks, or bike lanes. And while we're talking about leaf pick-up, why not consider keeping them around the yard or garden? You can mulch or compost and keep all those nutrients on your own soil to help your garden grow! Add leaves to your compost pile. Leaves and other high carbon material should make up three-quarters of your compost pile or shred them for mulch to protect plants from winter frost. Or consider using your yard debris container. For example, if you have a yard debris container from your local waste hauler, place your leaves in it and set out your container on your scheduled yard debris. The hauler will pick them up and recycle them for you. But, of course, if you buy mulch or compost in the spring, understand you might be buying some of your composted leaves back. / SAFETY: Shortly after 5:30 a.m. Monday, Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle crash on Hwy 20 near milepost 40. Investigators say an eastbound black Hyundai Kona, operated by 20-year-old Edwin Dominguez of Bend, crossed into the westbound lane and collided head-on with a silver Honda CRV. Impairment is being investigated as a possible contributing factor. Dominguez was transported to an area hospital via air ambulance with injuries. The driver of the other vehicle, 26-year-old Tia Miller of Albany, also was transported via air ambulance with injuries. Two passengers in her vehicle, ages 1 and 4, were transported via ground ambulance with injuries. / EDUCATION: Lane Community College is expanding its general-education class offerings at its downtown Eugene campus for Winter Term. The daytime and evening classes are another indication that education at LCC is returning to a post-pandemic phase. Lane's Winter Term registration begins November 7. The offerings include classes in social studies, health professions, English as a

second language, adult basic and secondary education, as well as small business development, senior companion, and senior programming. LCC leaders say courses offered at the downtown campus better serve students dependent upon public transportation and those who work or live closer to downtown. The LCC complex is located across the street from the downtown Eugene LTD Bus Station and close to paid street parking and garages. The classes allow students to meet a portion of their requirements for the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) in writing, communication, social science, criminal justice and human services. The AAOT is a collaboration that allows students to complete introductory courses at a community college and then transfer to any institution in the Oregon University System, having met the lower division general education requirements for that institution's baccalaureate degree programs. That means students who complete the AAOT transfer to any Oregon public four-year university and enter as a junior with their general education requirements already met. / EDUCATION, FINANCES, POLITICS: The Biden administration is moving forward with an overhaul of several student debt forgiveness programs, aiming to make it easier for borrowers to get cancellation if they are duped by their colleges or if they put in a decade of work as public servants. The Education Department on Monday finalized a package of rules that it proposed earlier this year. The new rules take hold in July and are separate from President Joe Biden's sweeping student debt forgiveness plan, which has been held up in court amid a legal challenge. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said his agency is "fixing a broken system and putting borrowers first." / EDUCATION, RACE, LEGAL: Members of the U.S. Supreme Court's conservative majority are questioning the continued use of affirmative action in higher education. In lengthy arguments Monday, the justices wrestled with persistent, difficult questions of race. The justices heard from six different lawyers in challenges to policies at the University of North Carolina and Harvard. Those policies consider race among many factors in evaluating applications for admission. One conservative justice likened affirmative action to giving some college applicants a head start in a footrace. But a liberal justice said universities are the "pipelines to leadership in our society" and suggested that without affirmative action minority enrollment will drop. /

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242, about seven miles east of the junction with Oregon Highway 126. The Old McKenzie Highway is generally open during the summer months, winding across the lava fields in the heart of the Cascades with sweeping views of Western and Central Oregon forests, along with mountain peaks including the Three Sisters. But winter weather, cost and logistics make it impractical to maintain for travel year-round. In the winter, state highway crews focus on the main highways to keep them plowed, open and safe. The seasonal closure stretches from the western gate a few miles off at Highway 126 east of McKenzie Bridge to the eastern gate just outside of Sisters. When the Old McKenzie Highway is closed, it is not maintained. Travelers—including cross country skiers and snowmobilers—who venture past locked gates and closure signs could encounter hazards and working equipment on the road. There are no services or cell coverage. /

WILDFIRES: A turning point in the battle against the Cedar Creek Wildfire, burning east of Oakridge: As autumn rains and early snow settle across the Cascades, fire managers yesterday issued what they say should be their final update of the season. The Cedar Creek Fire has burned across more than 127,000 acres since it was sparked by lightning August 1. But after three difficult months of dynamic fire behavior, choking smoke, and sometimes dangerously high winds, the blaze is 70 percent contained. Over the weekend crews worked on portions of the forest including dozer lines, handlines, and culverts that were impacted during fire operations. Repair work included the removal of debris from culverts and strategically placing foliage, such as logs and branches, across the affected areas. The placement of materials allows the forest to begin the process of returning to its natural state. Crews worked to remove any remaining equipment, markings, trash, and ribbons used during operations while patrolling the perimeter to ensure any remaining hot spots did not flare up when temperatures rose into the 50s. Crews observed very light smoldering in a few isolated locations, which demonstrates the positive effect rainfall is having across the fire ground. Continuing precipitation will further reduce any residual heat across the landscape. The objectives for containment include the fire perimeter closest to the Oakridge and Westfir communities, the Highway 58 corridor and other important values. The steep terrain located in the northern portions of the fire which extend into the Willamette National Forest are not included in this percentage of containment. All containment objectives for the Cedar Creek Fire have been achieved. The Type 3 organization currently managing operations will turn control of the Cedar Creek Fire back to the local U.S. Forest Type 4 organization on Thursday, November 3. The Type 4 Team will continue to monitor the fire area throughout the winter. Some closures remain in effect on both the Deschutes National Forest and Willamette National Forest. These closures will remain in place until areas impacted by the fire are surveyed for safety risks and crews are able to mitigate these hazards. Please respect Forest closures for firefighter and public safety. Please visit Willamette National Forest and Deschutes National Forest for the most recent closure orders and maps. Pacific Crest Trail hikers should visit pcta.org for current information. / **CRIME,**
WILDLIFE: The Oregon Hunters' Association is offering a \$500 reward and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is offering hunter preference points in hopes someone will provide the tip that leads to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible in this week's West Eugene poaching case. Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Troopers say someone killed a buck deer and

left it to waste in West Eugene last week. Now, they're asking for tips in the case. State Police were notified of the incident on Thursday afternoon and say they found the carcass along Willow Creek Road, near West 18th Avenue. The deer had been shot, field dressed, and skinned, with the carcass discarded in the ditch with only the back-strap, and part of a rear quarter removed. The Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife urge anyone with information about the identity of the person(s) or vehicle, in this case, to call the OSP tip line at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP22-289759. The Turn in Poachers (TIP) program offers preference points or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation, to a suspect, for the unlawful killing of wildlife, and or waste of big game. Learn more: <https://www.oregon.gov/osp/programs/fw/Pages/tip.aspx> ; The Oregon Hunters' Association is offering a \$1,000 reward and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife is offering hunter preference points in hopes someone will provide the tip that leads to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons who last week show and killed two elk in southern Douglas County within 100 yards of Interstate 5 near Milepost 84. That's a few miles north of the Glendale exit. It happened the evening of Tuesday, October 25. The remains of the two elk, one bull and one cow, later were found in an open field on the west side of the freeway. The bull was left to waste, but troopers salvaged some of the meat and donated it to charity. The cow was processed with the edible portions taken. It is believed the subject (s) used a flashlight in the field between 7:00 p.m. October 25 and 7:00 a.m. October 26. There is also a report of a subject driving a silver midsize pickup with a rifle in the area earlier in the day along the freeway. OSP Fish & Wildlife is urging anyone with information about the identity of the person (s) or vehicle, in this case, to call the OSP tip line at 1-800-452-7888, *OSP (*677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov. Reference case number SP22288310. / SAFETY: Eugene Police say they are investigating three similar reports of small, sharp blades—like the blade in a pencil sharpener—discovered in Halloween candy. Investigators say the reports all came from the same neighborhood, an area bounded by West 24th and West 27th Avenues, Tyler and Friendly Streets. Police say one reporting party said they discovered the blade after checking their child's candy. Officials advise parents always to check their children's trick-or-treat candies before the youngsters consume them. Police are asking anyone with additional information contact them. The number is 541-682-5111. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: A Eugene federal judge has sentenced a Seattle man to community service but no extra time in custody for arsons years ago, rejecting the government's call for a prison term. In April, 54-year-old Joseph Dibee pleaded guilty to the 1997 arson of a slaughterhouse in central Oregon that butchered wild horses and sold the meat in Europe. He also pleaded guilty to the 2001 arson of a Bureau of Land Management wild horse corral in Litchfield, California. Dibee was part of a group of about a dozen animal rights and environmental activists in setting fires around the West. He was a fugitive for over a decade before his 2018 arrest in Cuba. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: Just how high will the Federal Reserve Board raise interest rates today to fight inflation? And might the panel slow its rate hikes as soon as next month? The Fed is expected to announce a hefty three-quarter-point hike in its key short-term rate — its fourth straight — which will lead to still-higher loan rates for many businesses and consumers for everything from mortgages and car purchases to credit card debt. Many Fed-watchers hope

Chairman Jerome Powell will hint that the central bank might ease the pace of its hikes, perhaps to a half-point in December and two quarter-point hikes next year. It comes as the economic recovery continues to defy expectations: Yes, inflation is still far too high. But the job market remains robust. Employers are posting nearly two job openings for every unemployed American. Hiring is on track for its second-strongest year in government records dating to 1940. The economy grew solidly over the summer. And on Wall Street, the Dow just wrapped up its best month in decades. But chronically high inflation with its surging prices is straining family budgets, especially for lower-income households. And the Federal Reserve's drive to tame inflation through much higher interest rates increases the risk of recession next year. / HEALTH, FINANCES: Even if you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and do not have insurance through your workplace, you can still get coverage for yourself and your family through the Oregon Marketplace. The annual open enrollment period for health coverage begins in one week on Tuesday, November 1. It's a chance to enroll in health coverage through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace, often with financial help. Eligibility rules have changed this year, making health coverage more affordable for thousands of Oregonians. Previously, people offered health coverage through a spouse or parent's employer could not access financial help if the least expensive plan offered to only the employee was considered affordable. New rules allow people who previously were ineligible for financial help through the Marketplace if that coverage is considered unaffordable to the enrollee. Officials say if you were previously not eligible for financial help, apply again at the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. Nearly 80 percent of Oregonians who applied for financial help qualified in 2022 averaging \$483 per month. That could be you. Sorting through health coverage options can be confusing, but Oregonians should know that there are tools. OregonHealthCare.gov offers a quick and easy-to-use "window shopping" tool where users can preview what plans and savings are available to them. The tool also allows users to see which plans cover their prescription drugs and are networked with their preferred doctors or hospitals. A new tool available at OregonHealthCare.gov can help you figure out if job-based coverage is considered affordable. Free expert help is available to make the process of signing up for health coverage and choosing a plan less stressful. Licensed insurance agents and trained community groups can be found at OregonHealthCare.gov/GetHelp / HEALTH, LEGAL, SAFETY: Two of the nation's largest pharmacy chains have agreed in principle to pay a total of about \$10 billion to settle lawsuits over the toll of powerful prescription opioids that led hundreds of thousands of Americans into addiction and overdose. In addition to the deals with CVS Health and Walgreens, a lawyer representing a coalition of local governments says that settlement talks continue with Walmart. If completed, they will be the latest and perhaps the last of the massive settlements announced after years over the role drugmakers, distributors and pharmacies played in fueling the nation's opioid epidemic. Governments say that, for years, pharmacies were filling prescriptions they should have flagged as inappropriate. Opioids have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over the past two decades. /

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TRANSPORTATION, WEATHER, SAFETY: Quick reminder for drivers: November 1 marked the start of studded tire season. Studded tires are legal in Oregon from November 1 through March 31. Because of the damage caused by studded tires, the Oregon Department of Transportation encourages motorists to use studded tires only when necessary. State transportation officials encourage you to go to www.TripCheck.com to check conditions before you travel. Carry chains in case you need them to get over mountain passes or to other parts of the Cascades. / WEATHER, SAFETY: A strong atmospheric river is expected to impact Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington tonight through Friday night. The storm will bring widespread moderate to heavy rain to the region. Impacts will likely include minor urban flooding and flooding along creeks. In addition to the widespread rain on Friday, it will be windy with southwest winds gusting as high as 25-40 mph over the lowlands and closer to 50 mph at the coast. Winds will likely gust to 60-90+ mph over the high Cascades, mainly above 5000 feet. Tree damage and isolated power outages will be possible on Friday. Friday is NOT a good day to play in the Cascades unless you enjoy battling potentially extreme winds. Snow levels will be high, around 7,000-7,500 feet. Snow levels will lower on Saturday, falling to around 3,000-4,500 feet during the afternoon. Although it will be less windy on Saturday, those who plan on traveling over the Cascade passes should be prepared for winter driving conditions with snow showers. / EVENTS: Nobody won last night's Powerball jackpot, meaning the prize on Saturday night climbs to \$1.5 (b)illion—the third largest in U.S. history. The numbers drawn Wednesday night were: 2, 11, 22, 35, 60 with a powerball of 23. The last time someone won the Powerball jackpot was August 3. There now have been 39 consecutive drawings without a top winner. The \$1.5-billion million amount is for winners who take their prize through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years. But nearly all winners instead choose the cash option, which would be \$745.9 million before taxes. Your odds of winning: One in 292 million. The jackpot grows after every drawing without a winner. It now is very close to the record U.S. jackpot of \$1.586 billion won by three Powerball players in 2016. The second-largest prize came in a Mega Millions lottery game. / HEALTH, FINANCES: These are heady days for Oregon Lottery players. With Friday's Powerball prize at \$1.5 billion, there's plenty of excitement among casual

lottery players about the larger lottery jackpots. But this is a challenging time for problem gamblers and their families. Like other addictions, the craving to gamble can become the main priority in a person's life. When this happens the emotional and financial upheavals are devastating. Often, family and close friends are impacted. According to the most recent numbers from the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling, gambling addiction affects approximately 80,000 adult Oregonians, and about one in four problem gamblers think about suicide. For those entering treatment, the Oregon Health Authority estimates their combined debt related to gambling at more than \$30 million. In Oregon, treatment for persons with a gambling problem—and for their loved ones who are affected by their addiction—is free and confidential and provided through Oregon Lottery revenues. There can be a wait to gain access to an open spot in a program. Still, experts say recognizing there you have a problem and taking those first steps to receive treatment are key. Need help? Go to the Oregon Problem Gambling program's website at www.opgr.org (en español: www.opgr.org/es) or call the state's 24-hour "Help Line" at 1-877-MY-LIMIT (877-695-4648).

/ ECONOMY, FINANCES: The Federal Reserve Board increased its benchmark interest rate Wednesday by three-quarters of a point. It was the panel's fourth straight hike, part of an effort to control high inflation. But Chairman Jerome Powell also hinted that the Fed might soon reduce the size of its rate hikes. The Fed's move boosted its key short-term rate to a range of 3.75 percent to 4 percent, its highest level in 15 years. It was the central bank's sixth rate hike this year — a streak that has made mortgages and other consumer and business loans—ranging from car loans to credit card finance charges—increasingly expensive. But Wednesday's rate increase also heightened concerns that the Fed might tighten credit so much that it tips the economy into recession. The government reported that the economy grew last quarter, and employers are still hiring at a solid pace. But in the wake of recent interest rate hikes, the housing market has slowed, and consumers are barely increasing their spending. Inflation rose 8.2 percent in September from 12 months earlier, just below the highest rate in 40 years. Powell implicitly addressed those fears at a news conference. While stressing that the Fed would keep raising rates — possibly even higher than it had forecast in September — he left the door open to downshifting to a half-point hike when it next meets in December. The Fed could then step down even further to a quarter-point increase — a more typically sized rate hike — early next year. The persistence of inflated prices and higher borrowing costs is pressuring American households and has undercut the ability of Democrats to campaign on the health of the job market as they try to keep control of Congress. Republican candidates have hammered Democrats on the punishing impact of inflation in the run-up to the midterm elections that culminate on Tuesday. The average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage, just 3.14 percent a year ago, surpassed 7 percent last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported. Sales of existing homes have dropped for eight straight months. Yet the job market remains consistently strong. This week, the government reported that companies posted more job openings in September than in August. There are now close to two available jobs for each unemployed worker, an unusually large supply. ; We keep hearing about the challenges for first-time home buyers, including high prices and rising mortgage interest rates. Now, a new study from the National Association of Realtors finds that's causing many to put off the purchase of their first home for years. The business group

reports the typical first-time buyer is 36 years old – an all-time high. Many of those first-time buyers say they needed to save for down payments over longer periods of time or used money given, loaned, or bequeathed by older family members. The study also found that among all current home buyers, the share of first-time home buyers stood at about one in four, or 26 percent. That is the lowest percentage since the National Association of Realtors began tracking such data. Selling your home to buy another? The typical repeat buyer's age climbed to 59 years from 56 years in 2021. That's also the highest ever. Nationwide, housing inventories—the number of homes for sale—remain tight. That's still good news for sellers but not so much for buyers. Buyers spent an average ten weeks on their house hunt. / FINANCES, SPORTS, FAMILIES: Sticker shock in youth sports is nothing new, but the onslaught of inflation across America this year has added a costly wrinkle on the path to the ballparks, swimming pools and dance studios across America. It has forced some families to scale back the number of seasons, or leagues, or sports that their kids can play in any given year, while motivating league organizers to become more creative in devising ways to keep prices down and participation up. Everyone from football coaches to swim-meet coordinators are struggling to find less-expensive ways of keeping families coming through the doors. / HEALTH: A preliminary study suggests that psilocybin, a chemical found in so-called “magic mushrooms,” might help ease the effects of depression in some hard-to-treat patients. While improvement was modest and did wane over time, it was promising enough to suggest further study is needed. It comes amid efforts to help patients who have received little relief from standard antidepressant meds. The study is part of a resurgence of research into potential medical uses of hallucinogen drugs. Several U.S. cities have decriminalized psilocybin and Oregon is the first state to approve its medical use. But the U.S. government still classifies psilocybin as a controlled substance, with no accepted medical use. One theory is that psilocybin stimulates portions of the brain that control levels of the mood-influencing chemical serotonin. It also may reconnect brain circuits — but both theories remain to be proven. Researchers tested the chemical in 233 adults in the U.S., Europe and Canada. Each swallowed capsules containing one of three doses of psilocybin during a 6- to 8-hour session. Two mental health specialists guided them through hallucinatory experiences. Results for the highest and medium-strength doses were compared with those in the very low dose control group. Depression symptoms declined in all three groups, with the greatest initial improvement in the highest-dose group. At three weeks, 37 percent of high-dose recipients had substantially improved. But those effects weren't as good as seen in studies of standard antidepressant drugs, and the results waned in the following weeks. At three months, 20 percent in the high-dose group still saw substantial improvement. Side effects, including headaches and nausea, were common in all three study groups. Serious side effects were uncommon, but they included suicidal thoughts and self-injury — mostly in participants with a history of suicidal thoughts. The researchers said larger and longer studies are needed to determine the effectiveness and safety of using psilocybin for depression. Their results were published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine. / HEALTH, LABOR: They say it's an effort to reduce burnout, improve medical care, and save lives. Leaders of the Oregon Nurses Association, the state's largest nursing union, yesterday unveiled their priorities for the next legislative session. They say action is needed to address the

root causes of hospital nurse staffing shortage across the state. Their proposal, which is being introduced by Representative Rob Nosse, seeks to strengthen existing law by adding new minimum safe staffing standards for all hospital units. Leaders of the ONA claim hospitals are consistently and willfully ignoring current staffing requirements. They say their proposal includes higher monetary penalties for hospitals that are out of compliance and gives health care workers and their unions the right to file civil lawsuits over alleged violations. The head of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems says healthcare workers have been under extraordinary strain—and that the workforce crisis is not the result of willfully ignoring staffing requirements, but of combined financial, staffing, and capacity issues. And the hospital association official warns that rather than preserving access to healthcare, the ONA's proposal would increase costs for smaller community hospitals, forcing further cuts and reduced access to services if they are unable to hire enough staff. / FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE: If Oregon has a signature shellfish, it is Dungeness crab—a staple of the holiday table and good eating year-round. But Dungeness crab, like many other marine species, face growing threats from climate change, warming seas, low-oxygen ocean dead zones, and harmful algal blooms. Now, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has awarded Oregon State University and its research partners \$4.2 million to investigate how those factors are impacting marine ecosystems off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and Northern California. The researchers will focus on Dungeness crab and krill. Krill are tiny crustaceans that play a critical role in the ocean's food web. Principal investigator Francis Chan is a marine ecologist at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. Chan says the goal is to better understand how those stressors are impacting the species, and how to adapt the Dungeness crab commercial and tribal fisheries to prepare them for the changes that lie ahead. /

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SPORTS: In College Football: It is going to be wet at Husky Stadium in Seattle tonight when the No. 23 Oregon State Beavers visit Washington. The National Weather Service forecasts rainfall of between one-quarter to one-half inch in the Puget Sound area. But winds could gust close to 40 miles per hour. The OSU-UW game kicks off this evening at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN2. The weather looks chilly in Boulder on Saturday when No. 8 Oregon takes on Colorado. Game time is 12:30 p.m. on ESPN. The forecast for the afternoon: Partly sunny after patchy blowing snow in the morning. The high temperature will be 56 degrees. / EVENTS: Saturday's Powerball jackpot is \$1.5 (b)illion—the third largest in U.S. history. That amount is for winners who take their prize through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years. But nearly all winners instead choose the cash option, which would be \$745.9 million before taxes. Your odds of winning: One in 292 million. The jackpot grows after every drawing without a winner. It now is very close to the record U.S. jackpot of \$1.586 billion won by three Powerball players in 2016. The second-largest prize came in a Mega Millions lottery game. / SAFETY, POLITICS, HEALTH: On Sunday, we're "falling back" onto Standard Time until March 12. Turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. The time change happens Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Traffic safety advocates warn that changes to sleeping patterns can result in drowsy driving – and that can be fatal for anyone out using the transportation system, whether in a car, on foot, riding or rolling. Unlike drunken driving, driving drowsy is not a behavior people readily recognize as dangerous. Around one-third of American drivers have admitted falling asleep at the wheel, and more than half (60 percent) said they have driven while drowsy, according to a National Sleep Foundation poll. But like impaired driving, the consequences of drowsy driving can be tragic. And like impaired driving, it's preventable. The best way to do that: Invest in a good night's sleep so your body more quickly adapts to the new schedule. ; Members of the U.S. Senate earlier this year unanimously approved a measure that would make Daylight Saving Time permanent next year. But the bill stalled in the U.S. House amid discussion of whether permanent Standard Time makes more sense. Nearly a dozen states across the U.S.—including Oregon—have already approved permanent Daylight Saving Time but cannot make the change until it is approved at the federal level. The proposal has been named the Sunshine Protection Act. It

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ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Gasoline prices continue to ease a bit across much of Oregon. This morning, AAA reports the average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel in the Eugene-Springfield area is \$4.73. That's down 15 cents from one week ago, but still 93 cents higher than one year ago. Local diesel prices this morning average \$5.52, two cents less than last week but still \$1.68 per gallon more expensive than it was 12 months ago, /

HEALTH, SAFETY, WOMEN: People joked in the early going about pandemic drinking, but it's not so funny when you look at the latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Alcohol is often overlooked as a public health problem, but it is a leading preventable cause of death. And during the COVID pandemic, with its social isolation and economic disruption, alcohol use and abuse soared among Americans. According to researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the rate of deaths that can be directly attributed to alcohol rose 26 percent in the U.S. during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. That's compared to previous increases of seven percent or less each year prior to the pandemic. Examples of directly attributed deaths include alcohol-caused liver or pancreas failure, alcohol poisoning, mental and behavioral disorders tied to the use of alcohol, withdrawal and certain other diseases. There were more than 52,000 such deaths in 2020, up from 39,000 in 2019. Excessive drinking is associated with chronic health problems such as liver cancer, high blood pressure, stroke and heart disease. Drinking by pregnant women can lead to miscarriage, stillbirth or birth defects. And health officials say alcohol is a factor in as many as one-third of serious falls among the elderly. It's also a risk to others

from drunken driving or alcohol-fueled violence. Surveys suggest that more than half the alcohol sold in the U.S. is consumed during binge drinking episodes. The CDC analysis does not include deaths where alcohol use might have contributed to but was not the only factor in a person's death. Men were two-and-a-half times more likely to die from alcohol-related causes than women, with the 55- to 64-year-old age group hit hardest. But some of the largest overall jumps in mortality were among younger adults, up 50 percent among men under age 45 and 45 percent among men ages 25 to 44. But women were not immune: there was a 34 percent increase in alcohol-related deaths among women ages 25 to 34. /

EMPLOYMENT: America's employers kept hiring briskly in October, adding a substantial 261,000 positions. It is a sign that the economy remains a picture of solid job growth but also one marked by painful inflation. Last month's hiring remained near the robust pace it has maintained in the two-plus years since the pandemic recession ended. The unemployment rate rose to 3.7 percent from a five-decade low of 3.5 percent. Health care led job gains, adding 53,000 positions, while professional and technical services contributed 43,000, and manufacturing grew by 32,000. But the robust job market is deepening the challenges the Federal Reserve faces as it raises interest rates at the fastest pace since the 1980s to try to bring inflation down from near a 40-year high. The substantial hiring gain likely means that wages will keep rising and continue to fuel spending and price increases. Chronic inflation is hurting many households and has shot to the top of voter concerns in the midterm elections. /

HEALTH, CHILDREN: Children's hospitals in parts of the U.S. are continuing to see a surge in RSV cases. RSV — respiratory syncytial virus — is a common bug. For most people, it causes mild cold-like symptoms such as runny nose, cough and fever. But infants and older people can develop serious airway and lung infections. Among U.S. children under age 5, RSV typically leads to 58,000 hospitalizations and up to 500 deaths in a year. For adults 65 and older, RSV causes 177,000 hospitalizations and 14,000 deaths yearly. Nearly all U.S. children normally catch an RSV infection by age 2. But the past two years of pandemic isolation are likely playing a role, because they shielded babies and children from common illnesses that can help build immunity. RSV cases fell dramatically two years ago as the pandemic closed schools, day cares and businesses. Then primary care providers saw an alarming increase in the summer of 2021 and again this fall. Doctors also fear that RSV, flu and COVID-19 could combine into a "tripledemic" this fall and winter, adding new stress for hospitals. ; There's no specific treatment for RSV, but doctors may prescribe medications to manage symptoms. There is a drug available to prevent severe RSV illness in certain high-risk kids, but it doesn't prevent infection. Several companies are working on a vaccine. It's been a long time coming. An early effort in the 1960s ended in failure, but National Institutes of Health researchers found a possible pathway to immunization, opening the way to a variety of experimental RSV vaccine candidates. /

HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Lane County is continuing to see a slow easing of COVID infections. But public health officials say during the past week they were notified of 234 new cases and five additional deaths. Statewide, the Oregon Health Authority received reports of more than 2,500 new cases and 46 additional COVID-related deaths. Officials say vaccination and boosters remain the best way to prevent hospitalization and death—and to protect vulnerable people with weakened immune systems. But they and health officials nationwide remain concerned that

only slightly more than eight percent of eligible adults have gotten the latest COVID booster. It is formulated to provide protection against the original form of the virus and the two omicron variants that were dominant during the summer. While the number of reported COVID-19 infections is continuing to slow, people are still falling ill—especially those with weakened and vulnerable immune systems. There are concerns that we'll see a winter surge as people move indoors and gather for the holidays. / HEALTH: Healthcare providers also are reminding vaccine-weary Americans: Please do not skip your flu shot this fall. And for the first time, seniors are being urged to get the specially designed “high dose” vaccine. There's no way to predict how bad this flu season will be. But the nation of Australia, whose flu seasons are often indicators for the Northern Hemisphere, just emerged from a nasty one. In the U.S., annual flu vaccinations are recommended starting with 6-month-olds. Because seniors don't respond as well, the U.S. now recommends they get one of three types made with higher doses or an immune-boosting ingredient. Meanwhile, the companies that make the two most widely used COVID-19 vaccines now are testing flu shots made with the same technology. / CRIME: The latest poaching incident in southern Douglas County does not involve a deer or an elk. It involves a cow. On Halloween night, Oregon State Police were contacted by a landowner who said one of his cows had been shot in his field off Boomer Hill Road near Myrtle Creek. The landowner was alerted by a neighbor who heard the gunshot. The cow was wounded and died several hours later. State Police Fish & Wildlife investigators are asking for tips in the case at 1-800-452-7888, OSP (677), or email at TIP@osp.oregon.gov Case number SP22294323. /

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how the processing and counting works. Now, Lane County Elections is launching a livestream YouTube channel. You may view it at www.youtube.com/@Lane_County_OR_Elections You may also access the stream from the official Lane County Elections website at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Elections It's right there near the top of the page. Elections leaders also have laid out eight-step ballot processing guide, which includes a description of each step, as well as a tentative schedule of when and how ballots are handled. Lane County Clerk Dena Dawson says the livestream and other efforts are intended to increase transparency and educate voters on the mail-in process. In-person observation is also available. Observers must be authorized by their political party, a non-partisan candidate, or the County Clerk. If you are interested in observing the ballot handling and counting process in-person, contact your political party or the Elections Office at 541-682-4234 for more information. ; As complaints about elections pile up around the country, investigators tasked with dealing with them find themselves on the front line of defending the integrity of elections. In blue states like Oregon and red states like Idaho, elections officials say investigating the complaints is critical for maintaining voter confidence. An Oregon complaints log obtained through a public records request says at least 204 accusations have been filed this year. The complaints included accusations of campaign finance violations, public employees campaigning while on the job, and someone yelling about signs on lawns. /

WILDFIRES, UTILITIES, LEGAL: Electric company PacifiCorp has settled a lawsuit with two families who were victims of Oregon's catastrophic Labor Day fires in 2020. The Oregonian reports that the settlement is confidential and avoids a jury trial that was set to start Nov. 15. The plaintiffs had sought \$69 million in damages over various claims of injury and property damage due to the Archie Creek Fire in southern Oregon, which burned about 200 square miles and destroyed more than 100 homes. Several lawsuits alleging negligence have been filed against PacifiCorp and its Oregon subsidiary, Pacific Power. A spokesperson for PacifiCorp said it doesn't comment on legal matters. /

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ELECTIONS: It's Election Day in Oregon and across the U.S. And judging by the latest numbers, Lane County voters are returning their ballots at a faster rate than the average for voters statewide. As of yesterday, our Lane County turnout—based on ballots already received by local elections officials—stands at just shy of 46 percent (45.9 percent). Statewide, the ballot return number yesterday was 36 percent. You may return your vote-by-mail ballots by: Regular mail, so long as they are postmarked no later than today and are received no later than November 15, 2022. At one of the county's official ballot drop boxes, which are open until 8 p.m. tonight. A list of those locations was on the insert that arrived with your ballot and also is online at the Lane County Elections website at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/elections and at the state's website of www.oregonvotes.gov You also may return your ballots directly to the Lane County Elections Office during business hours—or use the official drop box on the drive-up at the side of the building. Voters with questions may email elections@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-682-4234. ; You may track the progress of your ballot after you return it by going to the State of Oregon's official elections site at www.oregonvotes.gov/MyVote You also may see the Voter's Pamphlet and other information at www.oregonvotes.gov Because there are a large number of ballot issues and candidates on many ballots, be sure to check both sides of your ballot and remember to sign the back of your return envelope. ; Lane County Elections offers a livestream of the ballot-counting process on its YouTube channel and updated results on its website. Elections leaders also have laid out eight-step ballot processing guide, which includes a description of each step, as well as a tentative schedule of when and how ballots are handled. Lane County Clerk Dena Dawson says the livestream and other efforts are intended to increase transparency and educate voters on the mail-in process. In-person observation is also available. Observers must be authorized by their political party, a non-partisan candidate, or the County Clerk. If you are interested in observing the ballot handling and counting process in-person, contact your political party or the Elections Office at 541-682-4234 for more information. ; Lane County Elections officials say they've receiving increasing reports of groups planning to "watch" official ballot drop boxes in Oregon. They remind you that every eligible voter has the right to cast their ballot without intimidation. And they

encourage voters to report intimidation at a ballot drop box to the Secretary of State's Office for investigation and follow-up. Voters have the right to: Access official ballot drop boxes and election offices without interference. Keep their votes private. Vote without intimidation or threats. They emphasize that no one has the right to ask you how you voted, how you intend to vote, or ask to examine your ballot at an official drop box. In recent weeks, Lane County Elections officials say they have been communicating with local law enforcement agencies to ensure that voter intimidation is not permitted here. ; According to state and local elections officials, examples of voter intimidation include: Aggressive or harassing questions about whether you are qualified to vote intended to interfere with your right to vote, scare you into voting a certain way or to intimidate you for voting, such as questions about your citizenship status, criminal record, residency, other personal information, or questions about how you intend to vote. False or misleading statements or accusations about voter fraud or related criminal penalties, designed to frighten you away from voting. Verbal or physical threats – express or implied – meant to stop you from voting or to force you to vote for a particular candidate or measure. Purposefully obstructing or interfering with your ability to vote. Targeted surveillance of particular voters or groups of voters, such as following or tracking voters, copying license plates, taking videos or photos, etc., with the intent to dissuade or obstruct them from voting. Lane County Elections also reminds you: Elections officials do NOT send people door to door to collect ballots or establish non-official drop boxes. ; A record number of Oregonians are eligible to cast ballots in this month's election. State officials say there are now three million registered voters in our state. It comes after steady increases tied to Oregon's pioneering "Motor Voter Law," which automatically registered residents when they got their drivers' license. The law went into effect in 2016. Vote-by-mail also helped spur participation. ; Oregon's gubernatorial election, usually a shoo-in for the Democratic candidate, has turned into a nail-biter with the Republican's bid possibly buoyed by a third contender. Three women, all former legislators, are the top candidates to become the next governor of a state that hasn't elected a Republican to the office in 40 years. Democrat Tina Kotek, formerly the longest serving Oregon House speaker, is being challenged by Christine Drazan, a former leader of the Republican minority in the House. The presence of Betsy Johnson, who was in the statehouse for 20 years and quit the Democratic Party to run as an unaffiliated candidate, presents a wild card. ; Oregon's senior U.S. senator, Democrat Ron Wyden, is poised to retain his seat in today's election. Wyden, who was first elected to the Senate in 1996 and is chairman of the body's Finance Committee, won the Democratic primary with 90 percent of the vote. As legislative accomplishments, he points to his work on clean energy tax credits, prescription drug price reduction measures, tax reform and boosting the semiconductor manufacturing industry. Wyden's Republican opponent, Jo Rae Perkins, is a supporter of the QAnon conspiracy theory who opposes COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates and questions the validity of the 2020 presidential election. ; A toss-up in one congressional district and a closer-than-expected race in another have Democrats battling to maintain their advantage in Oregon as Republicans seek to capitalize on concerns about inflation and crime. Democrats controlled four of the state's five previous U.S. House seats and are hoping to claim its newly created sixth one as well. Oregon was one of just six states to gain a seat after the 2020 census. The most hotly

contested race is in the 5th District, which stretches from Portland's affluent southern suburbs to the central high desert city of Bend and includes the rural, mountainous areas in between. ; We're voting on four statewide measures this election: They include a constitutional amendment declaring affordable health care as a fundamental right. Measure 111 amends the state constitution to declare that the state "ensure that every resident of Oregon has access to cost-effective, clinically appropriate and affordable health care as a fundamental right; Measure 112 repeals language allowing slavery or involuntary servitude as criminal punishments and authorizes an Oregon court or probation or parole agency to find alternatives to forced work during incarceration; Measure 113 excludes state legislators from reelection if they have ten unexcused legislative absences during a session; Measure 114 enacts a law outlining a procedure to apply for a permit-to-purchase a firearm and prohibits ammunition magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds. ; Oregonians will vote on a slate of measures including one that would add a permit requirement for buyers and another that would mandate health care as a human right. Measure 114 would require state residents to obtain a permit to purchase a gun, ban large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances and create a statewide firearms database. Measure 111, if passed, would make Oregon the first state in the nation to amend its constitution to explicitly declare affordable health care a fundamental human right. Opponents have said it could trigger legal and political challenges if passed. ; Final voting began without major hitches today in midterm elections under intense scrutiny after two years of false claims and conspiracy theories about how ballots are cast and counted. Since the last nationwide election two years ago, former President Donald Trump and his allies have succeeded in sowing wide distrust about voting by promoting false claims of widespread fraud. Despite voters and officials being on edge, there were no big problems reported early in the day, though there were hiccups with tabulation machines and late-arriving workers in some places, which is typical on any Election Day. ; Months of campaigning are culminating in midterm elections that will decide control of Congress and top governorships. Today's vote potentially will help shape economic policy, access to abortion and even how elections are held — all while testing the political strength of President Joe Biden and his predecessor, Donald Trump. With polls open across the country, neither Biden nor Trump is on the ballot. But key race outcomes will nonetheless be widely read as whether voters approve of the Democratic president's first two years and if they're willing to support a Republican Party the former president has increasingly molded in his own image. Yesterday, from coast to coast, candidates and their famous backers made final appeals to voters in a midterm election which finds Republicans stoked about their chances of winning back Congress — and President Biden insisting his party would "surprise the living devil out of a lot of people." Among the things to watch: Will the expected red wave be a ripple or a tsunami? What effect will the U.S. Supreme Court have after striking down Roe v. Wade? And what will we know before we go to bed tonight? Democrats have warned that GOP wins would reshape the country, eliminating abortion rights and unleashing threats to the future of American democracy. Republicans say the nation is tired of Biden's policies — and blame his administration for inflation and rising crime. / HOMELESSNESS, WEATHER, SAFETY: With cold temperatures in the forecast, the Egan Warming Center opens its emergency shelter season

tonight. It offers a warm and dry place to spend the night for those who are unhoused. The Egan shelters open whenever the forecast across Eugene-Springfield calls for overnight lows of 30 degrees or below. Normally, the Egan Warming Center season begins on November 15 or later. But this unseasonably early cold spell has led to early activation of the network. Tonight's shelters are located at: Eugene site: Wheeler Pavilion at Lane Events Center, 796 W. 13th Ave.; open at 7 p.m. Springfield site: Springfield Memorial Building, 765 North A St.; open at 6:30 p.m. Youth site (for minors 18 and younger): First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene; open at 6 p.m. During an activation, teams of trained volunteers open each warming center in the evening and operate it through morning. They provide guests with sleeping pads and blankets, warm drinks and meals, heartwarming hospitality, basic first aid and more — all inside heated host sites offering protection from the dangerous conditions outside. The Egan Warming Center is a program of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, which operates with funding from Lane County and support from a broad coalition of community members, service providers, nonprofits, faith and social communities, and local governments. The warming centers also continually need certain material donations — namely warm, weatherized gloves, coats and shoes — that can better equip shelter guests to survive in harsh winter weather conditions even outside of activation periods. Donations may be dropped off, clearly marked for Egan, at St. Vinnie's Seneca donation site, 705 S. Seneca Road in Eugene. Starting Nov. 15, customers at any St. Vinnie's location in the Lane County area will be able to donate materials intended for Egan by placing them in an in-store donation barrel. Food/drink donations in support of Egan Warming Centers should go through FOOD for Lane County. Most-needed items include coffee and tea, canned soups, bread, condiments, pastries, juice, milk, bottled water, cookies, crackers and chips, fruit, sugar, creamer, lettuce and cheese. / EDUCATION, BUSINESS, ENERGY: The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded \$3 million to an Oregon State University researcher to lead the development of a new, high-energy-density battery that does not rely on rare elements. OSU Professor of Chemistry Xiulei "David" Ji (say: gee) will lead a team of researchers from four universities working to develop a battery that can use more common elements and provide potentially higher energy density. Ji says it's an important effort, as more and more lithium-ion batteries are manufactured to electrify the transportation sector, and global demand soars for the nickel and cobalt necessary for their manufacture. Experts predict there could be shortages of both elements in just a few decades. There are many different types of batteries, but they all work the same basic way and contain the same basic components. If Ji and the research team can develop a high-energy-density battery that uses more common elements, such as copper or carbon, it could revolutionize the effort to electrify vehicles as well as the field of materials science. / WILDLIFE: Congratulations to Marissa Gibson of Springfield, whose stunning artwork earned first place in the Upland Game Bird category of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's 2023 Waterfowl, Upland Game Bird, and Habitat Conservation art competitions. First place artists each receive a prize award of \$2,000. Their winning artwork will be the face of 2023 collector stamps and other promotional items that benefit Oregon's native wildlife and their habitats. Rules for entering the 2024 contests will be announced next year. The entries were judged at ODFW headquarters by independent judges on November

4. A total of 21 entries were received depicting Mountain Quail for the upland game bird stamp contest; 13 entries depicting Greater Scaup for the waterfowl stamp contest; and 37 entries depicting select strategy species for the habitat conservation contest. The sale of Upland Game Bird Stamps and Waterfowl Stamps support game bird research, surveys, habitat improvement and conservation projects. The Habitat Conservation Stamp program provides a way for all Oregonians to give financial support for conserving our state's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Those collector's stamps and limited-edition art prints are available for purchase at license sales agents or online. The People's Choice Award for 2023 is also now open for online voting. Additionally, Duck Pond Cellars is selling their Conservation Cuvee featuring winning Habitat Conservation Stamp artwork. Duck Pond donates \$5 from the sale of each bottle to ODFW's Conservation Program which is used to restore habitats and benefit species of greatest conservation need in Oregon. / SAFETY: Officials are working to determine the cause of a fatal apartment fire Sunday evening in West Eugene. The blaze was reported around 7:30 p.m. at the Bailey Hill Meadows apartments, in the 1500 block of Eugene's Bailey Hill Road. The fire broke out in one unit and nearby apartments were evacuated. Fire crews located the body of one victim. Their name will be released after relatives are notified. Officials say the person's death does not appear to be criminal in nature. / EVENTS: The numbers for a record-breaking \$2.04 billion Powerball jackpot have been drawn following a nearly 10-hour delay. Now, players are checking their tickets and awaiting the announcement of a possible winner. The Multi-State Lottery Association says Monday night's Powerball drawing was delayed until this morning because a participating state lottery had issues processing sales. The association said it was against its policy to say which state lottery had the delay. The jackpot was reported as an estimated \$1.9 billion on Monday, but with robust ticket sales grew to \$2.04 billion this morning. It wasn't immediately known whether any jackpot-winning tickets were sold. But it sounds like there was no winning ticket sold in Oregon. According to preliminary unofficial results from Oregon Lottery officials, the only ticket of note sold in our state had the first five numbers correct—that's all the white balls—but missed the red Powerball. Still, that's good for a cool \$1 million. The numbers for the drawing held in Tallahassee, Florida, were: white balls 10, 33, 41, 47 and 56, and the red Powerball was 10. Your odds of winning are one in 292 million. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ELECTIONS: Voting concluded Tuesday in the mid-term elections, but across Oregon and the U.S. it might be days before we know the final results. That's because elections are no longer limited to a single day. There's early voting, mail-in voting, and a careful vote-counting process once ballots arrive. As the tallying continues, turnout so far stands at around 49 percent statewide. Lane County's turnout currently stands at 58 percent. ; The outcome of Oregon's gubernatorial election might not be known until the end of the week. Democrat Tina Kotek has only the slightest of edges over Republican Christine Drazan. Kotek has 45.7 percent of the vote, Drazan has 44.6 percent. Unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson is a distant third, with slightly more than eight percent of the vote, and has already conceded and thanked her supporters. Oregon has not elected a Republican to the governor's office in 40 years. ; Christina Stephenson appears to be winning a term as Oregon's Labor Commissioner. She leads Cheri Helt with 60 percent of the vote to 40 percent in the non-partisan statewide race. ; In a contested judicial contest, incumbent Beatrice Grace leads challenger Marty Wilde with 60 percent of the vote to Wilde's 38 percent. ; Some early leads and a handful of close races in the battle for Oregon's congressional seats: In the 4th Congressional District, Democrat Val Hoyle has 51 percent of the vote to Republican Alek Skarlatos' 43 percent. The winner of the contest will replace longtime incumbent Peter DeFazio, who is retiring at the end of his term. ; In the contested race for the West Lane seat on the Lane County Board of Commissioners, Ryan Ceniga is leading Dawn Lesley, 55 percent to 45 percent. In the 5th Congressional District, which stretches from Portland to Bend and includes a portion of Linn County, Republican Lori Chavez-Deremer (duh-REE'-mr) has a narrow lead over Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner—who upset seven-term Congressman Kurt Schraeder in the primary-- 52 percent to 48 percent. In the 2nd Congressional District, which includes much of Eastern Oregon but also a chunk of Douglas County, republican Cliff Bentz has a wide lead over Democrat Joe Yetter, 66 percent to 33 percent. In the newly created 6th Congressional District, which includes portions of the northern Willamette and the Yamhill valleys, Democrat Andrea Salinas has a slight edge over Republican Mike Erickson, 50 percent to 48 percent. Two incumbents appear to be having easy paths to reelection. In the 3rd Congressional District, Earl Blumenauer is well</p>

ahead of his GOP opponent, Joanna Harbour, with 70 percent of the vote. And Democrat Suzanne Bonamici is getting the nod over the GOP's Christopher Mann in the 1st Congressional District, 67 percent to 33 percent. ; Oregon's senior U.S. senator, Democrat Ron Wyden, appears to be easily winning reelection, leading Republican Jo Rae Perkins with 55 percent of the vote to Perkins' 42 percent. Wyden, who was first elected to the Senate in 1996, chairs the powerful Senate Finance Committee. He also sits on the Energy and Natural Resources, Budget and Intelligence Committees. Perkins previously ran unsuccessfully for the Senate in 2014 and the 4th Congressional District in 2016 and 2018. ; Oregon voters appear closely divided on some key statewide ballot measures: Measure 114, which would create one of the nation's strictest gun-control laws, is very narrowly passing. It would require residents to obtain a permit to purchase a firearm, ban large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances, and create a statewide firearms database. The "yes" votes are currently leading the "no" votes by 50.3 percent to 49.6 percent. Measure 111, which would add affordable healthcare as a fundamental human right in the state's constitution, is narrowly failing, 50.4 percent to 49.5 percent. Supporters say it could lead to better long-term funding for healthcare; opponents say it could lead to lawsuits over it and other state spending priorities. But two other statewide measures are passing: Measure 112 repeals language allowing slavery or involuntary servitude as criminal punishments and authorizes an Oregon court or probation or parole agency to find alternatives to forced work during incarceration. It is passing, 54 percent to 45 percent. Similar measures are on the ballot in Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Vermont. Measure 113 excludes state lawmakers from reelection if they have ten unexcused legislative absences during a session. It's being approved, 67 percent to 32 percent. ; A number of local measures appeared on the Lane County ballot: The five-year Lane County parks levy is being approved by a 60-40 margin. The City of Eugene's bond measure funding street repair, walking and biking safety, and tree projects is passing, 65 percent to 35 percent. Springfield voters are renewing their five-year local-option levy for jail and police services, 66 percent to 34 percent. Voters in five Lane County communities are backing prohibitions on psilocybin-related businesses within their city limits. That includes the cities of Cottage Grove, Creswell, Coburg, Junction City, and Dunes City. It comes as Oregon prepares to launch statewide treatment services that use the active ingredient in those hallucinogenic mushrooms. And some split votes for some local fire districts. Voters are approving renewals of the five-year local-option levies for South Lane County Fire and Rescue and the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District. But patrons in the Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District are rejecting a bond request to replace the Pleasant Hill fire station. Voters in the Rainbow Water District are giving a "thumbs up" to renewal of their five-year local option levy. /

HOMELESSNESS, WEATHER, SAFETY: More chilly temperatures are in tonight's forecast. The Egan Warming Center is again offering emergency shelter for those who are unhoused. Tonight's shelters are located at: Eugene site: Wheeler Pavilion at Lane Events Center, 796 W. 13th Ave.; open at 7 p.m. Springfield site: Springfield Memorial Building, 765 North A St.; open at 6:30 p.m. Youth site (for minors 18 and younger): First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene; open at 6 p.m. The Egan shelters open whenever the forecast across Eugene-Springfield calls for overnight lows of 30 degrees or below.

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ELECTIONS: As ballot-counting continued yesterday across Oregon, Democrat Tina Kotek widened her lead over Republican Christine Drazan. She has 46.6 percent of the vote to Drazan's 43.8 percent—and is ahead by roughly 45,000 votes. The Oregonian and OregonLive yesterday afternoon declared Kotek the winner, noting that many uncounted ballots are from places like Portland's Multnomah County, where Democrats have a wide registration edge. But results won't be final for days. But Kotek's campaign yesterday issued a statement in which Kotek said she'd be a governor for all of Oregon, while Drazan's campaign officials said they are monitoring returns and expect the race will tighten. Unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson is a distant third, with slightly more than eight percent of the vote. As the tallying continues, statewide voter turnout stands at 53 percent statewide. Lane County's turnout currently stands at 63 percent. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that Republicans eliminated Democrats three-fifths supermajority in the Oregon Senate by flipping at least one net seat in Tuesday's election. Reporter Ted Sickinger writes that the outcome means Democrats will no longer be able to approve new taxes through straight party-line votes. ; Turning to Congressional races: In the 4th Congressional District, Democrat Val Hoyle yesterday maintained her lead over Republican Alek Skarlatos as more ballots were processed. Hoyle has 51 percent of the vote to Skarlatos' 43 percent and is ahead by more than 25,000 votes. The winner of the contest will replace longtime incumbent Peter DeFazio, who is retiring at the end of his term. Things remain close in the 5th Congressional District, which stretches from Portland to Bend and includes a portion of Linn County, Republican Lori Chavez-Deremer (duh-REE'-mr) has a narrow lead over Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner—who upset seven-term Congressman Kurt Schraeder in the primary-- 51 percent to 48 percent. In the newly created 6th Congressional District, which includes portions of the northern Willamette and the Yamhill valleys, Democrat Andrea Salinas has a slight edge over Republican Mike Erickson, 49 percent to 48 percent. ; Measure 114, which would create one of the nation's strictest gun-control laws, continues to pass very narrowly. It would require residents to obtain a permit to purchase a firearm, ban large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances, and create a statewide firearms database. The "yes" votes are currently leading the "no" votes by 50.8

percent to 49.1 percent—a difference of about 27,000 votes. There's also a narrow margin between the "yes" and "no" votes on Measure 111, which would add affordable healthcare as a fundamental human right in the state's constitution. It's passing by a slender margin, 50.2 percent to 49.7 percent—or by about 8,000 votes. Supporters say it could lead to better long-term funding for healthcare; opponents say it could lead to lawsuits over it and other state spending priorities. ; Oregon is one of four states where voters this week approved ballot measures that will change their state constitutions to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for crime. The measures could curtail the use of prison labor in Oregon, Alabama, Tennessee and Vermont. In Louisiana, a former slave-holding state, lawmakers trying to pass a similar measure ended up torpedoing it over ambiguous language. Anti-slavery advocates celebrated the results in the other four states as a signal for what is possible in the effort to end the slavery exception in the U.S. Constitution. ; In Eastern Oregon, voters in Morrow and Wheeler counties are approving an advisory resolution to become part of Idaho, which could bring the total number of counties approving the Greater Idaho measures to 11. The Greater Idaho movement seeks to persuade officials in much of rural Oregon to study or promote joining Idaho. The effort has gained traction in a many Eastern Oregon counties—plus a few in northern California. Supporters argue they would be better served by Idaho's more conservative politics. Backers of the Greater Idaho movement in May experienced a setback in Douglas and Josephine counties—two counties on the west side of the Cascades—and retooled their efforts to focus more on jurisdictions and voters on the east side of the Cascades. But redrawing the Oregon-Idaho border would require approval by both the Oregon and Idaho legislatures as well as Congress. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: After making a few updates, Lane County has reopened its drop-in vaccine clinic at Eugene's Valley River Center. It now offers both COVID and flu vaccinations—including pediatric doses of both—and a nicer waiting area. The Community Access Center, as it's known, also has extended hours. The clinic accepts walk-in patients Mondays through Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. You're encouraged to bring your insurance card. Oregon Health Plan and private insurance are both accepted. The Lane County Public Health Community Access Center is located inside the Valley River Center next to the Round 1 Arcade, which is located on River Path side of VRC. The closest parking lot entrance is the door between Round1 and back of the Regal Cinema building. From bus station, proceed past the Regal Cinema entrance, turn left at first hallway, (walking to the escalator to second level is wrong direction), proceed left until you nearly enter Round1, turn right into the Community Access Center. / SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office has renewed its call in a missing persons case from early March. They want to hear from anyone who might have leads as the search continues for 47-year-old Manuel "Manny" Joseph Bayya. Bayya was last seen in the Elmira area on March 7th. He commonly traveled on a red sport-bike motorcycle. Bayya is described as a Native American male, standing about five-foot-ten and weighing approximately 170 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Have you seen him? Do you know anything about his whereabouts? If so, the Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to hear from you. Call 541-682-4150 and, when prompted, select option 1. / BUSINESS: Southern Oregon's small Rogue Creamery continues to win top trophies for its artisan cheeses at

worldwide competitions, besting Europe's finest brands. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that earlier this month the Central Point company was awarded a "Super Gold" medal for its Bluehorn blue cheese at the 2022 World Cheese Awards. The competition attracted 4,434 entries from 42 countries. Reporter Janet Eastman notes that the wheels of the organic, ultra-creamy Bluehorn blue cheese are cave-aged for about three months and soaked in an organic red wine blend. "The result is a cheese with distinctive berry notes, a sweet-and-savory brown butter finish, and subtle rose blush coloring on the rind," described Marguerite Merritt, the Rogue Creamery's Cheese Emissary, in a news release. At the international competition, the Oregon cheesemaker was also awarded silver and bronze medals for its original Roquefort-style Oregon Blue, robust Crater Lake Blue and Cheese Is Love, an extra-aged sharp cheddar that supports local food banks with each purchase. The cheesemaker's Oregon-inspired Rogue River Blue was named the best cheese in the world at the 2019 World Cheese Awards, the first American cheese to win top honors. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>VETERANS, HOLIDAYS, EVENTS: Today is Veterans Day. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary marking the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 making it an annual observance, and it became a national holiday in 1938. Then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day to honor all those who served the country in war or peace. On this day, the nation honors military veterans past and present with parades and other observances across the country and a ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates there are 16.5 million military veterans—including 1.7 million female veterans—in the United States. Close to one-quarter are over the age of 75. But after decades of overseas wars, there are large numbers of younger veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. ; There are many veterans day events and observances taking place across Oregon today. Among the largest: The Douglas County Veterans Day Parade begins at 11 a.m. in downtown Roseburg. The U.S. Navy Submariners are Grand Marshals. After a two-year hiatus, the 71st annual Albany Veterans Day Parade returns to its traditional route in downtown Albany at 11 a.m.. For decades, the parade has been recognized as the largest Veterans Day parade west of the Mississippi. ; The 142nd Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard out of Portland will conduct Veterans Day flyovers for ceremonies and parades at locations throughout the state. The F-15 Eagle fighter jets are scheduled to conduct flyovers at 10:57 a.m. over the Albany Veterans Day Parade, and at 12:22 p.m. over the Douglas County Veterans Day Parade in Roseburg. All passes will be approximately 1,000 feet above ground level and about 400 mph airspeed. Flights could be canceled or times changed due to inclement weather or operational contingencies. / ELECTIONS: In the Oregon governor's race, Democrat Tina Kotek yesterday continued to slowly widen her lead over Republican Christine Drazan. She has 47.1 percent of the vote to Drazan's 43.4 percent—and is ahead by roughly 64,000 votes. Yesterday, the Associated Press declared Kotek the winner. But Drazan has not conceded. Kotek says she spoke yesterday morning with Drazan and unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson and that both conversations were cordial. Johnson conceded on Election Night. Kotek's campaign also is moving forward. At a media briefing</p>

yesterday, Kotek promised to act swiftly to tackle Oregon's housing and homeless crisis. She said that once she is sworn in, she will declare a state of emergency on those issues. And she says she's already scheduling meetings with leaders around the state to begin discussing strategy. ; Democrat Val Hoyle has won the contested seat in Oregon's 4th Congressional District. As vote-counting continued yesterday, Hoyle maintained a 51 percent to 41 percent lead over Republican Alek Skarlatos. Later in the day, Skarlatos announced he was conceding the race. Hoyle will replace longtime incumbent Peter DeFazio, who is retiring at the end of his term. ; Two other Oregon Congressional races remain too close to call: In the 5th Congressional District, which stretches from Portland to Bend and includes a portion of Linn County, Republican Lori Chavez-Deremer (duh-REE'-mr) has a narrow lead over Democrat Jamie McLeod-Skinner—who upset seven-term Congressman Kurt Schraeder in the primary-- 51 percent to 49 percent. In the newly created 6th Congressional District, which includes portions of the northern Willamette and the Yamhill valleys, Democrat Andrea Salinas has a slight edge over Republican Mike Erickson, 49.6 percent to 47.9 percent. ; Measure 114, which would create one of the nation's strictest gun-control laws, continues to pass very narrowly. The "yes" votes are currently leading the "no" votes by close to 51 percent to 49 percent—a difference of about 23,000 votes. There is a 24,000-vote margin between the "yes" and "no" votes on Measure 111, which would add affordable healthcare as a fundamental human right in the state's constitution. It's still passing, 50.7 percent to 49.2 percent. / HEALTH: State health officials yesterday say respiratory viruses are expected to circulate this season at higher levels than Oregon has experienced over the last two years. They say it's the result of more people planning to gather indoors for the holidays. But it's unknown whether two of those viruses – RSV and influenza – will be more severe than in pre-pandemic seasons. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority say that, nationwide, they're seeing some very alarming early trends. They're concerned if those trends carryover into Oregon we could see another strain on hospital capacities. Additionally, COVID transmission is expected to increase as people gather indoors and immunity from past vaccinations and previous infections wanes. While Oregon is expected to experience a lower peak in coronavirus cases this winter, the concern is that influenza and RSV cases could fill remaining hospital beds. Across the state, primary care providers and hospital officials say they're seeing growing cases of RSV. The virus—which is considered the most common cause of severe lower-respiratory infection among infants and young children – fueled a tripling of Oregon's pediatric hospitalizations in the week ending November 5. Health officials also are closely monitoring influenza activity. They say while the number of influenza cases remains relatively low in Oregon, they are seeing a slow increase. Statewide testing positivity stood at two percent last week. A positivity rate of five percent indicates significant influenza circulation and experts say we could reach that level in the next two weeks. State health experts are encouraging you to get a seasonal flu shot and make sure you are up to date on your COVID vaccinations, including the newer bivalent booster. Those doses are formulated to protect you against the original coronavirus strain and the summer's top omicron variants. They add that those who are vaccinated now will have strong protection heading into the Thanksgiving holidays and other winter gatherings. A vaccine for RSV is not yet available, but experts say basic precautions—such as covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning high-touch

surfaces, practicing good hand hygiene and masking indoors—can help limit its spread. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME: Give it up for Ripp. The Lane County sheriff's Office K-9 and his partner, Deputy Chris Gardner, apprehended a wanted subject Tuesday afternoon near Cottage Grove Airport. Officials say the suspect, 31-year-old Jonathan James Gilvin fled on foot through blackberry bushes and jumped into the dangerously cold Row River. Gilvin swam across the river and climbed up onto the bank before disappearing into some bushes adjacent to the Cottage Grove Airport. Investigators say deputies, including Gardner and Ripp, searched the area. Ripp quickly caught Gilvin's scent and tracked him to an area overgrown with blackberry bushes. Gilvin was taken into custody and was treated for early-stage hypothermia. Ripp was rewarded with extra milk bones and belly scratches. / SPORTS: In College Football: No. 6 Oregon hosts No. 24 Washington on Saturday at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. Kick-off is set for 4 p.m. on FOX. ; Sixth-ranked Oregon appears to be marching toward what could be a spot in the College Football Playoff. But first the Ducks must get past back-to-back ranked opponents, starting with No. 25 Washington on Saturday and No. 13 Utah next weekend. Both of those games are at Autzen Stadium where the Ducks have a 23-game winning streak, the third-longest streak in the nation. The Huskies must win to keep its Pac-12 championship hopes alive, but they haven't won in Eugene since a 70-21 victory in 2016. ; Oregon State hosts Cal on Saturday at Reser Stadium in Corvallis. Kick-off is at 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Networks. Oregon State is bowl eligible for the second straight season, so they'll be playing for position on Saturday when they host California. Oregon state popped into the rankings briefly last week at No. 24 after a bye but fell out after losing to Washington 24-21 in Seattle last Saturday. The Beavs sit in the middle of the Pac-12 standings at sixth. Cal put up a fight on the road against No. 8 USC last weekend, with three touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but ultimately came up short 41-35. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS: Congratulations to the Marist Girls' Soccer squad! On Saturday, the team won the Class 4A Championship with a 4-0 victory over Hidden Valley. Marist was the top seed in the tournament, Hidden Valley No. 2. The Crescent Valley Girls were runners-up after losing to Wilsonville in the Class 5A championship game. / SAFETY: Springfield Police are asking to hear from anyone who witnessed a serious crash late Friday night on Highway 126 eastbound at the 28th Street overpass. It happened shortly before 11 p.m. Investigators say a 2016 Subaru Outback had been stopped in the lane of travel and was struck by a 2005 Chevrolet pickup. A passenger in the Subaru sustained life-threatening injuries and was rushed to the hospital. ; Springfield Police are investigating a crash on Saturday afternoon that left a motorcyclist dead. It happened shortly before 2 p.m. on Springfield's Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway near Riverbend Drive. Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to contact Springfield Police. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, HOLIDAYS: If you're looking for airline tickets or a hotel room around the holidays, you'll probably pay more than you did the last time you traveled over Thanksgiving or Christmas. Part of the reason is that airlines are still operating fewer flights than in 2019 even though passenger numbers are nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. That's squeezing the supply of seats. Hotels are charging more to cover high labor costs. Rates for car rentals aren't as crazy as they were during much of 2021, although supplies could be tight in some cities. U.S. consumers are facing the highest inflation in 40 years, but that's not preventing them from traveling. / ELECTIONS: The vote-counting continues from last week's election. While some contests remain too close to call, others resolved over the past few days. On Friday, Republican candidate for Oregon governor, Christine Drazan conceded to Democrat Tina Kotek. With Kotek ahead by more than 60,000 votes, Drazan acknowledged the math which shows that, even with many ballots remaining to be counted, she would not receive enough to take the lead. At the same time, Drazan noted that with unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson taking eight percent of the vote, Kotek won less than 50 percent of votes cast and said that was a sign that voters are seeking political moderation. ; Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer has won the open U.S. House seat in Oregon's 5th Congressional District, becoming Oregon's first Latina congresswoman. The victory means the GOP</p>

succeeded in flipping one seat that was previously held for seven terms by moderate Democrat Kurt Schrader, who lost in the primary to progressive candidate Jamie McLeod-Skinner. Republicans saw the seat as vulnerable. The 5th was significantly redrawn during redistricting to include parts of Central Oregon, and the closely watched contest attracted millions of dollars in outside money. ; Democrats maintained control of Oregon's 1st, 3rd and 4th Congressional Districts. The GOP kept the sprawling 2nd. But the battle for the newly created 6th Congressional District remains undecided: Democrat Andrea Salinas has maintained a slight edge over Republican Mike Erickson, 49.6 percent to 47.9 percent. The 6th includes portions of the northern Willamette and the Yamhill valleys. ; A recently enacted Oregon law allows votes to be counted as long as they are postmarked by Election Day, meaning that some ballots are still arriving at elections offices. Many county offices were closed Friday for Veteran's Day. Officials in Clackamas County, key in the 6th Congressional District contest, say they have as many as 65,000 late-arriving ballots left to process. ; Measure 114, which would create one of the nation's strictest gun-control laws, continues to pass very narrowly. The "yes" votes are currently leading the "no" votes by close to 51 percent to 49 percent—a difference of about 30,000 votes. As the margin grew heading into the weekend, supporters declared victory. But there is uncertainty about when and how elements of the ballot measure would take effect. Opponents have promised legal challenges and legislative battles. Last week, Linn County's sheriff announced that if the measure passed, officials would not enforce the ballot measure's limit on the size of large-capacity magazines. / HOMELESSNESS, WEATHER, SAFETY: The National Weather Service is forecasting an overnight low of 29 degrees here in Eugene-Springfield. That means the Egan Warming Center opens its emergency shelters tonight and is on "standby" for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The Egan Warming Center offers a warm and dry place to spend the night for those who are unhoused. Tonight's shelters include two sites in Eugene: Eugene site: Wheeler Pavilion at Lane Events Center, 796 W. 13th Ave., but it is opening late tonight—at 10 p.m. and Trinity United Methodist Church, 440 Maxwell Road. Its doors open at 7 p.m. In Springfield, the downtown site is at the Springfield Memorial Building, 765 North A Street and opens at 6:30 p.m. Youth site (for minors 18 and younger): First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene; open at 6 p.m. /

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ELECTIONS: Oregon voters have narrowly passed measures that would strengthen gun laws and mandate health care as a human right. Measure 114 requires state residents to obtain a permit to purchase a gun, bans large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances, and creates a statewide firearms database. To qualify for a permit, an applicant would need to complete an approved, in-person firearm safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing and pass a federal criminal background check. Measure 114 creates one of the nation's strictest gun-control laws. But there is uncertainty about when and how elements of the ballot measure would take effect. Opponents have promised legal challenges and legislative battles. Last week, Linn County's sheriff announced that if the measure passed, officials would not enforce the ballot measure's limit on the size of large-capacity magazines. Measure 111 makes Oregon the first state in the country to change its constitution to explicitly declare affordable health care a fundamental human right. Supporters say it could lead to better long-term funding for healthcare; opponents say it could lead to lawsuits over it and other state spending priorities. ; Democrat Andrea Salinas has won the U.S. House seat in Oregon's newly created 6th District. The state representative and former congressional staffer defeated Republican Mike Erickson, a businessman running for the third time. Salinas was one of two candidates seeking to be Oregon's first Latina congresswoman, along with Republican Lori Chavez-DeRemer in the 5th District. Population growth made Oregon one of just six states to gain a House seat following the 2020 census. Democratic incumbents held onto Oregon's 1st, 3rd and 4th Congressional Districts and the GOP hold Oregon's sprawling 2nd District. Chavez-DeRemer won her race, flipping the 5th District for the GOP. /

HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Amid a surge in pediatric cases and hospitalizations involving respiratory viruses, Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday issued an executive order giving hospitals additional flexibility to better deal with the cases. Among other things, the order allows the facilities to draw on a pool of medical volunteer nurses and doctors to staff beds for children and take other steps to provide care to the growing number of pediatric patients. Among the biggest concerns: RSV, a common respiratory virus that often spreads via coughing and sneezing and can cause severe complications in younger children and infants. Flu

season also is arriving and COVID continues to circulate. For most children, RSV produces mild illness. However, young children are especially susceptible to RSV and more severe complications. That is especially true for children under the age of two are at increased risk of severe disease. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority say that since the onset of Oregon's RSV season late last month, the statewide pediatric hospitalization rate has more than tripled, and is likely to exceed its previously recorded weekly hospitalization rate in the near future. Additionally, flu season is arriving. And there continue to be infections of COVID that affect young children. In some cases, two or more of the viruses can infect an infant or child, causing additional life-threatening complications. Health experts say it is important for parents to remember that while this respiratory season is severe, there are key steps families can take to protect their young children. Be cautious with your young children around large groups of people, particularly indoors. Keep your child home when your child is sick, if possible. Make sure your child is up to date on influenza vaccines and other childhood immunizations. Everyone needs to wash their hands thoroughly and frequently, including youngsters. And common, high-touch surface areas should be kept clean and regularly disinfected. If you have questions about your child's care, call your health care provider or visit an urgent care center. At this time, hospital emergency departments are strained. Only visit the hospital if your child shows signs of severe illness, such as if your child has trouble breathing. /

HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY: A lack of volunteers led to a big reduction in the number of emergency shelters open during last night's cold weather.

Coordinators with the Egan Warming Center are encouraging prospective volunteers to take part in this evening's online training or contact them for further training opportunities. The Egan Warming Center offers a warm and dry place to spend the night for those who are unhoused whenever the forecast calls for overnight lows of 30 degrees or colder. The Egan Warming Center is a program of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, which operates with funding from Lane County and support from a broad coalition of community members, service providers, nonprofits, faith and social communities, and local governments.

Tonight's shelters include two sites: Eugene site: Wheeler Pavilion at Lane Events Center, 796 W. 13th Avenue, opening at 7 p.m. In Springfield, the downtown site is at the Springfield Memorial Building, 765 North A Street and opens at 6:30 p.m. Two additional sites will open tonight if enough trained volunteers register to serve: Trinity United Methodist Church, 440 Maxwell Road. Its doors open at 7 p.m. Youth site (for minors 18 and younger): First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene; open at 6 p.m. The Egan Warming Centers rely on volunteers for their essential operations. Egan is hosting a virtual new-volunteer online orientation on Zoom from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. this evening.

More trainings will be added during the winter season. During an activation, teams of trained volunteers open each warming center in the evening and operate it through morning. They provide guests with sleeping pads and blankets, warm drinks and meals, heartwarming hospitality, basic first aid and more — all inside heated host sites offering protection from the dangerous conditions outside. The Egan Warming Center is named in honor of Major Thomas Egan, who froze to death during a cold spell in 2008. The program is recruiting new volunteers and holds online trainings. / **UTILITIES:** Repair crews with the Eugene Water and Electric Board still aren't sure what caused yesterday morning's big outage across

a chunk of town. EWEB officials say more than 65-hundred customers were affected when some distribution equipment tripped, mostly in the Oakway, Coburg Road, Willakenzie, and in the Skinner Butte / Washington-Jefferson Street Bridge areas. Power went out at 6:52 a.m. and while electricity to many neighborhoods was restored about an hour later, a few went dark again briefly later in the morning. / CRIME: Eugene Police say two teens were arrested on charges including DUII after reports they were driving their vehicles the wrong way on the Beltline Highway on Sunday morning. The calls began coming in around 6:25 a.m. Sunday about two vehicles heading west in the eastbound lanes of the Beltline near Northwest Expressway. Multiple officers responded. They quickly located the vehicles and occupants, who investigators said had parked in a driveway in the 2400 block of Prairie Road. One of the occupants was a 17-year-old female, and the other was a 19-year-old female, later identified as Joslin Paepaeloa Leata of Springfield. Investigators say the two drivers had been drinking in front of some houses and when they went to leave, Leata had followed the 17-year-old, honking her horn to help steer her in the right direction. The 17-year-old was charged with DUII and Minor in Possession. Leata was charged with DUII, Reckless Driving, Driving While Suspended, and Minor in Possession Liquor. / BUSINESS, SAFETY, HEALTH, CRIME: State attorneys general say Walmart has agreed to pay \$3.1 billion to settle lawsuits nationwide over the impact of the prescriptions its pharmacies filled for powerful prescription opioid painkillers. The deal would still need to be approved by 43 states to take effect. It follows a similar announcement from pharmacy chains CVS Health and Walgreens. They each said they would pay about \$5 billion over time to settle suits they face. The opioid crisis in the U.S. has been linked more than 500,000 deaths over the past two decades. Major drugmakers and distributors have already announced, and in some cases, finalized settlements. / BUSINESS, PRIVACY, LEGAL: Google has agreed to a \$391.5 million settlement with 40 states, including Oregon, in connection with an investigation into how the company tracked users' locations. State attorneys general announced the settlement, calling it the largest multistate privacy settlement in U.S. history. The investigation by the states, which officials said was spurred by a 2018 Associated Press story, found that Google continued to track people's location data even after they opted out of such tracking, known as "Location History." Location tracking can help tech companies sell digital ads to marketers looking to connect with consumers within their vicinity. It's another tool in a data-gathering toolkit that generates more than \$200 billion in annual ad revenue for Google. The attorneys general called the settlement a historic win for consumers, and the largest multistate settlement in U.S. history dealing with privacy. The settlement comes at a time of mounting unease over privacy and surveillance by tech companies that has drawn growing outrage from politicians and scrutiny from regulators. / LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS, ECONOMY: A third union has rejected its agreement with the nation's freight railroads, increasing the chances that Congress might be called upon to settle the dispute and block a strike. The small International Brotherhood of Boilermakers union on Monday voted down the contract even though it includes the biggest raises workers have seen in more than four decades. The union represents just a few hundred of the roughly 115,000 rail workers involved in the contract dispute with Union Pacific, Norfolk Southern, BNSF, Kansas City Southern, CSX and other railroads. All 12 rail

unions must approve their deals to prevent a strike, although no strike is imminent because all the unions have agreed to keep negotiating even if their members vote no, until a deadline early next month. Seven other unions have ratified the five-year deals that include 24 percent raises and \$5,000 in bonuses. But workers' quality-of-life concerns about demanding schedules and the lack of paid sick time in the industry have threatened to derail the agreements even with the sizeable raises railroads are offering. It is looking increasingly likely that Congress will have to step in to settle this dispute. Congress is expected to block a rail strike and impose contract terms on both sides if they can't come to an agreement before next month's deadline. That's because the stakes are so high for the economy with so many businesses relying on railroads to deliver their raw materials and finished products. Hundreds of business groups have written letters to President Biden and members of Congress urging them to be prepared to intervene in the contract dispute, if necessary. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh has said he is in daily contact with the railroads and unions urging them to work out a deal. /

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HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: With increasing air stagnation during our cold, sunny weather, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, or L-RAPA, has issued a "yellow" home wood-heating advisory for Eugene, Springfield, and Oakridge through Sunday afternoon. The use of fireplaces and wood stoves is strongly discouraged on yellow days because smoke might not ventilate well. Using other forms of heat like electric, propane, or natural gas over wood burning will create less air pollution and help protect Lane County's air quality. / CRIME: Eugene Police are investigating a fight in the West University neighborhood that sent two men to the hospital with stab wounds. It happened shortly after 3:30 p.m. Monday on East 16th Avenue near Mill and High Streets. Investigators say a man and his girlfriend were walking on 16th when they said two men began following them. Police say the four knew one-another. A fight broke out involving the three men. Officials say the male half of the couple was hospitalized for significant, although not-life threatening, injuries. Investigators say one of the other males also suffered stab wounds and was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle and was later life-flighted to another medical facility for advanced care. Police say there is no ongoing threat to the public. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police have released the name of the driver who died after he crashed head-on into a Lebanon Fire Department pumper truck Monday evening on U.S. Highway 20 just east of Lebanon. Investigators say 30-year-old Kevin Gonzales of Redmond was driving a silver Toyota Yaris that for unknown reasons crossed into oncoming traffic and collided with the fire truck. Gonzales died at the scene. The pumper truck driver suffered minor injuries. The crash and investigation closed that portion of the highway for four hours. Prior to the collision, Gonzales was reported to be driving erratically. Impairment is being investigated as a contributing factor. ; Yesterday afternoon in Roseburg, police say a 94-year-old driver accidentally pressed the gas pedal rather than the brake, sending her minivan into a Thai restaurant and striking patrons. Two people were trapped under the vehicle. In all, five people were injured and three were taken to the hospital. The driver, Jeanne Wallace, was uninjured and cited for careless driving. / GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, LEGAL, FINANCES: President Joe Biden is facing mounting pressure to extend a pause on student loan payments after his cancellation plan suffered a pair of legal blows. The White House insists it will ultimately prevail even though two federal

courts have blocked the program from taking effect. But the setbacks have rattled supporters who fear that more than 40 million Americans who expected relief will instead start getting billed for their student debt in January, when a pandemic-era moratorium on payments is slated to expire. The impasse has left the White House in a bind over whether to extend the moratorium if the legal battle drags on. The freeze has already cost the federal government more than \$100 billion in lost revenue, according to the Government Accountability Office. Critics such as the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget are warning Biden that another extension could worsen inflation and raise the risk of economic recession. Republicans oppose cancellation as an unfair handout of the wealthy, arguing Americans who didn't go to college will bear the cost as well. Conservatives have orchestrated a barrage of legal attacks against Biden's plan, saying it overstepped the president's authority. In the meantime, borrowers across the nation yet again face uncertainty. An estimated 20 million were eligible to get their federal student debt canceled entirely by Biden's plan, which would cancel \$10,000 in student loan debt for those making less than \$125,000, or households making less than \$250,000. Those who receive Pell Grants, typically given to those with lower incomes, would get another \$10,000 in debt forgiveness. Now, it's unclear if borrowers will be expected to make payments on that debt when the pause ends, and the political hazards are growing. At risk is support from 43 million borrowers who have been promised at least some debt relief, including millions of younger Americans, a demographic that helped deliver key wins for Democrats last week. Supporters say borrowers should be angry not with Biden, but with the Republican-appointed judges who blocked his plan. Nearly 26 million people already have applied for the debt relief, out of an estimated 43 million eligible. The Education Department stopped accepting new applications Friday after a federal judge in Texas struck the plan down. /

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DISCUSSED BUSINESS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ELECTIONS: How much have gun sales surged since the narrow passage of Ballot Measure 114, one of the strictest gun-control issues in the nation? Try close to four times as many background-check requests in the days following the election than during the run-up to Election Day. The requests climbed from around 850 per day to more than 4,000 per day. And while background check applications have eased a bit since then, they remain high. That has fueled a doubling of the processing backlog and longer waits for gun buyers. State police say they have approved about 63 percent of the requests received by the Firearms Instant Check System so far this month. The remaining transactions must be evaluated by an Oregon State Police employee to determine what caused the person to be kicked out of the automated process. If applicable a manual correction can be made, and the application can be approved. Last year, Oregon State Police conducted 338,330 background checks on prospective gun buyers, a drop from 2020, when the state recorded the most, 418,061. This year through Nov. 14, the state police have conducted 280,552 background checks. Measure 114 requires state residents to obtain a permit to purchase a gun, bans large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances, and creates a statewide firearms database. To qualify for a permit, an applicant needs to complete an approved, in-person firearm safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing and pass a federal criminal background check. But there is uncertainty about how elements of Measure 114 would take effect. Opponents have promised legal challenges and legislative battles. State Police officials say the Oregon Secretary of State's office has notified them that Measure 114 will go into effect at midnight on December 8. State Police leaders say they are working closely with the Department of Justice, the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association and the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police to assess the required processes that need to be completed to implement this law. ; Here are some important notes to consider when submitting for a Firearms purchase or transfer that could exclude you from the automated process: If you have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime in Oregon or any other state. If you have incomplete or incorrect information listed on federal ATF Form 4473. Potential Fix: Double-check the information for accuracy. If your registered DMV address does not match the address listed on

federal ATF Form 4473. Potential Fix: Update your personal address with DMV. The Oregon State Police firearms processing unit's hours of operation are set in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS), and largely determined by retail hours. The unit is open and processing background checks from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week 363 days a year with only Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day off. / HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT: Signs of homelessness in Oregon are plentiful: cluttered tent encampments in city parks, bike trails and sidewalks; recreational vehicles that have become permanent homes; careworn faces of those who are struggling. Oregon Gov.-Elect Tina Kotek has inherited the problem that is bedeviling many states and says solving it is her No. 1 priority. Kotek says that on her first day in office, she'll issue an executive order to increase the production of affordable housing statewide. Homelessness, and the cost of living in Oregon cities, including Portland, were major issues during the governor's race. Oregon has a population of close to 4.2 million. But experts say amid high housing prices there also is a shortage of 110,000 homes statewide. / EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY: Oregon's unemployment rate rose to 4.1 percent in October from 3.8 percent in September. While still considered fairly low, it's the first time since January we've seen the jobless rate above four percent. Oregon's private sector continues to see record employment. In October, it reached an all-time high of 1,682,300. This was 10,600 jobs, or 0.6 percent, above this sector's pre-recession peak in February 2020. Oregon employers added a net 5,200 jobs last month. The largest gains were in the financial activities sector (+2,500 jobs), manufacturing (+1,100), health care, social assistance (+1,100), leisure and hospitality (+800), and construction (+700). In the financial activities sector, some of the strongest job gains were in real estate and in rental and leasing. Construction also continued its rapid expansion of the past 12 months, and now has a 7.9 percent annual growth rate. Construction employment statewide last month hit another record high of 120,900—well above the sector's pre-recession total of 112,300 in February 2020. Gains in those employment categories were partially offset by losses in the retail trade (-700 jobs) and government (-600) sectors. Analysts say that in contrast to the rapid growth of many of Oregon's industries, retail trade employment has been trending downward this year. It has lost a net 2,900 jobs during the first 10 months of this year. Most of those reductions during the past 12 months have been at general merchandise stores, followed by motor vehicle and parts dealers (-900 jobs), and building material and garden supply stores (-800). ; Despite the rosy October jobs data, state economists expect we'll see a mild recession sometime in the next 12 months. They say much of the slowdown could affect the construction and manufacturing industries. It's also possible Oregon companies tied to the tech industry will see a ripple effect from the layoffs underway elsewhere in the country. The state economists say that could cause Oregon's jobless rate to a peak of 5.4 percent by early 2024. / LABOR: A big contract deal for classified (non-teaching) employees in the Eugene School District. Officials yesterday announced details of the three-year pact, which was recently ratified by both sides. The contract is retroactive to July 1 and runs through June 30, 2025. It includes: Salary increases for every classified employee. A minimum wage for union members of \$18 / hour. 12 percent cost of living adjustment in 2022–23. 6 percent COLA in 2023–24. 4 percent COLA in 2024–25. OSEA Chapter 1 represents about 1,000 employees that support educators as well as district and school operations, including

educational assistants, custodians, bus drivers, and food service workers. ; Starbucks workers at more than 100 U.S. stores—including in Oregon— say they're going on strike today. It's the largest labor action since a campaign to unionize Starbucks' stores began late last year. The Seattle coffee giant has more than 9,000 company-owned stores in the U.S. The walkouts are scheduled to coincide with Starbucks' annual Red Cup Day, when the company gives free reusable cups to customers who order a holiday drink, which the workers say is often one of the busiest days of the year. The employees are represented by Starbucks Workers United, an affiliate of SEIU—the Service Employees International Union. Representatives say they are seeking better pay, more consistent schedules and better staffing. But they say the coffee giant has refused to negotiate contracts fairly. Starbucks officials dispute those allegations, saying they've been ready to begin negotiations in September. But the company wants to hold face-to-face talks. The union has backed online negotiations on Zoom which would be open bargaining unit members. / HOMELESSNESS, WEATHER, SAFETY: With more overnight cold weather in the forecast, the Egan Warming Center is activating three emergency shelter sites this evening: The Springfield Memorial Building at 765 North A Street opens at 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church at 440 Maxwell Road opens at 7 p.m. The youth site (for minors 18 and younger) at First United Methodist Church, located at 1376 Olive Street in Eugene, opens at 6 p.m. /

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HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's "yellow" home wood-heating advisory remains in effect for Eugene, Springfield, and Oakridge through Sunday afternoon. The use of fireplaces and wood stoves is strongly discouraged on yellow days because their smoke can add to local air pollution. If possible, use other forms of heat such as electric, propane, or natural gas to help protect Lane County's air quality. / SPORTS: The No. 12 Oregon Ducks host No. 10 Utah on Saturday at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m. on ESPN. The winner controls its own path to a spot in the league's title game. Oregon coach Dan Lanning had regrets after the loss that ended the Ducks' hopes of reaching the College Football Playoff. But the Pac-12 championship game and the Rose Bowl are still out there for the 12th-ranked Ducks. Lanning doesn't believe the loss to Washington will linger, especially with a big matchup against No. 10 Utah on Saturday. There's no word on whether quarterback Bo Nix will play. It'll be 37 degrees at kickoff for Saturday evening's game. Could be down to 24 degrees by the end of the 4th quarter. ; The No. 23 Oregon State Beavers visit Arizona State on Saturday. Kick-off in Tempe is at 11:15 a.m. on ESPN2. OSU is back in the rankings and bowl eligible in consecutive seasons for the first time in nine years. The Beavers face a daunting task Saturday against Arizona State, trying to win in Tempe for just the second time in 50 years. The forecast in Tempe is sunny, breezy, and 65 degrees at kick-off for Saturday's game, with the temperature climbing to 72 by the end of regulation. ; In prep football: Sheldon has advanced to the semifinals in the State High School Class 6A Football Playoffs. The Irish meet Tualatin this evening at 7 p.m. in a game at McNary High School. The winner heads for the championship. Thurston meets Summit in the Class 5A semifinals tonight. The 7 p.m. game is being played at Willamette University in Salem. Oakland meets Heppner in the Class 2A semifinals on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. at Hillsboro Stadium. Triangle Lake meets the combined team from Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler in Saturday's Class 1A six-player championship game. It takes place at 1 p.m. at Caldera High School in Central Oregon. / CHARITY, LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY: Lane County's largest food drive takes place on Saturday—right at your mailbox. Last year, the Letter Carriers' Food Drive collected more than 72,000 pounds for individuals and families struggling to put food on the table. The need remains great. The event is

coordinated by FOOD for Lane County and your local letter carriers: You place your donation right by your mailbox on Saturday and your letter carrier collects it. The donation and collection effort provides much of the non-perishable food that our local food bank distributes to its pantries and community partners during the winter months. Organizers of the food drive are asking for non-perishable, shelf-stable food. That might include foods like tuna, peanut butter and tomato products. Other possibilities include canned meats, peanut butter, beans, soups, canned fruits, cooking oils, and spices. Gluten free, low-sodium and no sugar foods are always appreciated. If you miss the food drive, you may still take your donation to FOOD for Lane County or your local food pantry. / HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY: With more overnight cold weather in the forecast, the Egan Warming Center is activating four emergency shelter sites today: The First Christian Church at 1166 Oak Street in Eugene opens its doors today from noon until 7 a.m. Saturday. Trinity United Methodist Church at 440 Maxwell Road opens at 7 p.m. The Springfield Memorial Building at 765 North A Street opens at 6:30 p.m. The youth site (for minors 18 and younger) at First United Methodist Church, located at 1376 Olive Street in Eugene, opens at 6 p.m. ; It's called Operation Winter Survival Stockpile and the goal is to create a reserve of donated clothing and other supplies for people who are unhoused and dealing with frigid winter weather. The partnership brings together Lane County Health & Human Services, the First Christian Church of Eugene's Helping Hearts program, and CAHOOTS. Among the items that are needed: Hand Warmers, Gloves, Socks – preferably wool, Footwear, Thermal Underwear, Beanies/Warm Hats. Rain ponchos, Flashlights/ Batteries, Gift Cards, Laundry Cards, Blankets – preferably wool, Sleeping Bags, Tarps, Tents – preferably 2-person. Today, organizers of Operation Winter survival Stockpile are holding a donation drop-off at the First Christian Church, 1166 Oak Street in downtown Eugene. Swing by with your donations between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Can't make it today? Drop by the church weekdays between 10 am and 2 pm. Items can also be purchased on Amazon and sent to First Christian Church at 166 Oak St. Eugene, OR, 97402. / ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES, TRIBES: It could open up more than 300 miles of habitat on one of the West's major rivers. And it would restore the Lower Klamath River to a free-flowing state for the first time in more than a century and allowing salmon to return to its main stem and many tributaries. U.S. regulators have approved a major milestone in a plan to demolish four aging hydroelectric dams. It comes after a coalition of tribes, environmentalists, and others worked for decades to see the dams removed and save the river's salmon, which are hovering on the verge of extinction. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission vote on the lower Klamath River dams is the final major regulatory hurdle and the biggest milestone for the \$500 million demolition proposal. The plan would be overseen by an entity formed to remove the dams that includes the states of Oregon and California. PacificCorp, which currently operates the facilities, would surrender their hydroelectric licenses. The first stages of the project could as early as next summer if it receives final regulatory approval. The result would be the reopening of more than 300 miles of salmon habitat in the Klamath River and its tributaries. It would be the largest dam removal and river restoration project in the world. The dams only produce about two percent of PacificCorp's systemwide power, but rarely run at full capacity. For the utility to continue to operate them, it would have to spend hundreds of millions

of dollars to upgrade the facilities with fish ladders, fish screens, and other conservation features. Some homeowners—including those living on lakes created by the impoundments—fear demolishing the dams will decrease their property values. Other opponents have warned that any project overruns could fall on taxpayers. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: Big news involving two of our most notable wineries here in Lane County. King Estate Winery is acquiring longtime vineyard partner Pfeiffer Winery and Vineyards. King Estate is based near Lorane, Pfeiffer near Junction City. Details of the sale were not disclosed. King Estate Winery was founded in 1991 and over the decades not only purchased many of Pfeiffer's grapes but won awards for its Pfeiffer-based vintages. Wine Industry Advisor reports the acquisition increases King Estate's wine production acreage by 15 percent. Pfeiffer Winery and Vineyards was established in 1983 and owned by Robin and Danuta Pfeiffer, who are planning to retire from farm life to travel and wanted to ensure there was a good steward for their land. Pfeiffer operates two tasting rooms and a wine club. There's no word yet on how the sale will affect those operations. / COMMUNITY: If you're a fan of the 1985 movie, "The Goonies," and you have some spare cash, you could soon own "The Goonies House" in Astoria. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the current owner just put it up for sale for a bit more than \$1.6 million. For years, the Victorian-era home in Astoria has been a tourist stop for longtime fans of the coming-of-age film. Reporter Janet Eastman notes that the real-life homeowner, who bought the property in 2001, at first allowed fans inside. But she closed it after restoring the two-story house, saying some souvenir seekers were pulling off pieces of wallpaper near the bunk beds. She now only opens it for occasional "Goonies Day tours." The home was built in 1896 and offers sweeping views of the Columbia River where it meets the Pacific. / CRIME: The Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit is asking for leads as investigators help search for a local man wanted on a nationwide warrant. Officials say 38-year-old Joe Anthony Harker of Eugene was a suspect in multiple large criminal operations this year, including dealing the drug fentanyl and child neglect cases. Police say Harker skipped his court dates and earlier this month was indicted by a Lane County Grand Jury on 30 counts, including drug charges related to possession and delivery of heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine—and being a felon in possession of body armor. Investigators believe Harker has remained in the Eugene area with his wife, 28-year-old Shayla Kaylawray Bennett. Police say Bennett is a co-defendant but is not wanted because she has been appearing for her court dates. Officials believe Bennett has been renting motel rooms in the area, with both she and Harker staying in them. They say if you have any tips on where Harker might be staying, please give Eugene Police a call. Any information received will be treated as confidential. ; Eugene Police say a 37-year-old woman was arrested for DUII, Reckless Driving, and Criminal Mischief after Wednesday night's crash on a ramp on the south end of the Ferry Street Bridge. It set her car and a road construction vehicle on fire. Investigators say Lindsey Denise Brown was at the wheel of a Nissan Pathfinder that crashed into an asphalt machine shortly after 9:30 Wednesday night, setting her SUV and the asphalt machine aflame. Officials say a construction worker who was spreading deicer in the area broke the SUV's window to help get the driver out before the fire spread. Officials estimate the loss of the burned construction machine at about \$75,000. Eugene Public works staff worked through the night on Wednesday into early Thursday morning to vacuum

up water left from dousing the vehicle fires to prevent it from freezing overnight and creating an additional hazard. / WILDLIFE, WEATHER: Wildlife experts think a snowstorm and last week's lunar eclipse might have led to the deaths of close to 30 tundra swans, geese, and other waterfowl in the Burns area. But The Bend Bulletin reports a young, 16-pound, tundra swan—the lone survivor of the wildlife mass-casualty event—is expected to make a full recovery. On Election Night and the following morning, Harney County residents began calling wildlife officials after finding a number of dead waterfowl under power lines. Experts aren't certain what happened, but they suspect the migrating birds became disoriented when the total lunar eclipse obscured the full moon right as a snowstorm arrived. The young swan was unable to fly when it was found. But staff at Think Wild, a Central Oregon wildlife rehabilitation facility, expect it will be fully recovered and able to be released into the wild in about two weeks. Foster found it, but had only suffered minor injuries, so he called Think Wild. Despite state restrictions on the care of waterfowl due to the current outbreak of avian influenza, an exception was made for the lucky bird. / CRIME, HEALTH: A judge has dismissed the claims of about 200 current and former people in custody at an Oregon federal prison who argued the prison's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was so inhumane the only solution was to release them. News outlets report that in court filings over the past two years, people in custody at the Sheridan Federal Correctional Institution said they were not provided sufficient medical care or mental health care. U.S. Magistrate Judge Stacie Beckerman ruled that the allegations should be part of a civil rights lawsuit instead of habeas corpus petitions that seek sentence reductions or release. /

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CRIME: Eugene Police are thanking everyone who shared tips as they searched for a local man wanted on a nationwide warrant. Officials say 38-year-old Joe Anthony Harker of Eugene was taken into custody around 7 p.m. last night. Harker is a suspect in multiple large criminal operations. He had skipped his court dates and been indicted on 30 counts by a Lane County grand jury. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: The nation's major shipping companies say they're in good shape to get shoppers' packages delivered on time this holiday season. Carriers like the U.S. Postal Service, UPS and FedEx are expected to have excess capacity after struggling under a crush of holiday packages in 2020 and 2021. There are several factors at play: Consumers have gotten an early start, done more shopping in stores and moderated spending because of inflationary pressures, thus reducing shipping volume and spreading out shipments over a longer period. An extra shipping day between Thanksgiving and Christmas helps, too. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, LABOR, GOVERNMENT: One of the nation's largest railroad unions has voted to reject a contract brokered by the White House, threatening the economic health of the U.S. economy and raising the risk of rail system paralysis ahead of the holidays. Seven national rail unions have accepted the deal. But concerns are mounting now that four have rejected the pact. Another has yet to cast ratification votes. Under the bargaining, if all 12 affected unions do not agree to the tentative contract, they would likely stage a unified walkout. The main sticking points are over attendance and sick leave policies that have angered conductors and engineers, in particular, on the major freight railroads. The Biden administration stepped in to help broker the pact before the original strike deadline in September. A national rail strike could threaten the nation's container, coal, and agricultural shipments and shut down passenger rail. According to the Association of American Railroads, the U.S. economy could lose \$2 billion a day. Unless Congress intervenes to impose a contract or block a strike under the Railway Labor Act of 1926, or the unions and carriers reach a new agreement, workers would be allowed to walk off their jobs and companies would be able to impose a lockout right after midnight December 5. / LEGAL, ELECTIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT: An Oregon gun rights group and a county sheriff have filed a federal lawsuit challenging a voter-approved ballot measure that is one of the strictest gun control laws in the nation. The

Oregon Firearms Federation and Sherman County Sheriff Brad Lohrey filed the lawsuit Friday in U.S. District Court contending the measure scheduled to take effect Dec. 8 is unconstitutional because it violates the Second Amendment. Oregon voters earlier this month approved the measure that requires residents to obtain a permit to purchase a gun, bans magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances and creates a statewide firearms database. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: A new wildfire spotting camera is being placed and activated in Lane County—on a communications tower in South Eugene. It's part of a monitoring effort by the Oregon Hazards Lab at the University of Oregon. This camera is the 32nd in Oregon and the first one in Eugene. It provides a clear view of Eugene and the UO campus. And the microwave dishes mounted alongside the camera are strategically positioned to transmit signals from other fire-spotting cameras in the area. Collectively, the rapidly growing network of technology helps scientists, emergency responders and government agencies detect and monitor wildfires and other hazards. It is part of a multi-school consortium called ALERTWildfire, which is placing cameras across the Western United States. Many of the cameras are installed in remote wilderness where cell service is spotty to nonexistent. Alongside the cameras, the hazards lab mounts microwave dishes and other instruments on the towers, to send the data back to home base. Slowly, they're building a new communications network that could be used to share time-sensitive information about wildfires and other natural disasters via dishes that beam microwave messages tower-to-tower. Longer-term, the network will help scientists monitor the changing environment. The new Eugene site plugs a hole in that network. It creates another path by which data from nearby cameras can travel, so that one downed dish doesn't throw off the whole network. /

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DISCUSSED GOVERNMENT, CRIME, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: Oregon Governor Kate Brown is pardoning close to 45,000 people convicted of simple possession of marijuana. She also is forgiving more than \$14 million in combined unpaid fines and fees. It comes eight years after Oregonians voted to legalize the recreational use of marijuana and one month after President Joe Biden took similar action at the federal level, urging states to do the same. In a statement, Brown says no one deserves to be saddled with the impacts of a simple possession of marijuana conviction—a crime that is no longer on the books in Oregon. The pardon will remove more than 47,000 state-level convictions for possession of a small amount of marijuana—one ounce or less—from pre-2016 cases where the person was 21 years of age or older, it was the only criminal charge, and there were no victims. The pardon does not apply to any other offense related to marijuana or other controlled substances. And convictions issued by a locally operated city or county municipal or justice court might require a separate request from the person seeking to clear their record. The governor says that issuing the pardons will help eliminate barriers for thousands of people seeking employment, housing, and educational opportunities who have otherwise been ineligible. And while Oregonians use marijuana at similar rates, Brown notes that this also addresses a longtime injustice against Black and Latinx people, whom she says have been arrested, prosecuted, and convicted at disproportionate rates. The governor says officials with Oregon's Judicial Department will ensure that all court records associated with the pardoned offenses are sealed, as required by law. In early October, President Biden issued similar pardons for those convicted under federal law and thousands convicted in the District of Columbia. He also directed the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the nation's attorney general to review how marijuana is scheduled under federal law. Governors in states including Washington, Colorado, Nevada, Illinois, and Pennsylvania have taken similar actions. ; The governor's announcement was welcomed by many top Oregon elected officials. U.S. Senator Wyden called it a "huge step forward in the fight to restore lives destroyed by the criminalization of cannabis" and said it was a proper use of the governor's clemency powers. Wyden adds that a comprehensive federal solution also is needed, including a federal regulatory system put in place to protect public health and safety. He called on Congress to

approve meaningful cannabis reform. So, too, does Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer. He has lobbied for years, both for the decriminalization of cannabis nationwide and for the incorporation of legal cannabis-based businesses into the nation's banking and financial systems. Blumenauer has called both Biden's and Brown's decisions a vital step toward ending the failed "war on drugs." / CRIME: KVAL is reporting that Springfield Police are investigating a fatal shooting outside an adult entertainment venue in the 1200 block of Main Street. It was reported shortly after 2:30 a.m. in the parking lot outside Bobbi's VIP Room. One person is dead. A second was taken to a hospital in a private vehicle with a reported gunshot wound. Springfield Police are collecting evidence at the scene. Investigators say there were at least 15-20 casings littering the pavement. Watch for police vehicles if you're traveling on that stretch of Springfield's Main Street. ; Eugene Police yesterday released the name of the victim who died Saturday after struck by another man Saturday morning on a Lane Transit District bus. They say he was 69-year-old Travis Allen Sanders of Springfield. The suspect, 30-year-old Derek Jules Dinnell, is in custody. But investigators continue asking the several people who witnessed the incident to contact detectives and share information about the case. The assault took place shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday at the Em-X bus stop on 11th Avenue just east of Kincaid Street. Eugene Police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident. / SAFETY: A two-vehicle fatal crash this morning near the intersection of Prairie and Maxwell Roads in Eugene. Lane County sheriff's investigators say the head-on crash involved a pickup truck and a passenger car. A southern section of Prairie Road was closed for several hours for crash reconstruction. ; Oregon State Police yesterday released details on Sunday evening's two-vehicle fatal crash on Highway 58 just west of Odell Lake that took the life of a five-year-old girl. Investigators say a westbound Honda Accord driven by a 26-year-old Portland woman crossed into the oncoming lane and collided with a Toyota Rav 4 by a 66-year-old Sunriver woman. The Toyota caught fire. The Portland woman, her 23-year-old passenger, and a three-year-old girl were hospitalized with injuries. Her five-year-old passenger died at the scene. The Sunriver woman and her 67-year-old passenger also were hospitalized. The crash and investigation closed Highway 58 near Odell Lake for close to six hours on Sunday. / HOLIDAYS, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Americans are eager to travel again and spend time with family and friends, in some cases to reunite with loved ones they haven't seen in a while. With travel restrictions lifted, more people are planning getaways this Thanksgiving. AAA predicts 54.6 million people will travel 50 miles or more from home this Thanksgiving. That's a 1.5 percent increase over 2021 and amounts to 98 percent of pre-pandemic volumes. Most travelers will drive to their destinations, much like last year. Nearly 49 million people are expected to travel by car. According to AAA, peak highway congestion begins after 11 a.m. tomorrow and will continue through 8 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, expect more vehicles on the road between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. For those heading home after the holiday, look for heavier traffic on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Air travel is up nearly 8 percent over 2021, with 4.5 million Americans flying to their Thanksgiving destinations this year. That's an increase of more than 330,000 travelers and nearly 99 percent of the 2019 volume. Because it's such a busy travel season, experts urge you to plan ahead and "pack your patience," whether you're driving or flying. That's especially true in airports: Airport parking spaces fill up fast, so at

many major hubs you're encouraged to reserve a spot ahead of time and arrive early. Anticipate long TSA lines. If possible, avoid checking a bag to allow for more flexibility if flights are delayed or you need to reschedule. More than 1.4 million travelers are going out of town for Thanksgiving by bus, train, or cruise ship. That's an increase of 23 percent from 2021 and 96 percent of the 2019 volume. Regardless of the mode of transportation you have chosen, expect crowds during your trip and at your destination. If your schedule is flexible, consider off-peak travel times during the holiday rush. Experts say the holiday travel rush could extend across more days than usual this year because so many Americans work remotely. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Good news for Thanksgiving travelers: Gasoline prices are falling as millions prepare to hit the road ahead of the holiday weekend. Analysts with automobile club AAA report the national average for a gallon of gasoline dropped 11 cents in the past week to \$3.66. That's the good news. Unfortunately, while prices are lower, this week will see the highest Thanksgiving national average price since AAA started keeping records in 2000. And fuel prices are higher than the national average here on the West Coast. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, we're at \$4.54 for a gallon of regular, down 12 cents from one week ago and 50 cents from the same time last month. But that's still 74 cents more than we were paying the same time last year. Average diesel prices are down seven cents per gallon from last week, to \$5.43. /

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TRANSPORTATION, HOLIDAYS, SAFETY: The American Automobile Association predicts that travel in the U.S. will be nearly back to pre-pandemic volumes. And the holiday travel rush is spread out over more days than usual this year. Travel experts say the ability of many people to work remotely allowed them to take off early for Thanksgiving or return home later. The busiest highway travel days during Thanksgiving week are usually Tuesday, Wednesday, and the Sunday after the holiday. AAA predicts that nearly 55 million people in the U.S. will travel at least 50 miles from home this week, an increase over last year and only 2 percent less than in 2019. According to AAA, peak highway congestion begins after 11 a.m. today and will continue through 8 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, expect more vehicles on the road between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. For those heading home after the holiday, look for heavier traffic on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. ; The Federal Aviation Administration estimated that Monday was the busiest travel day for Thanksgiving passengers, with roughly 48,000 scheduled flights. The Transportation Security Administration screened more than 2.6 million travelers that day, surpassing the 2.5 million screened the Monday before Thanksgiving in 2019. Anticipate long TSA lines. If possible, avoid checking a bag to allow for more flexibility if flights are delayed or you need to reschedule. Because it's such a busy travel season, experts urge you to plan ahead and "pack your patience," whether you're driving or flying. That's especially true in airports: Airport parking spaces fill up fast, so at many major hubs you're encouraged to reserve a spot ahead of time and arrive early. Eugene's airport does not reserve parking spots. But allow extra time for parking: This morning, the Economy Lot is completely full—all 503 parking stalls. Long-Term Parking is two-thirds full. Those numbers will change a bit as passengers return home but with more drivers arriving expect the Economy Lot to remain at capacity through the holiday weekend and for the Long-Term Parking Lot to get busier. Airport officials often use an overflow lot with a shuttle to increase parking and get passengers to and from the terminal. / HEALTH, FAMILY: After two years of a pandemic lull, more friends and families are gathering for Thanksgiving. That means it's time to brush up on basics to keep you and your guests safe, healthy and sane. Among the top tips from food safety experts? Don't wash the turkey, do wash your hands, refrigerate leftovers within two hours — and maybe leave that deep-fried

Thanksgiving turkey to the professionals. / **BUSINESS, ECONOMY:** Retailers hope to usher in the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season on Friday with bigger crowds than last year and take a closer step to returning to normal. But in truth, the holiday shopping season got underway weeks ago as brick-and-mortar merchants began holding sales and online sites advertised early specials. Friday is known as "Black Friday," the day retailers hope shoppers make enough purchases to push stores' financial "bottom line" into a profit for the year or "into the black." Historically, many retailers would open at midnight or even on Thanksgiving to take full advantage of the shopping excitement. But with more large retailers rolling out early specials in stores and online, many have later openings and some are even closed on Thanksgiving Day. ; Local merchants hope that instead of going online you'll do your shopping locally to support small businesses. Small Business Saturday takes place this weekend, but business owners and employees encourage you to shop small businesses every day. They say it's critically important, because it keeps your dollars in your community to support local merchants and local jobs. Small Business Saturday started in 2010. According to a 2020 study, spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$19.8 billion. The survey also found that 97 percent of shoppers recognized the positive impact they can make by shopping small and 85 percent of them reported they also encouraged friends and family to "shop small" as well.

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EMPLOYMENT: Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged up two-tenths of a point to 4.3 percent in October. That said, Lane County's payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 500 jobs in October. Employers also added 400 jobs in September after a decrease of 300 in August. The county has regained 89 percent of the jobs during the pandemic recession that began in March of 2020. Who was hiring last month? Businesses in the leisure and hospitality sector, in construction, financial activities, education and health services, and other services. Who was trimming their payrolls? Some companies in professional and business services, in retail trade, and in the government sector. /

SPORTS: The No. 9 Oregon Ducks and No. 21 Oregon State Beavers meet Saturday in Corvallis for their big Rivalry Game. It kicks off at 12:30 p.m. at Reser Stadium and will be televised by ABC (KEZI). Both teams are bowl eligible. A win for the Ducks puts them in the Pac-12 Championship game. For the Beavs, a win allows them to play spoiler, move up in the rankings, and possibly secure a better bowl game. ; Oregon has returned to the Top 10 in the College Football Playoff rankings at No. 9 and Oregon State is up to No. 21.

Georgia, Ohio State, Michigan and TCU remain the Top Four. But after Tennessee lost to South Carolina, LSU has moved up to fifth and USC is sixth. Two huge games this weekend could create an opportunity for Southern California to move into the Top Four: No. 3 Michigan is at No. 2 Ohio State and No. 6 USC hosts No. 15 Notre Dame. / HEALTH: Health officials remain concerned about the growing number of respiratory infections tied to RSV, influenza, and COVID. They've dubbed it a "tripledemic" and say it's leading to a surge in doctor visits and pushing some hospital emergency departments and pediatric wards to capacity. In Portland, The Oregonian and Oregon Live report that OHSU's Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Legacy Emanuel's Children's Hospital have implemented what are known as "crisis of care" standards. Reporter Fedor Zharkin notes the standards help hospitals decide how to prioritize which patients receive care when resources are severely limited, and allows facilities to loosen staffing standards so that nurses may care for more patients. The primary culprit sending infants and children to the hospital is RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus. The virus is particularly dangerous for infants and the number of children hospitalized with it has grown dramatically in recent weeks. ; Here in Eugene-Springfield, PeaceHealth officials say they are seeing a large number of patients with the respiratory virus RSV in their outpatient clinics and emergency departments throughout Lane County. This seasonal virus has arrived earlier than usual this year. Symptoms often are similar to a cold—cough and runny nose--and usually can be treated like a common cold. But the illness can be serious, especially in babies and older adults. They say you should contact your child's doctor, or seek emergency care, if you see any of these symptoms: Temperature of over 100.4 in babies younger than 2 months old. Difficulty breathing—breathing much harder or faster than usual. Signs of dehydration—not drinking enough fluids, fewer wet diapers than usual. Older adults also are at risk of complications from RSV. They should be evaluated by a health care provider if they're having trouble breathing, are dehydrated, or are feeling extremely weak. And while RSV is adding to the strain on clinics and hospitals, PeaceHealth experts remind you that COVID-19 is still present in our communities. They say the best ways to protect yourself from respiratory viruses is to get your flu shot and COVID-19 vaccination, wash your hands, wear masks when appropriate, and stay home when sick. PeaceHealth Oregon also reminds you that emergency departments are intended for emergency health situations. If you have a non-emergency health issues, consider visiting your primary care physician or a same-day or urgent care clinic. / EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: President Joe Biden announced Tuesday that his administration will extend the pause on federal student loan payments while the White House fights a legal battle to save his plan to cancel portions of the debt. In a statement, the president said it isn't fair to ask tens of millions of borrowers eligible for relief to resume their student debt payments while the courts consider a lawsuit. The Justice Department last week asked the Supreme Court to examine the issue and reinstate Biden's debt cancellation plan. The moratorium was slated to expire Jan. 1, a date that Biden set before his debt cancellation plan stalled in the face of legal challenges from conservative opponents. Now it will extend until 60 days after the lawsuit is resolved. If the lawsuit has not been resolved by June 30, payments would resume 60 days after that. /

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SPORTS: In prep football: Let's go Irish! Sheldon meets West Linn on today at 3 p.m. at Hillsboro Stadium in the State High School Class 6A Football Championships. Oakland meets the combined team of Weston-McEwen / Griswold in the Class 2A championship game on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hillsboro Stadium. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Retailers hope to usher in the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season today with bigger crowds than last year and take a closer step to returning to normal. But really, the holiday shopping season got underway weeks ago as brick-and-mortar merchants began holding sales and online sites advertised early specials. Today is known as "Black Friday," the day retailers hope shoppers make enough purchases to push stores' financial "bottom line" into a profit for the year or "into the black." Historically, many retailers would open at midnight or even on Thanksgiving to take full advantage of the shopping excitement. But with more large retailers rolling out early specials in stores and online, many set closer to normal operating hours. Buoyed by solid hiring, healthy pay gains and substantial savings, customers during the past year returned to stores and splurged on all sorts of items. But inflation is beginning to crimp some wallets, as consumers encounter higher prices and have less disposable income. And supply chain shortages continue for some items. At the same time, many retailers had excess inventory heading into the holiday season as buying cooled a bit in recent months. That forced many stores to offer earlier-than-usual discounts. ; Local merchants hope that instead of going online you'll do your shopping locally to support small businesses. Small Business Saturday takes place tomorrow. And business owners and employees encourage you to shop small businesses every day. They say it's critically important, because it keeps your dollars in your community to support local merchants and local jobs. Small Business Saturday started in 2010. According to a 2020 study, spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$19.8 billion. The survey also found that 97 percent of shoppers recognized the positive impact they can make by shopping small and 85 percent of them reported they also encouraged friends and family to "shop small" as well. / CRIME: Theft from vehicles is one of the most common crimes in our area, and often increases during the holiday months.

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limits. The Recreation Report is updated weekly and features the best spots for fishing for the upcoming week. Depending on water levels and conditions, fishing could be good for Chinook or coho salmon. For beginners, Easy Angling Oregon is a great guide to getting started. If you live near Portland, Bend, Medford, Roseburg, or in Lane County, there are lots of options. Prefer to crab or clam instead? MyODFW has all the information you need to get started clamming online. There are some crabbing and razor clam closures in effect this week, so check in advance. The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat. And before you head out, check ocean conditions and take safety precautions: Always clam with a friend and never turn your back on the ocean. / SAFETY: Last Sunday, a hunter discovered the body of a man in the area of Wacker Point Road. That's a Bureau of Land Management Road in the Coast Range, north of Highway 126W and a bit northwest of Noti. Officials are calling it a "suspicious" death. They say the deceased was a white man in his 30s. His identity is being withheld until relatives are notified. But if you have any information about this case or might have traveled on Wacker Point Road last Friday, November 18, through last Sunday, November 20, please give the Lane County Sheriff's Office Tip Line a call at 541-682-4167. ; Lane County Sheriff's deputies say they are seeking information about a vehicle that was abandoned at the Walton Post Office. It was left there on or around Monday, November 21. The vehicle is a dark gray or blue GMC Envoy SUV with an Oregon plate: 682JKZ. Know anything about the vehicle? Call the Lane County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at 541-682-4167. / CRIME: Investigators on Wednesday afternoon took a man into custody in Florence who was wanted on warrants issued by both the Oregon Parole Board and Florence Municipal Court. Officials say because they had information that the suspect—39-year-old Justin Martinez—might be armed, they used a Special Response Team when they went to his apartment in the 1700 block of 43rd Street in Florence. Investigators say Martinez initially refused to exit the apartment but surrendered several hours later and was taken into custody without incident. The Oregon State Police and Florence Police Department assisted in the investigation. ; Investigators and medical examiners are working to identify a skull that was found inside a small backpack alongside northbound Interstate Five near Keizer. It was discovered on Monday morning by members of an Oregon Department of Corrections cleanup crew near milepost 260. Officials say the skull had no identifiable features, but was most likely that of a female in her late 30's to 40's. / HEALTH: State health officials are asking people to take immediate, urgent action to protect children and ensure there are pediatric intensive care beds available in Oregon hospitals to treat any child or youth with a serious illness or injury. Oregon health officials expect respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases to peak after the Thanksgiving holiday, which will further strain pediatric hospital intensive care units that are already at or reaching their limit. The latest state data indicates RSV hospitalization rates for children quadrupled between Oct. 29 and Nov. 19. RSV hospitalizations are expected to rise further over the next few weeks. Parents of children younger than age 5, especially newborns to 6-month-olds, are asked to take steps to keep their children safe and help to limit the spread of RSV and influenza in coming weeks. Young children, as well as older adults – people 65 and older – are at higher risk of severe illness from these respiratory viruses, including hospitalization and death. RSV is a

common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms, such as runny nose, coughing and sneezing. Most infections go away on their own in a week or two. Almost all children will have had an RSV infection by their second birthday. People experiencing mild RSV symptoms should: Stay home from work or school, and avoid indoor and outdoor holiday gatherings and events. Manage fever and pain with over-the-counter fever reducers and pain relievers. Drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration. Make sure to talk to your health care provider before giving your child over-the-counter cold medicines which are typically not indicated for this age group. While cold-like symptoms are more typical of RSV infections, some children can experience severe symptoms requiring immediate care. Parents should call their pediatrician or seek care right away if child has any of the following symptoms: Difficulty breathing or increased work of breathing. Symptoms of dehydration, or fewer than one wet diaper every eight hours. Gray or blue color to tongue, lips or skin. Decreased activity and alertness. Some children with RSV may be at increased risk of developing a bacterial infection, such as an ear infection. Call your pediatrician if your child has: Symptoms that worsen or do not start to improve after seven days. A fever of 100.4° F or higher if they are younger than 3 months old (12 weeks). A fever that rises above 104° F repeatedly for a child of any age. Poor sleep or fussiness, chest pain, ear tugging or ear drainage. ; Hospitalizations also are being fueled by a rapid increase in influenza cases around the state. According to the Oregon Health Authority, the percentage of positive influenza tests has continued to double each week since mid-October – from one percent the week ending October 22, surging to 16.4 percent for the week ending November 19. A five percent positivity rate for influenza tests is considered a threshold for significant influenza circulation. Health officials encourage you to: Stay home when sick. Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside of your elbow, or with a tissue that you immediately throw away after use. Clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces, including doorknobs, faucets, chairs, countertops and tables. Regularly wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after coughing or sneezing into a tissue. Get a flu shot and stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations, including new bivalent boosters. There is no vaccine for RSV. Consider wearing a mask in crowded indoor spaces. ; State health officials say are working with hospitals to bring additional nurses into Oregon from out of state, including using some recently appropriated legislative funds. They also are working to recruit trained health care volunteers through Serv-OR, the state's emergency volunteer registry. ; State and local health officials say they're starting to see an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations across Oregon. During the past week, the Oregon Health Authority received reports of more than 3,500 cases—272 of which were in Lane County. Lane County Public Health also received reports of three additional deaths during the past week, which were among the 37 newly identified COVID deaths statewide. Lane County's pandemic death toll now stands at 662. The Oregon Health Authority says hospitals across the state saw 311 patients hospitalized with COVID-related illnesses. That was up by 81 from the previous week. Health officials are concerned a post-Thanksgiving bump in infections, combined with rising cases of RSV and influenza, could create what they've dubbed a "triple-demic" of illness this fall and winter. ; Lane County Public Health officials on Wednesday announced that four new cases of Monkeypox have been identified in local residents. These are the first new cases of

Monkeypox to be identified since September 12th. Health experts say that clearly demonstrates that the virus that causes monkeypox is still present and infecting people in our area and highlights the need for continued awareness and prevention. The county's Communicable Disease program is investigating the new infections and working to alert anyone who might have been exposed. Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure to the virus. If an infected person first develops flu-like symptoms, a rash usually develops 1-4 days later. A person with monkeypox can spread it to others from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. Some people have been found to have infection but no symptoms. To date, however, there is no evidence that monkeypox spreads from people with no symptoms. People with monkeypox get a rash that may be located on or near the genitals or anus and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing. The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy. Other symptoms of monkeypox can include: Fever, Chills, Swollen lymph nodes, Exhaustion, Muscle aches and backache, Headache, and Respiratory symptoms (e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough). An individual may experience all or only a few symptoms. Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash. Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash. If you have a new or unexplained rash or other symptoms: Avoid close contact, including sex or being intimate with anyone, until you have been checked out by a healthcare provider. If you don't have a provider or health insurance, call LCPH at 541-682-4041. When you see a healthcare provider, wear a mask, and remind them that this virus is circulating in the area. / FINANCES, GOVERNMENT: On the heels of some high-profile failures of cryptocurrencies and their exchanges, experts with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation remind you understand the risks of investing in largely unregulated products such as cryptocurrency. The recent news of the bankruptcy of FTX, the third largest cryptocurrency exchange in the world, which left approximately 1 million customers and investors facing losses in the billions of dollars, serves as a warning to anyone investing in cryptocurrency. Unlike banks, cryptocurrency accounts are not generally insured by the FDIC. Among state financial regulators' tips when it comes to digital currency and nonfungible tokens or NFTs: Carefully research these types of investments. Many are speculative in nature. Make sure that you understand what you are purchasing, the value of the item purchased, the reason for the valuation, and how easy it is to sell the investment if you want to get out your money. Use a digital currency exchange that is licensed with the state to transmit cryptocurrency to someone else. Oregon law requires companies that transfer digital currency from one person to another to be licensed as money transmitters. Digital currency exchange companies that purchase or sell cryptocurrency from their own inventories are not required to be licensed. Do not spend money you need, such as for food, housing, and gas. Digital currency and NFT markets are volatile. Have questions about these platforms or believe you might have been defrauded? Contact the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation. / LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS: A gun rights group, county sheriff, and gun store owner filed an emergency motion in federal court late Wednesday seeking to stop enforcement of one of the strictest gun control laws in the nation. The gun control measure narrowly approved by

Oregon voters is set go into effect on Dec. 8. A judge on Thursday scheduled a hearing on the motion for Dec. 2. The Oregon Firearms Foundation, Sherman County Sheriff Brad Lohrey and Adam Johnson, owner of Coat of Arms Firearms, sued the Oregon governor and attorney general on Nov. 18 saying Measure 114 is unconstitutional. Backers say banning large-capacity magazines will save lives and argue the measure will reduce suicides. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, TRIBES: Two of Oregon's most economically disadvantaged and racially diverse communities — one in Portland and the other along the coast — are getting a boost in their fight against air pollution. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports Environmental Protection Agency grants will go to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, environmental nonprofit Verde and the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians. The grants will go toward increasing air quality monitoring and awareness in communities where many residents are disproportionately burdened by pollution such as those living near industrial facilities or highways. /

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SPORTS: It started with a power outage and ended with an upset for the ages. No. 22 Oregon State took advantage of critical mistakes in the fourth quarter by No. 9 Oregon to rally for a 38-34 victory on Saturday at Reser Stadium. The Beavers trailed 31-10 late in the third quarter and 34-17 early in the fourth, but the Ducks gave their rivals a short field on three consecutive possessions, leading to touchdowns. Oregon State ran for 268 yards and five touchdowns, overcoming its lack of a passing game. With Saturday's loss, Oregon missed out on a spot in the Pac-12 championship game—a fate that was sealed when No. 12 Washington beat Washington State later in the day. No. 14 Utah won a tiebreaker and will face No. 5 Southern California on Friday for the league title. Oregon has dropped in the national polls to Number 15. OSU is up to No. 16. The Oregonian and OregonLive predict Oregon is likely to end up in either the Alamo, Holiday, or Vegas Bowl and that OSU might also be considered for the Vegas Bowl and for the ESPN Bowl. The day began with a widespread power outage in the Corvallis area that darkened businesses as they were expecting brisk sales ahead of kickoff. Power was eventually restored—first to the stadium in time for the game and later to surrounding areas. ; Oregon Athletics officials say they are gathering information after a video surfaced showing Duck outside linebacker DJ Johnson striking a person in Oregon State gear on the field after Saturday's game at Reser Stadium. Johnson is seen punching the person from behind and then being restrained and led away by what appears to be two Oregon staff members. Oregon State said no complaint had been filed with campus police. / HEALTH: The omicron variant is driving U.S. COVID-19 case counts higher in many places as the holiday season arrives. Experts are expecting a fresh wave of infections. Health agencies are receiving combined reports of close to 39,000 new infections per day—although with widespread home testing those numbers are considered an undercount. Nationwide, hospitalizations are averaging around 28,000 patients a day. The CDC is receiving reports of close to 340 daily deaths. Still, an estimated one-fifth of Americans remain completely unvaccinated. And among those who are vaccinated, most who are eligible still have not gotten the latest booster, which rolled out this fall and provides protection against the two major omicron subvariants. ; State and local health officials say they're starting to see an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations across Oregon. During the week

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than at more traditional restaurants and bars. By June of this year, the brewpub and brewery sector was down only 14 percent from its pre-pandemic employment. Analysts say it's likely businesses returned to close to normal employment over the summer. Some breweries and brewpubs closed permanently during the pandemic. But state employment analysts say 31 brewing establishments either opened their doors or grew enough from its first entrepreneurs to begin hiring payroll employees. / SAFETY: Springfield Police say alcohol use and excessive speed appear to be contributing factors in Saturday night's fatal crash on Highway 126 in town. Around 10:20 Saturday night, an officer stopped at a red light at 42nd and Main Street saw a dark-colored Range Rover pass him heading eastbound on Main Street at 80-90 mph. The officer tried to follow but the driver sped to more than 120 miles per hour and police could not safely catch up and lost sight of the vehicle. A short time later, police dispatch received a call about a motor vehicle accident in the 3800 block of Hwy 126 in Springfield. Investigators say it was the same vehicle and the driver died in the crash. Their identity has not yet been released. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Concerned about the recent number of serious and fatal traffic crashes, officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office are reminding drivers that they are responsible for their safety, that of their passengers, and that of those in other vehicles. Sheriff's officials say they've responded to two fatal crashes and three injury crashes on county roads in the past week. Sergeant Tom Speldrich notes that with of these fatal and serious injury crashes there's been a mix of speeding, intoxication, and / or distraction. Speldrich says the worst part for families of those who died and survivors who are badly injured is that these crashes are preventable. Safety officials remind drivers to: Slow down. Many fatal crashes involve excessive speed. On rural roads, excessive speed can be especially dangerous because the roadway is narrow, and drivers do not have as much opportunity to correct before leaving the roadway. There are often trees, boulders or other hard obstacles close to the edge of the pavement that increase the likelihood of a crash being fatal. Drive sober. If you have to question whether you are sober enough to make it home, you are not okay to drive. Find a designated driver, use a rideshare service, or stay where you are. But don't get behind the wheel if you are under the influence of any intoxicating substances – whether they are legal or not. Be aware of winter road conditions. This goes hand-in-hand with reducing your vehicle's speed. This time of year, roads are likely to be slippery. Rain or fog reduce drivers' fields of vision. Pay attention to the weather and road conditions. Adjust your driving accordingly. Lane County Transportation Planner Becky Taylor says safe choices save lives but that drivers often overestimate their margin of safety and wind up in a serious crash. Such crashes can happen in the blink of an eye. Instead, be a safe and sober driver who is focused on the road, not a phone or other potentially deadly distraction. / SAFETY: An Oakridge man is dead after officials say he went for a run on a rail line while wearing headphones and was struck by a train. It happened Friday along the Union Pacific rail line by Salmon Creek Road in Oakridge. Investigators say it appears 57-year-old Derek Lee Berling of Oakridge was running westbound along the tracks prior to being struck. Berling reportedly was wearing headphones and did not respond when train operators sounded the locomotive's horn multiple times. The train's operator made an emergency stop but was unable to avoid a collision. Officials remind pedestrians and runners: You</p>

should always assume rail lines are active and avoid going on the tracks. Remember: You have options for route, the train does not. / CHARITY: Today is Giving Tuesday, a global day dedicated to giving something back. The occasion is intended to encourage individuals, families, businesses, community and religious groups, and others to celebrate generosity. Many people, after shopping for themselves, family, and friends over Thanksgiving weekend and Cyber Monday, donate to their favorite charities on Giving Tuesday. The effort is embraced by countries across the globe, major corporations, and smaller companies. The organization Giving Tuesday estimates last year's U.S. donations totaled close to \$2.7 billion. Local organizations encourage you to give to support their regular operations or special funding needs. For example, Catholic Community Services of Lane County says today's donations will go to its Oasis program, a drop-in day-use center for unhoused families, to replace one and possibly two washing machines. Stefani Roybal with Catholic Community Services say clean clothing can make a big difference in adult and children's lives, whether for basic comfort or to make a good impression when seeking housing or taking part in a job interview. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Days after flocking to stores on Black Friday, consumers went online on Cyber Monday to score more discounts on gifts and other items that have ballooned in price because of high inflation. Cyber Monday was expected to remain the year's biggest online shopping day and rake in up to \$11.6 billion in sales, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks transactions at over 85 of the top 100 U.S. online stores. That forecast was a jump from the \$10.7 billion consumers spent last year. Shoppers spent a record \$9.12 billion online on Black Friday, up 2.3 percent from last year, according to Adobe. But profit margins are expected to be tighter this year for retailers as they offer deeper discounts to attract budget-conscious consumers and clear out their bloated inventories. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, LABOR, ECONOMY: President Joe Biden is calling on Congress to pass legislation to intervene and block a railroad strike before next month's deadline in the stalled contract talks. American consumers and nearly every industry will be affected if freight trains grind to a halt next month. The U.S. hasn't seen an extended rail strike in a century. Many businesses only have a few days' worth of raw materials and space for finished goods. If a strike goes past a few days, makers of food, fuel, cars and chemicals, along with farmers and others would feel the squeeze, as would their customers. In many regions, commuters who would be stranded because many passenger railroads use tracks owned by the freight railroads. Biden said Monday that a tentative agreement approved in September provided a pay raise for workers, protected their health care benefits and improved their leave policy. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said lawmakers will take up legislation to impose those terms this week. If Congress acts, it will end the negotiations between four rail unions that rejected their deals and the railroads. Eight other rail unions have ratified their deals. The pacts include 24 percent raises and \$5,000 in bonuses. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>GOVERNMENT, LGBTQ: The U.S. Senate has passed landmark bipartisan legislation to protect same-sex marriages on a 61-36 vote. Twelve Republicans joined Democrats to give the bill final approval. Senate Democrats are moving quickly to send the bill to the U.S. House and President Joe Biden's desk. The bill would ensure that same-sex and interracial marriages are enshrined in federal law. The legislation would not force any state to allow same-sex couples to marry. But it would require states to recognize all marriages that were legal where they were performed, and protect current same-sex unions, should the Supreme Court's 2015 decision legalizing same-sex marriage be overturned. The bill would also protect interracial marriages by requiring states to recognize legal marriages regardless of "sex, race, ethnicity or national origin." A new law protecting same-sex marriages would be a major victory for Democrats as they prepare to relinquish their two years of consolidated power in Washington, and a massive win for advocates who have been pushing for decades for federal legislation. It comes as the LGBTQ community has faced violent attacks, such as the shooting last weekend at a gay nightclub in Colorado that killed five people and injured at least 17. / GOVERNMENT, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION: Congress is moving swiftly to prevent a looming U.S. rail workers strike. Lawmakers are reluctantly intervening in a labor dispute to stop what would surely be a devastating blow to the nation's economy if the transportation of fuel, food and other critical goods were disrupted. The U.S. House is expected to act first today. The bill being considered would impose a compromise labor agreement brokered by President Biden's administration. That agreement was accepted by eight rail unions but rejected by four others. Combined, the 12 unions represent more than 115,000 employees at large freight rail carriers. The unions have threatened to strike if an agreement can't be reached before a Dec. 9 deadline. Biden has said he reluctantly agreed to Congressional intervention because the potential damage to the economy is too great. It is estimated a nationwide rail stoppage that would cost the economy \$2 billion a day. But the president also is concerned imposing a contract could cost him some of his standing among unions. While some labor leaders have quietly backed Congressional action, others have criticized it for taking away some of the unions' bargaining power. / GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: U.S. senators from both parties expressed skepticism Tuesday that a</p>

proposed merger between grocery giants Kroger and Albertsons would result in lower prices for consumers. Kroger is the parent company of Fred Meyer stores and several other large grocery chains. Albertson's portfolio includes Safeway stores. Critics of the deal say such a large merger will reduce competition and make it easier for the companies to raise grocery prices. But the CEOs of Kroger and Albertsons insisted there will still be competition. They say a merger will help them counter growing rivals like Walmart, Costco, and Amazon. Kroger's CEO says the days of shoppers buying all their groceries at one store once a week are gone. He says shoppers often get their groceries at five or six different locations. Kroger announced its plan to acquire Albertsons for \$20 billion in mid-October. Together, the companies would control about 13 percent of the U.S. grocery market. If approved by U.S. antitrust regulators, the deal is expected to close in early 2024. Opponents of the deal are concerned about potential store closures or employee layoffs. Kroger and Albertsons have said they will sell or spin off up to 375 Albertsons stores in markets where the two chains currently compete—where possible selling to another grocery company rather than closing the locations. But several lawmakers noted that when Albertsons acquired Safeway in 2015 for \$9.2 billion, the FTC required it to divest 168 stores. The largest buyer of those stores filed for bankruptcy protection nine months later and Albertsons wound up buying back some of the locations. Kroger, based in Cincinnati, Ohio, operates 2,800 stores in 35 states, including brands like Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Smith's, and Harris Teeter. Albertsons, based in Boise, Idaho, operates 2,273 stores in 34 states, including brands like Safeway, Jewel Osco, and Shaw's. Together the companies employ around 710,000 people. Federal lawmakers are not the only ones scrutinizing the merger plan. Earlier this month, a bipartisan group of state attorneys general sued to block Albertsons from paying a \$4 billion dividend to its shareholders until they have reviewed the merger. That payout is temporarily on hold after a state judge in Washington said he needed more time to consider the matter.

/ SAFETY, CRIME, HEALTH: The U.S. gun death rate last year hit its highest mark in nearly three decades, and the rate among women has been growing faster than that of men, according to study by the Harvard Medical School and others published on Tuesday. The researchers said the increase in deaths among women — most dramatically, in Black women — is playing a tragic and under-recognized role in a tally that skews overwhelmingly male. Among Black women, the rate of firearm-related homicides more than tripled since 2010, and the rate of gun-related suicides more than doubled since 2015. In October, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data on U.S. firearm deaths last year, counting more than 47,000 — the most in at least 40 years. The U.S. population is growing, but researchers say the rate of gun deaths has been getting worse, too. America's gun-related homicide and suicide rates both rose 8 percent last year, each hitting levels not seen since the early 1990s. In the new study, the researchers examined trends in firearm deaths since 1990. They found gun deaths began to steadily increase in 2005, but the rise accelerated recently, with a 20 percent jump from 2019 to 2021. Researchers say it's tough to say why gun deaths rose so dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic. They say contributing factors might include disruption of people's work and personal lives, higher gun sales, stress, and mental health issues.

/ SAFETY: Lane County sheriff's investigators have released the names of those involved in Sunday night's fatal crash on Coburg Road near the intersection with McKenzie View.

Officials say that around 9:30 p.m., a black 2002 Ford F-150 that had been traveling southbound on Coburg Road crossed into the oncoming lane and struck a silver 2000 Mazda Protegé sedan. The driver of the Mazda, 53-year-old Cerina Anne McPherson of Coos Bay, died from her injuries. A passenger in the Mazda was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. Investigators say the driver of the F-150 fled before law enforcement arrived and it took the better part of three hours to locate the suspect, identified as 27-year-old Marco Itehua-Sanchez of Eugene. Officials say they're still working the case and that alcohol appears to have been a factor in the crash. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, EDUCATION: Snow showers are expected tonight through the morning commute in the lowlands of the Central and Southern Willamette Valley. Snow will be spotty and will be combined with rain through most locations. Some areas, especially those above 500 feet, might see minor accumulations while others will see no snow. While accumulation may not be heavy, be sure to travel with care as roads may still be slick in spots. ; Couple of quick weather-related school notes: In the Coast Range near Triangle Lake, the Blachly Schools are on a two-hour delay. The Crow-Applegate-Lorane schools also are on a two-hour delay. Here in town, the Eugene Schools are on time but morning buses are on snow routes. Parents, if you're on one of those affected routes—which are usually in the hills—the pick-up stop for your kids will be a different spot, usually farther down the hill. / GOVERNMENT, LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Congress yesterday continued moving swiftly to head off the looming U.S. rail strike. The U.S. House passed a bill that would bind companies and workers to a proposed settlement reached in September, even though it only gained support from eight of the 12 unions involved. The bill now goes to the U.S. Senate for consideration. The plan would impose a compromise labor agreement brokered by the Biden administration. Although the president and Democratic congressional leaders say they support the rights of unions to collectively bargain, they reluctantly agreed to intervene because of fears about the potential devastating impact of a rail strike. The agreement would cover roughly 115,000 workers at large freight rail carriers, including Union Pacific, BNSF, and others. The unions have threatened to strike if an agreement is not reached by December 9. Nearly every industry would be affected because so many businesses rely on railroads to deliver the raw materials they need and haul their finished products. That includes shipment of agricultural goods and lumber, food supplies, autos, raw materials including oil and coal, and other critical goods. The Association of American Railroads trade group estimated a railroad strike would cost the economy roughly \$2 billion a day. A separate report published by the American Chemistry Council trade group said an extended strike could push the economy into a recession if it lasted one month and force manufacturers to eliminate roughly 700,000 jobs. Regional commuters and passengers on long-distance Amtrak trains also would be affected by a strike because many of those

passenger railroads operate on tracks owned by the freight railroads. /

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: It's no surprise that some businesses hire lots of additional workers during the holiday shopping season. They help retailers and package delivery companies that are receiving a much needed end-of-year boost in sales. Oregon Employment Department analysts say those industries saw strong growth during the last two holiday seasons. It'll be interesting to see whether this year's holiday period mirrors that trend. In 2021, the "holiday buildup" accounted for more than 11,900 workers at businesses across the state. That's a 9.4 percent increase compared with the pre-buildup employment level in September. It's close to the 20-year average. But there have been up and down years: During the economic boom of 2005, for example, businesses and delivery services increased their workforce by 13 percent for the holiday season. But coming off the 2008 recession, the numbers were cut in half. Holiday hiring increased sharply during the first two year of the pandemic in 2020 and remained strong last year as shoppers went online or ordered curbside pick-up and local delivery. Two-fifths of the jobs were among delivery services, from private couriers and messengers to postal carriers and major package-delivery firms. But general merchandise, clothing, and accessory stores also made a strong contribution, adding more than 4,200 seasonal employees. /

CRIME: A 31-year-old Cottage Grove man is facing multiple criminal charges after allegedly stabbing his father in the abdomen. The incident was reported Tuesday afternoon at a residence in the 600 block of 8th Street in Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove Police and Lane County Sheriff's investigators say the victim and the suspect—who is identified as 31-year-old Evan Clark Smith—were taken to a hospital. Smith faces charges of Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Menacing, and Harassment. /

LEGAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ELECTIONS: Last month, Oregon voters passed Measure 114, one of the nation's toughest gun control laws. But the new permit-to-purchase mandate is facing a legal challenge in the days before it takes effect on December 8. A federal judge in Portland will hear arguments tomorrow about whether to put the law on hold. It comes after a joint lawsuit from a gun rights group, a sheriff, and a gun store owner. Measure 114 requires state residents to attend an in-person safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing and pass a federal criminal background check. The measure bans large-capacity magazines over 10 rounds except in some circumstances. And it creates a statewide firearms database. But those behind the lawsuit—the Oregon Firearms Foundation, Sherman County Sheriff Brad Lohrey and Adam Johnson, owner of Coat of Arms Firearms—say Measure 114 is unconstitutional. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum argued in a court filing yesterday that a delay in implementing Measure 114 would result in more unnecessary deaths and slow efforts to reduce the risk of a massacre in the state. /

HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT: City Council members in Portland have voted to allocate \$27 million of the city's budget to build designated camping areas for homeless people. The money will help finance a measure passed by the Portland City Council earlier this month that banned street camping and approved the creation of six outdoor sites where homeless people will be allowed to camp. The plans have sparked fierce debate. Supporters say it would make streets safer and connect people with resources, while opponents say it would criminalize homelessness. The \$27 million approved this week will help launch the first three sites. Backers of the effort want to move

homeless people from hundreds of encampments scattered across Portland to the sanctioned camping areas over the next 18 months. / SAFETY: It has been one year since Cottage Grove man died after being struck by gunfire as he drove along a portion of Highway 38 west of Drain. The Oregon State Police preliminary investigation suggests it was accidental. But they're still working to determine how it happened and provide closure to the man's family. Yesterday, on the first anniversary of 72-year-old Larry Mell's death, they asked anyone who either was shooting or who knows of someone who was shooting in the area to contact them. On November 30, 2021, at approximately 1:00 P.M., Mell was traveling westbound in his red 2003 Dodge Ram 4-door pickup with a black ladder rack on Highway 38 near Putnam Valley Road, just west of Drain, when he was shot. Mell later died from his wound. Family members say Mell had eight children, several grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. They say he was a Navy veteran who served in the Vietnam War, loved fishing and crabbing and is greatly missed. Mell's family also described him as a survivor who overcame heart surgery, a brain injury, and cancer. If you think you might have some information on this incident, officials urge you to contact the Oregon State Police at 800-442-2068 or OSP (677) from your mobile phone. Please reference case # SP21-335049. / CRIME: A Douglas County couple known for distributing drugs was sentenced to federal prison this week after they were linked to the overdose death of man to whom they had sold drugs for more than a year. 49-year-old Brian Joseph Ramos and 41-year-old Christine Marie Ramos of Yoncalla were sentenced to 70 and 51 months in federal prison, respectively. The Ramoses must also serve five-year terms of supervised release following the completion of their prison sentences. Detectives with the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team say that the victim had stopped by the Ramoses' home in May of 2018, after his release from a residential drug treatment program. The man died from a fentanyl-related overdose later the same day. A search of the Ramoses' residence found several dozen grams of methamphetamine, 260 pills, drug paraphernalia, and digital scales—along with several pills that later tested positive for fentanyl which had been found in the Ramoses' vehicles. / BUSINESS, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT: Congratulations to "R and R King Logging" based in Florence and its owner, Bobby King. He was recognized recently as Southwest Oregon's "Operator of the Year" and will be recognized next month by the Oregon Board of Forestry. The award recognizes forest operators who, while harvesting timber or doing other forestry work, protect natural resources at a level that consistently meets or goes above and beyond requirements of the Oregon Forest Practices Act. King of "R and R King Logging" was nominated for work he did protecting water quality in a forest unit that was bounded by a fish-bearing stream and a meandering tidal slough. Officials say he used a drone to string yarding cables from a high point across the slough, allowing him to hoist logs above the protected trees buffering the slough and creek without damaging any. They say King also succeeded in logging around a stand of trees along a strip of neighboring land without damaging those. King comes from a logging family and has worked for more than 30 years in the steep terrain of Oregon's Coast Range. Strain Excavating and Trucking of Coos Bay earned an Award of Merit from the selection committee for replacing a failing tube culvert with a larger box culvert

that opened up on Weyerhaeuser land about three miles of habitat for native cutthroat trout that had not been reachable by fish for more than 50 years. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SAFETY, WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION: Roads were slick and icy throughout the Eugene-Springfield area this morning. Crews were spreading sand and deicer throughout the night but warned of an icy commute. If must go out this morning, assume there is ice on roads, parking lots, driveways, and walkways until the air and pavement temperatures rise above freezing. Give yourself plenty of time and distance and drive as though you can't rely on your brakes. ; Last night, icy roads contributed to an accident on Eugene's Franklin Boulevard near the Interstate Five overpass that closed the roadway for several hours and forced drivers to make a long detour to get between Eugene and Glenwood and Springfield. ; Weather-related school notes: CLOSED: Creswell Schools, South Lane Schools, McKenzie Schools, Crow-Applegate-Lorane Schools, Lowell Schools, St. Paul Parrish School, and Twin Rivers Charter School. Head Start of Lane County of has canceled its Lowell, B Street, and LCC programs for the day. Head Start staff, check for updates on when to report for work. Two-hour school delays: Lane Community College campuses in Eugene and Cottage Grove. Springfield Schools (morning buses on snow routes), Fern Ridge, Pleasant Hill, Oakridge, Lane ESD, Eugene Christian School, Oak Hill School, Monroe Schools, Sweet Home, and the Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. Morning buses on snow routes: Lebanon Community Schools. Willamalane childcare programs open at 10 a.m. This includes preschools and the park district's "No School Days" programs. The Lane Council of Governments, L-COG, is opening all its offices at 10 a.m. today. ; Highway crews spent much of the night working to reopen Interstate 84 through the Blue Mountains between Pendleton and La Grande. Snowy, icy, blizzard conditions led to multiple accidents and spinouts late yesterday morning. I-84's eastbound lanes reopened around 10:30 last night and the traffic began returning to the westbound lanes shortly after midnight. ; In Northwest Oregon, crews are clearing debris from a landslide that closed part of U.S. Highway 30 east of Astoria. Workers have removed a commercial truck that was caught in the slide. ODOT estimates the mix of mud and rock dumped about ten truckloads of debris on the highway. No injuries were reported. But the slide has closed Highway 30 in both directions east of Astoria. Crews hope to reopen it later today but might need to work through the weekend. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's deputies say are investigating a fatal crash that occurred Wednesday afternoon in the 91800 block of River Road, midway between Eugene and Junction City. They say a red Jeep SUV was traveling</p>

northbound on River Road when it drove off the roadway and struck two trees. The driver died. Their name is being withheld until relatives are notified. /

LEGAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ELECTIONS: A federal judge in Portland today hears arguments on whether Oregon's Measure 114, which is scheduled to go into effect on Thursday, violates Americans' constitutionally protected right to bear arms. Depending on the outcome, legal experts say the groundbreaking law could be delayed for months or longer as it works its way through the courts. Oregon voters narrowly passed the measure last month. Spurred by the 2018 mass shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, the massacre last spring at a grocery store in Buffalo, New York, and the slaughter of elementary school students and teachers in Uvalde, Texas, it is one of the toughest gun control laws in the nation. It also immediately became a target for lawsuits. The biggest legal flashpoint is a ban on magazines over 10 rounds unless they are owned by law enforcement or a military member or were owned before the measure's passage. After the measure takes effect, those who already own high-capacity magazines may only possess them in their homes or use them at a firing range, in shooting competitions, or for hunting as allowed by state law. The law also requires gun buyers to obtain a permit to purchase a new gun. Permit applicants must take a state-approved, hands-on gun safety training course with live or dry rounds. They also must submit a photo ID and undergo fingerprinting and a criminal background check. The state will keep a list of permit-holders that's exempt from public disclosure; the \$65 permits will be good for five years and may be used to buy multiple guns in that five-year period with a fresh background check. The lawsuit filed by the Oregon Firearms Federation, a local sheriff, and a gun store owner asks the court to declare the law unconstitutional and issue an injunction to prevent it from going into effect next week. Alternatively, the plaintiffs seek a partial order on the high-capacity magazine ban. In court papers filed late Wednesday, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said the plaintiffs were "wrong and unlikely to prevail" and that the state's new law would save countless lives. Seven appellate courts have previously found that bans on large-capacity magazines are consistent with the Second Amendment, she wrote, and the New York case doesn't change the legal landscape for Oregon's law. One legal expert says Oregon's ban on high-capacity magazines will nonetheless face scrutiny and the court will also take a close look at Oregon's "permit to purchase" mandate to determine if the additional steps now required to gain access to firearms are also a Second Amendment violation. While supporters of Measure 114 have cited the recent mass shootings in Colorado and Virginia as further evidence the law is needed and timely, Norman Williams—a constitutional law professor at Willamette University—says that likely will not have much bearing on the courts' rulings in this case. He predicts it will take federal courts months, if not years, to sort out what parts of Measure 114 are constitutional and what parts, if any, are not. Williams thinks a measure like Oregon's might eventually find its way to the U.S. Supreme Court for review. Two additional lawsuits were filed this week. One on Wednesday was backed by the Second Amendment Foundation out of Washington state. Yesterday filing came from the National Rifle Association's Oregon affiliate, two former state lawmakers, Mazama Sporting Goods store in Eugene, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Details about the permit process and hands-on training are still being worked out and some local agencies have complained they don't have the budget or staff necessary to enforce the

law's provisions. Several local sheriffs have said publicly they won't enforce the law in their jurisdictions. Backers of the measure say state lawmakers are likely to advance legislation to aid the law's implementation and provide funding in the upcoming session. The uncertainty around Measure 114's future has driven a surge in firearms sales that began after it passed as gun owners worry they might not be able to obtain a new permit for weeks or months if some or all of it goes into effect. As of this week, Oregon State Police had more than 35,000 pending background check transactions for gun purchases and was averaging 3,000 requests a day compared to less than 900 a day the week before Measure 114 passed, according to agency data. On Black Friday, the agency received 6,000 background check requests alone, according to one state police official. /

GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, FINANCES: The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Thursday to decide whether the Biden administration can broadly cancel student loans. The court is blocking the program for now but signaled that it will issue a final ruling by early summer. The administration had wanted the program to take effect even as court challenges proceeded. But the justices agreed to hear arguments in late February or early March over whether the program is legal. The moratorium on student loan debt payments had been slated to expire Jan. 1, a date that President Biden set before the debt cancellation plan stalled in the face of legal challenges from conservative opponents. The new expiration date is 60 days after the legal issue has been settled, but no later than the end of August. Biden's plan promises \$10,000 in federal student debt forgiveness to those with incomes of less than \$125,000, or households earning less than \$250,000. Pell Grant recipients, who typically demonstrate more financial need, are eligible for an additional \$10,000 in relief. More than 26 million people already applied for the relief, with 16 million approved, but the Education Department stopped processing applications last month after a federal judge in Texas struck down the plan. The Texas case is one of two in which federal judges have forbidden the administration from implementing the loan cancellations. In a separate lawsuit filed by six states, a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis also put the plan on hold, and that case is before the Supreme Court. Conservative attorneys, Republican lawmakers and business-oriented groups have asserted that Biden overstepped his authority in taking such sweeping action without the assent of Congress. They called it an unfair government giveaway for relatively affluent people at the expense of taxpayers who didn't pursue higher education. The administration has argued that the loan cancellations are legal under a 2003 law aimed at providing help to members of the military. The program is a response to "a devastating pandemic with student loan relief designed to protect vulnerable borrowers from delinquency and default," the Justice Department said in court papers. The Congressional Budget Office has said the program will cost about \$400 billion over the next three decades. /

TRANSPORTATION, LABOR, GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY: President Joe Biden today will sign a bill to avert a freight rail strike that he said could have plunged the U.S. into recession. The bill imposes a compromise labor agreement brokered by the Biden administration and affects close to 115,000 employees at large freight railroads. They include Union Pacific, BNSF, and others. The unions had threatened to strike if an agreement is not reached before a December 9 deadline. Nearly every industry would have been affected because so many businesses rely on railroads to deliver the raw materials they need and

haul their finished products. That includes shipment of agricultural goods and lumber, food supplies, autos, raw materials including oil and coal, and other critical goods. The Association of American Railroads trade group estimated a railroad strike would cost the economy roughly \$2 billion a day. A separate report published by the American Chemistry Council trade group said an extended strike could push the economy into a recession if it lasted one month and force manufacturers to eliminate roughly 700,000 jobs. Regional commuters and passengers on long-distance Amtrak trains also would have been affected by a strike because many of those passenger railroads operate on tracks owned by the freight railroads. Lawmakers from both parties expressed reservations about overriding the negotiations. The intervention was particularly difficult for Democratic lawmakers who have traditionally sought to align themselves with the politically powerful labor unions. The compromise agreement that was supported by the railroads and a majority of the unions provides for 24 percent raises and \$5,000 in bonuses retroactive to 2020 along with one additional paid leave day. The raises would be the biggest rail workers have received in more than four decades. Workers would have to pay a larger share of their health insurance costs, but their premiums would be capped at 15 percent of the total cost of the insurance plan. The agreement did not resolve workers' concerns about schedules that make it hard to take a day off and the lack of more paid sick time. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS: Oregon and North Carolina will meet in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28 at San Diego's Petco Park. The game is being carried by FOX with a 5 p.m. kickoff. North Carolina won the ACC Coastal Division before losing big to Clemson in the conference title game. Oregon lost two of its last three games. It will be the first football game ever played at the downtown home of Major League Baseball's San Diego Padres. It will also be the first Holiday Bowl since 2019. The 2020 game was canceled due to the pandemic and UCLA pulled out of the 2021 matchup against North Carolina State just hours before kickoff due to what it said was a COVID-19 outbreak. ; Oregon State and Florida will meet Dec. 17 in the Las Vegas Bowl for a matchup between the Pac-12 and the Southeastern Conference. The 4:30 p.m. kick-off will be carried by ABC (KEZI-TV). The teams will be meeting for the first time. The Beavers have won three straight. That includes their 38-34 victory over archrival Oregon. Their nine wins are their most since 2012. The Gators are bowl-eligible despite losing to Vanderbilt and Florida State to end the regular season. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, ELECTIONS: The background check backlog is soaring, there aren't enough of the right type of safety courses available, and there's not enough time to get everything in place over the next few days. A senior official in Oregon's Attorney General's office said last night the state will not have a permitting process in place by Thursday as required by voter-approved gun control Measure 114. Instead, The Oregonian and OregonLive report the state Justice Department is recommending that the measure's permit requirement be postponed until February, but that other elements be allowed to go into effect. Oregon voters narrowly passed the measure last month. A judge on Friday heard arguments in one legal challenge. But last night, reporter Maxine Bernstein notes that officials in the attorney general's office acknowledged many Oregon law enforcement agencies are still working to get their systems in place. They also wrote that there are not enough firearms safety courses that offer the required training curricula to satisfy Measure 114's specific requirements. Close passage and continued uncertainty about Measure 114 has driven a surge in firearms sales. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that since Election Day, gun sales in the state have spiked. As of Friday, state police had 41,160 background checks pending for gun purchases or transfers. On Black Friday alone, the state police received</p>

more than 6,000 new background check requests. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, FINANCES: Fuel prices have fallen the past couple of weeks as demand remains relatively low after Thanksgiving. But they could be on the rise soon because of international tensions with Russia and the production quotas maintained by OPEC. But this morning, a price of regular-grade fuel in Eugene-Springfield is averaging \$4.14 per gallon. That's down 26 cents from just one week ago and down 57 cents per gallon from one month ago. Diesel prices have eased a bit but not quite as much. This morning's average price is \$5.21 per gallon. / ATTRACTIONS: The listing agent for the Victorian home featured in the "The Goonies" film in Astoria, Oregon, says the likely new owner is a fan of the classic coming-of-age movie about friendships and treasure hunting, and he promises to preserve and protect the landmark. The 1896 home with sweeping views of the Columbia River flowing into the Pacific Ocean was listed in November with an asking price of nearly \$1.7 million. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Jordan Miller of John L. Scott Real Estate says the sale is expected to close in mid-January. Miller says the new owner, a self-described serial entrepreneur, will make his name known at that time. / POLITICS, LGBTQ, LEGAL: Legislation that ensures same-sex and interracial marriages are recognized as legal unions appears headed for final approval and President Biden's signature. The historic bipartisan agreement reflects a wider acceptance of gay rights in both Congress and the country. The measure would protect the rights of about a half million married couples. It passed the U.S. Senate last week and heads to the House this week for near-certain approval. For many of the couples whose marriages will be protected, initial approval of the bill brought a sense of relief and was cause for celebration. But they also say more work needs to be done. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>COURTS, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Many Oregon law enforcement agencies say they're preparing for this week's implementation of Measure 114, the new gun control measure. But amid legal challenges and delays at the state level, they say they need more clarity before putting the system in place at the local level. A senior official in Oregon's Attorney General's office said Sunday night the state will not have a permitting process in place by Thursday as required by voter-approved gun control Measure 114. Instead, the state's Justice Department is recommending that the measure's permit requirement be postponed until February, but that other elements be allowed to go into effect. That could provide some critical preparation time for local law enforcement agencies, who could be responsible for providing permits and training for those looking to purchase firearms. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner said yesterday his agency has a general sense of the process but are still working to determine the specifics. He is also concerned Eugene Police currently might not have the personnel to handle the added workload under Measure 114. /</p> <p>CRIME: Eugene Police are seeking the suspect in an attack that took place yesterday morning in West Eugene. The victim says she was walking her dog on West 18th Avenue near a bus stop just west of Brittany Street around 6:15 a.m. when an unknown man came up behind her. She says the man grabbed her face and covered her mouth. She said she fought off her assailant. But she said he punched her in the face and, after she fell to the ground, struck her in the back. The woman's dog, a husky, bit the suspect—possibly on the leg—and the man left, heading east. The man is described as light-skinned, possibly in his 30s. He was last seen wearing a dark grey or black hoody, dark blue jeans, a black mask over his nose and mouth, and light grey gloves. The woman said he smelled like a campfire and was wearing hiking boots with one boot torn near the toe, leaving some of his sock showing. Know anything about the case? Please call Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. ; A Eugene woman was arrested for DUII, Driving While Suspended, Reckless Driving, and Hit-and-Run on Saturday evening. Police say 30-year-old Ashley Elizabeth Wilamoski crashed into a retaining wall and a tree in the 1600 block of West Eugene's Quaker Street. After her vehicle came to rest in someone's front yard, investigators say bystanders tried to assist her, but Wilamoski ran away and went into a backyard on nearby Kevington Street. She</p>

was located by an officer who is a member of the Eugene Police Drone Team and she was arrested. / ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT, TRIBES, WILDLIFE: Today marks the first-ever U.S. auction for leases to develop commercial-scale floating wind farms in the deep waters off the West Coast. The live, online auction for the five leases — three off California's central coast and two off its northern coast — has attracted strong interest from 43 companies from around the world. The wind turbines will float roughly 25 miles offshore. This marks America's first foray into floating wind turbines. Prior auctions have been for ones that are anchored to the seafloor. Similar auctions are in the works off Oregon's coast next year and in the Gulf of Maine in 2024. Combined, the lease areas have the potential to generate 4.5 gigawatts of energy -- enough for 1.5 million homes. President Joe Biden set a goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030 using traditional technology that secures wind turbines to the ocean floor, enough to power 10 million homes. The administration also announced plans in September to develop floating platforms that could vastly expand offshore wind in the United States. The sale is designed to promote a domestic supply chain and create union jobs. Bidders can convert part of their bids into credits that benefit those affected by the wind development — local communities, tribes and commercial fishermen. The nation's first offshore wind farm opened off the coast of Rhode Island in late 2016, allowing residents of small Block Island to shut off five diesel generators. Wind advocates took notice, but with five turbines, it's not commercial scale. Offshore wind installations are well-established in several other countries, including the United Kingdom. The growth of offshore wind comes as climate change intensifies and need for clean energy grows. It also is getting cheaper. The cost of developing offshore wind has dropped 60 percent since 2010 according to a July report by the International Renewable Energy Agency. It declined 13 percent in 2021 alone. As envisioned, the turbines — possibly nearly as tall as the Eiffel Tower — will float on giant triangular platforms roughly the size of a small city block with cables anchoring them underwater. They'll each have three blades longer than the distance from home plate to the outfield on a baseball diamond, and will need to be assembled onshore and towed, upright, to their open-ocean destination. But some are also wary of the projects, despite favoring a transition to clean energy. Environmentalists are concerned about the impacts on threatened and endangered whales, which could become entangled in the cables that will anchor the turbines. There are also concerns about birds and bats colliding with the turbine blades and whales getting struck by vessels towing components to the site. Federal regulators have set a boating speed limit for the project of less than 12 mph to address that concern. Tribes in the vast coastal regions also worry about damage to their ancestral lands from turbine assembly plants and transmission infrastructure. They fear that the farms will be visible on clear days from sacred prayer spots high in the mountains. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley said yesterday that more than half-a-million dollars in federal funding is heading to Oregon and California to increase and improve habitat for Western monarch butterflies and other key pollinators. The money, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is part of a larger effort that also includes the creation of a federal Pollinator Conservation Center. The habitat funding will allow government and non-profit groups to, among other things, assist private landowners with creating habitat that can help

reverse population declines and protect the Western monarch butterfly from extinction. That includes working on public lands, with agricultural providers, and on corporate, school, and community sites. The funding will pay for technical assistance and things like pollinator-friendly seed mixes and milkweed seedlings—upon which monarch larvae feed. /

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DISCUSSED COURT, LEGAL, LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS: A state court judge's ruling has placed Oregon's tough new voter-approved gun law on hold. It came just hours after a federal court judge in Portland allowed a ban on the sale and transfer of high-capacity magazines to take effect this week. The ruling by Harney County Judge Robert Raschio threw the law's implementation into limbo. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum says she will file an immediate appeal with the Oregon Supreme Court. Earlier yesterday, a federal judge in Portland delivered an initial victory to proponents of the sweeping gun-control measure approved by Oregon voters. U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut allowed a ban on the sale and transfer of new high-capacity magazines to take effect this week, while giving law enforcement more time to set up a system for permits that will now be required to buy or transfer a gun. The federal judge granted a 30-day delay before the permit-to-purchase mandate takes effect. But she did not quash it entirely, as gun rights advocates had wanted. And the federal judge allowed the other provisions of the law — including the high-capacity magazine ban — to take effect tomorrow. But the ruling from the judge in southeastern Oregon supersedes that. It put Measure 114 on hold until there can be a hearing on a new request for an injunction in a lawsuit filed with his court. It challenges the ten-round limits on ammunition magazines. The suit, brought by two Harney County gun owners and supported by the legal arm of Virginia-based non-profit Gun Owners of America, questions whether Measure 114 violates a clause in the Oregon Constitution. That clause is similar but not identical to the second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. /

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it. There's a big difference in the amount of inertia it takes to start moving from a full stop versus how much it takes to get moving while still rolling. Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads. Make way for ODOT trucks. If you see one of the salt, deicer or sand trucks, give them plenty of room and don't pass them on the right. The quicker they can get to the job, the quicker we can get the roads clear and operating safely again. ; Tips for safe winter travel during the holiday season: Expect delays, plan ahead, and allow extra travel time. Drive for conditions. Rain, snow, or extra traffic - slow down and give space for more stopping time, especially if the road is slick. Be careful when traveling over mountain passes. Check TripCheck.com or call 511 for road conditions. Many camera displays include temperature and other helpful information. Give snowplows extra space and never pass on the right. Be patient. The safest place to be when it's snowing is behind a plow. Pay attention to roadside message signs. They contain critical information about conditions on the road ahead, like chain requirements. Make sure you're ready for wintry road conditions. Carry chains and know how to use them. Practice before hitting the road so the first time you put on chains is by the side of a cold, snowy highway in the dark. In case of major delays, pack supplies for you and your passengers such as food, water, blankets, warm clothes and medications. Make sure there's a sober, focused and alert driver behind the wheel to help you get to and from your destinations. Be on the lookout for pedestrians and cyclists who are often less visible in wintry weather. ; The weather added uncertainty to what's expected to be a busy travel season. AAA estimates that nearly 113 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home between Dec. 23 and Jan. 2. That's 4 percent higher than last year. ; Airlines are canceling hundreds of flights as a winter storm ahead of the holiday weekend is expected to bring freezing temperatures, gusty winds and snow across large portions of the country over the next few days. Airlines already have canceled more than 1,400 flights today, many arriving, departing, or connecting with airports in Denver, Chicago, and elsewhere in the Upper Midwest. At Eugene's airport, United already has canceled a trio of afternoon flights to Denver, San Francisco, and Los Angeles—largely because of weather issues in the mid-part of the country and the difficulty getting aircraft where they're needed. Similar cancellations affect some Southwest flights out of Portland's airport to Denver, and Chicago. Alaska has canceled some evening flights to Denver, Boise, Salt Lake City—and late flights to many West Coast locations in anticipation of the ice storm affecting PDX. Flight tracking site FlightAware notes that another 700 flights are already canceled for tomorrow. The travel disruption comes during one of the busiest weeks of the year as millions take to the skies for the peak holiday period. Yesterday, officials with the more than on the same weekday in 2019, according to the Transportation Security Administration said more than 2.4 million people passed through U.S. airports Wednesday—a larger number than the pre-pandemic total for the same date in 2019. ; Winter weather can cause power outages across the region. Make sure you have an Emergency Outage Kit that includes: Flashlight; Battery-operated radio and clock; Extra batteries; Non-perishable foods; Manual can opener; Bottled water; Blankets. If a power outage occurs, first check your fuses and circuit breakers. If the power failure is not caused inside the home or business, contact your utility. Other safety

precautions: Stay away from all downed power lines and utility lines. Even if the lines are not sparking, they could be energized and extremely dangerous. Call 911 immediately, then report it to your utility. Extensive rain may cause flooding or landslides. Be especially careful of any standing water or even soggy ground. A live, downed wire may seem to be a safe distance away, but it is still extremely dangerous due to wet conditions. Don't drive over downed power lines. ; With more overnight cold weather in the forecast, the Egan Warming Center is activating five emergency shelter sites this evening. In Eugene: Trinity United Methodist Church at 440 Maxwell Road opens at 7 p.m.; The Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane Events Center at 796 West 13th Avenue in Eugene opens at 10 p.m.; All-Night Warming at the First Christian Church at 1166 Oak Street in Eugene opens at 11 p.m. In Springfield: The Springfield Memorial Building at 765 North A Street opens at 6:30 p.m. For youth: The youth site (for minors 18 and younger) at First United Methodist Church, located at 1376 Olive Street in Eugene, opens at 6 p.m. There is a transportation hub in the parking lot of the First Christian Church at 1166 Oak Street in Eugene. The site is accessible and animals are welcome. The shuttles will run from 6:30 p.m. to midnight, and resume at 6:30 the next morning to take guests back downtown or to St Vincent de Paul's Eugene Service Station. Learn more at www.eganwarmingcenters.org / ECONOMY, BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, PANDEMIC: The Willamette Valley and Lane County continue to recover jobs lost during the pandemic-caused recession. Analysts with the Oregon Employment Department say that over the past 12 months in the valley—which is everything south of the Portland metro area—employment grew at a relatively fast pace over the past 12 months, by about 2.4 percent. One of the fastest growing sectors locally and statewide remains Construction. In fact, Oregon's Construction industry reached another record high for jobs in the past few months, employing a seasonally adjusted 121,000 people in November. Still, overall unemployment rates increased a bit last month in all of Oregon's 36 counties. Lane County's November jobless numbers were up a little, from 4.3 percent in October to 4.6 percent in November. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: The Wall Street Journal is reporting that egg prices are hitting records, driven by an avian-influenza outbreak that has killed tens of millions of chickens and turkeys this year across nearly all 50 states. Retail egg prices have increased more than any other supermarket item so far this year, climbing more than 30 percent from January to early December compared with the same period a year earlier, and outpacing overall food and beverage prices. For supermarkets, eggs are a staple product that most consumers pick up on trips to the grocery store, similar to milk and butter. To maintain store traffic, the Journal quotes grocers who say they have been sacrificing some profits on eggs to keep prices for consumers competitive. Some suppliers are projecting potential relief in price by February or March, but experts say cold weather could hamper production in the near term. ; Inflation is driving many consumers to put off their holiday shopping until the last minute. For the first two years of the pandemic, many were buying earlier in the season, afraid of not getting what they wanted because of shortages of products or delays in deliveries. They also had more money to spend thanks to government stimulus checks and childcare credits. But this year, higher prices on everything are squeezing shoppers' budgets and pushing them to postpone their buying. A quirk in the calendar is also encouraging procrastination. With Christmas falling on Sunday, consumers have all week to

shop. ; The holidays are supposed to be a joyful time, but they can also be financially stressful. With gifts, social gatherings and plane tickets home, the costs can start piling up. With inflation still high, 57 percent of Americans say it has been harder to afford the gifts they want to give. That's according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Experts have some recommendations for reducing financial stress around the holidays. They include making a budget and being clear about expectations with your family and friends. You can also give homemade gifts or gift experiences rather than things. /

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DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES: It has been a treacherous overnight for travel in the Southern Willamette Valley and Central Coast Range. A mix of freezing rain, sleet, ice pellets, and occasional snow have left roads, parking lots, and sidewalks dangerously slick. And while a thaw is on the way, temperatures remain in the mid- to upper-20s this morning, with conditions not expected to improve for several hours. Overnight, as roads glazed with ice, there were multiple accidents. A jackknifed truck and other spun-out vehicles closed Interstate 5 near the city of Coburg exit yesterday evening. While the freeway reopened, driving remains hazardous on all major roads and highways in the valley and Central Coast Range. The City of Eugene declared an ice and snow emergency yesterday afternoon and instituted a parking ban on major local roadways so crews could safely access them to clear accidents and treat road surfaces. In Eugene, 30th Avenue from Hilyard Street to Interstate 5 remains closed after multiple overnight accidents and spinouts. We heard from someone at Goshen Fire that close to 40 vehicles were stranded along the roadway and many of those drivers had to overnight in their vehicles. The eastbound Beltline Highway exit to northbound Interstate 5 has been closed since early this morning. I-5 has multiple accidents to the north, including near the Coburg exit and one at Highway 34—the Corvallis-Lebanon exit—that closed the northbound lanes. There have been multiple accidents and spinouts on the Beltline Highway exits to river Road, Prairie Road, and Highway 99. The Lane County Sheriff's Office also closed Prairie Road at Irving for a time overnight but reopened it early this morning. As conditions became impassable, Lane Transit District canceled its late-night buses and RideSource service. LTD hopes to resume service at 11 a.m.—if conditions allow. Public safety agencies are pleading with drivers to remain home until conditions improve. Many businesses, public services, government offices, and recreation facilities closed early yesterday, plan a late opening today, or cancel today's operations altogether. Many medical clinics and treatment facilities also are delaying this morning's operations. They include Oregon Medical Group, Oregon Imaging Centers, Cascade Health, Willamette Valley Cancer Institute, Slocum Orthopedics, and the Community Health Centers and Behavioral Health Clinics of Lane County. Call ahead to learn whether your destination is open and operating throughout the

day. Delay meetings and appointments until conditions improve. Lane County Circuit Court is opening at 10:00 a.m., so if you had an early hearing scheduled, plan to arrive at ten. Lane County's Waste Transfer sites are on a two-hour delay, with the exception of the Florence location. ; Airlines are canceling hundreds more flights today ahead of the holiday weekend because of the winter storm. Alaska Air has canceled two of its Eugene-to-Seattle flights today. Delta also has canceled a flight to Seattle. Go to www.flyeug.com for updates. The situation is more severe at Portland International Airport, where last night's ice storm prevented many aircraft from landing. There are dozens of flight cancellations today affecting every major airline that serves PDX. Most morning flights have been scrubbed. Many afternoon flights are either canceled or delayed. Go to www.flypdx.com for updates. In Washington state, hard-hit Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, which provides connecting flights for many airports on the West Coast, has already seen airlines cancel more than three dozen flights and delay 11 others. The ice is so severe that earlier this morning SeaTac closed its runways. One is operating now. Across the U.S., tracking site FlightAware notes more than 3,900 cancellations of flights within, into, and out of the U.S. today—and more than 3,700 delays. The travel disruption comes during one of the busiest weeks of the year as millions take to the skies for the peak holiday period.

/ HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME, ILLEGAL DRUGS: New government numbers conclude close to 107,000 Americans died from drug overdoses in 2021. Analysts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the total is nearly 16 percent higher than in 2020. Opioids are driving many of those deaths. Yesterday, the Oregon Health Authority provided an update on unintentional opioid overdoses. The report notes officials have seen 185 deaths so far this year. But they expect the number to climb as they review more death certificates. That's far lower than 2021's opioid death toll of 745. But this year, officials say they are receiving far more reports of opioid overdose visits to emergency departments and urgent-care clinics. Health and drug prevention officials say the wave of opioid overdoses and deaths in Oregon and across the U.S. is driven by drugs laced with fentanyl, which have flooded the streets and show up in counterfeit prescription pills being marketed on the internet and social media. As the U.S. deals with its deadliest overdose crisis to date, a national crime-prevention group is calling on the Justice Department to take additional steps to clamp down on social media's role in the spread of fentanyl. The drug is largely driving a troubling spike in overdose deaths among teenagers. The National Crime Prevention Council, which is known for ads featuring McGruff the Crime Dog, is calling for an investigation into fake, fentanyl-laced pills sold on the popular teen platform Snapchat.

/ GROWTH, ECONOMY: The U.S. population grew by 1.2 million people this year, with growth largely driven by international migration. The nation now has 333.2 million residents. That's according to new estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau. Net international migration — the number of people moving into the U.S. minus the number of people leaving — was 1 million residents from 2021 to 2022. That represented a growth rate of 168 percent over the previous year, according to the vintage 2022 population estimates. Natural growth — the number of births minus the number of deaths — added another 245,080 people to the total. At the same time, Americans continued to relocate across regions, due to the aftermath of the pandemic, changes in the economy and jobs, for retirement, and other reasons. The South and the West were the two regions experiencing

the most growth. For the Southern states, the population increase was largely driven by people moving to the area. In the West, more residents moved elsewhere but that loss was offset by the regional birthrate. But 18 states lost population and Oregon was one of them, with a net loss of more than 16,000 residents—or about four-tenths of one percent. The state saw more residents moving elsewhere than arriving, and deaths slightly outpaced births. Oregon's total population stands at a bit more than 4.2 million. /

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DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES: Monster waves, high tides and strong winds battering western Oregon and Washington led to fatal crashes, power outages and flooded homes on Tuesday. Oregon State Police said multiple people died when a falling tree crushed the cab of a Ford F-150 pickup on U.S. 26 15 miles east of Seaside. It killed the three people inside—the 19-year-old male driver, 41-year-old male passenger, and a four-year-old. Another motorist was killed when a tree fell and struck their vehicle while driving farther east on U.S. 26. More than 50 miles heading across the flanks of Mt. Hood—from Rhododendron to Warm Springs, the highway was shut down because of that crash, downed trees and high winds. Thirty-foot breakers were expected along the entire Oregon coast yesterday, and the National Weather Service issued a safety warning urging people stay off beaches because yesterday's wave heights on stretches of the North Coast might top 40 feet. In Washington state, high tides known as king tides and heavy rains caused water to spill into more than a dozen homes in Seattle's South Park neighborhood, The Seattle Times reported. A record high tide submerged some waterfront areas in Olympia, even sweeping marine life into one neighborhood's streets. Officials say that included jellyfish, some of whom were rescued by a woman who scooped them up and returned them to a coastal inlet. The stormy conditions gripping the Pacific Northwest came as other parts of the nation continue to reel from a ferocious winter storm that killed dozens. ; High winds dropped some trees and tree limbs onto a handful of homes—briefly trapping some residents inside one West Eugene apartment unit. Officials warned windstorm debris created temporary driving hazards and cautioned that some dislodged limbs might still be dangling in trees. Officials with Eugene's Urban Forestry team yesterday reminded residents and drivers that they may report downed trees or large branches along streets and in medians online or by phone. If hazardous downed trees blocking roadways and create an emergency, you may call 9-1-1. But otherwise, they say city crews respond to privately-owned trees only if they pose an immediate threat to the public safety in the right-of-way. Otherwise, you'll need to contact a private tree consultant or company. ; By Tuesday afternoon, Oregon led the country as the state with the highest number of reported power outages — with more than 160,000 customers affected — according to online tracker

PowerOutage. Those numbers improved a bit over the past 12 hours. But we continue to have scattered outages across Lane County and elsewhere in the Willamette Valley, Coast Range, and communities in the foothills of the Cascades. Along Oregon's north coast, wind gusts hit 80 mph in one spot. In the Portland metro area, wind gusts of 60 mph downed power lines and felled trees, including near the Portland Art Museum downtown. Portland General Electric reported the most outages, with more than 115,000 customers affected as of 3 p.m. Thousands of utility workers and contract crews are working across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to repair the damage and get the heat and lights back on. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS: Southwest Airlines scrubbed thousands of flights again Tuesday in the aftermath of the massive winter storm that wrecked Christmas travel plans across the U.S.—and federal officials say they will investigate why the company lagged so far behind other carriers. One day after most U.S. airlines had recovered from the storm, Southwest called off about 2,600 more flights on the East Coast by late afternoon. Those flights accounted for more than 80 percent of the 3,000 trips that got canceled nationwide Tuesday, according to tracking service FlightAware. Aviation experts say the chaos seems certain to continue. The airline also scrubbed 2,500 flights for today and nearly 1,400 for tomorrow as it tries to restore order to its mangled schedule. That includes two flights from Eugene's airport: a late-morning trip to San Jose and an afternoon departure to Phoenix. Southwest already has canceled close to 20 departures today from Portland International Airport. At airports with major Southwest operations, customers stood in long lines hoping to find a seat on another flight. They described waiting hours by phone on hold for help, only to have their calls disconnect. Some tried to rent cars to get to their destinations sooner. Others found spots to sleep on the floor. At many airports, luggage piled in huge heaps. The problems began over the weekend and snowballed Monday when Southwest called off more than 70 percent of its flights. That was after the worst of the storm had passed. The airline said many pilots and flight attendants were out of position to work their flights. Leaders of unions representing Southwest pilots and flight attendants blamed antiquated crew-scheduling software and criticized company management. In a video that Southwest posted late Tuesday, CEO Robert Jordan said Southwest would operate a reduced schedule for several days but hoped to be "back on track before next week." In Washington, D.C., Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, who has criticized airlines for previous disruptions, said his agency will examine the causes of Southwest's widespread cancellations and whether the airline is meeting its legal obligations to stranded customers. The size and severity of the winter storm created havoc for many airlines, although the largest number of canceled flights Tuesday were at airports where Southwest is a major carrier, including Denver, Chicago Midway, Las Vegas, Baltimore and Dallas. Spirit Airlines and Alaska Airlines both canceled about 10 percent of their flights yesterday, with much smaller cancellation percentages at American, Delta, United and JetBlue. / WILDLIFE, EVENTS: Whale Watch Week is set to open today on the Oregon Coast, despite the recent blustery weather. This is the first time since 2019 that State Parks have held an in-person Whale Watch Week. It continues through New Year's Day. Every year thousands of Gray whales migrate south through Oregon's waters at the end of December, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department invites visitors to the coast to see their journey. Trained

volunteers will be stationed at most of the 17 sites to help visitors spot whales, share information and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon Coast. The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Sunday. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales. All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and keeping an eye on the surf at all times. /

WEATHER, EVENTS: The Pastega Christmas Light Display is CANCELLED due to significant wind damage to the display. The event was scheduled from 5 to 10 p.m., through Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The event has been a community holiday tradition since 1981. "Big thanks to the community for supporting this wonderful community event," said the Acting Director of Benton County Natural Parks and Areas, Jesse Ott. "Every year volunteers donate thousands of hours to get our fairgrounds set up with holiday lights and displays." / SPORTS: Bo Nix and the No. 15 Oregon Ducks will face Drake Maye

and the North Carolina Tar Heels in what's expected to be a high-scoring Holiday Bowl this evening at 5 p.m. on FOX. It will be the first football game at Petco Park, the downtown home of the San Diego Padres. Nix and Maye both put up big numbers during the regular season and are looking for a strong finish after their teams slumped at the end. Oregon lost two of its last three games, including to rival Oregon State, and arrives with a 9-3 record. North Carolina lost three straight, including to Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game, and is 9-4. The Ducks are favored by 14½ points and the over/under is 74½ points, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. The 2020 Holiday Bowl was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. And in 2021, the bowl didn't happen because UCLA pulled out about five hours before kickoff against North Carolina State, citing a COVID-19 outbreak. This is the first game of a contract between the Pac-12 and ACC that was originally set to begin in 2020. Capacity at Petco Park is 41,000.

One end zone will be along the right field line and the other will be up against the left field wall. The Padres spent roughly \$2 million on modifications as part of their contract to host the Holiday Bowl through 2025. The first 42 Holiday Bowls were played at Qualcomm Stadium, which was torn down to make room for a new stadium and campus expansion for San Diego State. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Federal officials will more closely monitor the impacts of shrinking lakes throughout the U.S. West after President Joe Biden signed legislation that creates and funds monitoring efforts into some of the region's salt and saline lakes. The legislation allocates \$25 million for the United States Geological Survey to monitor lakes, including Oregon Lake Abert, Utah's Great Salt Lake, California's Mono Lake. Regional drought has diminished the amount of water that flows to the lakes and raised the specter of environmental, health and economic disaster for surrounding communities. Amid a decades-long dry stretch, less snowmelt has flowed through the rivers that feed into the lakes, causing shorelines to recede and lake levels to plummet. Dwindling lake levels jeopardize the people, animals and businesses that rely on maintaining the ecosystem. The lakes often serve as critical habitats for migratory birds. Dust exposed by receding water levels can be blown into the air and have dangerous

health effects on surrounding communities. And further depletion threatens the canals and infrastructure that a multi-million-dollar mining industry needs to extract salts from the lakes. In Utah, the Great Salt Lake shrank to its lowest point in recorded history, posing threats to economic output, snowpack, public health and wildlife. Ski resorts worry about a future without lake effect snow. State lawmakers and local water district officials have committed to funding and incentivizing conservation efforts, yet development, population growth and enduring agricultural demand continue to strain the water supply needed to maintain the lake. In eastern California, state officials have dramatically curtailed the amount Los Angeles can divert from the creeks and tributaries that feed Mono Lake in the eastern Sierras. Diminishing lake levels have for years made the water saltier, jeopardizing bird, fish and brine shrimp habitats. The legislation's sponsors — led Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkely — lauded the effort. But the program does not mandate any conservation measures or institute new water management guidelines. Merkely added that the ecosystems must be protected, but that can't be done without sufficient data. The bill adds to \$40 million that Utah lawmakers allocated to the Great Salt Lake for watershed enhancement programs this year and supplements \$10 million in Army Corps of Engineers funding for the saline lakes passed as part of a defense spending bill. /

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SPORTS: Bo Nix threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Chase Cota on fourth down with 19 seconds left and Camden Lewis' point-after attempt bounced off the left upright and through the goalposts to give No. 15 Oregon a wild 28-27 victory against North Carolina on Wednesday night in San Diego at the Holiday Bowl at Petco Park. The Ducks finished the season 10-3 after a November slump that eliminated them from College Football Playoff contention. Oregon's Bucky Irving and Mase Funa were named Players of the Game. / SAFETY, WEATHER, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES: Oregon State Police yesterday released more details on the three people who died when a falling tree crushed the cab of a Ford F-150 pickup on U.S. 26 15 miles east of Seaside. The three people inside were a 19-year-old male driver from Seaside, his 41-year-old male passenger, and a four-year-old girl. They were among five people killed by falling trees or their aftereffects during this week's windstorm. A commercial truck driver was killed when a tree fell during snow and strong winds, striking the cab of his vehicle on U.S. 26 on the flanks of Mt. Hood. The 53-year-old driver lost control of his truck and went off the roadway. And a woman died when a falling tree struck a pickup truck in which she was a passenger on Interstate 84 near Bonneville Dam. ; The strong winds knocked down trees and power lines across portions of the Pacific Northwest on Tuesday, cutting power for a time to more than 160,000 people. Utility companies say they have restored power to most, but that more than 30,000 Oregon customers remained affected by outages as of Wednesday evening, according to the tracking website PowerOutage. Portland General Electric and Pacific Power were among the utilities reporting the highest number of outages. Both said they have hundreds of crew members, including some from out of state, working to assess and repair damage. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Travelers hoping to catch a Southwest Airlines flight after days of cancellations and missing luggage yesterday suffered through another wave of scrubbed flights. More than 2,500 Southwest flights were scrubbed Wednesday, and another 2,300 so far today. Exhausted travelers are seeking seats with other airlines, looking for rental cars, or trying to book seats on trains. Delta Air Lines said it was capping last-minute fares in Southwest markets through the weekend, and American Airlines said it too was limiting fares in "select" cities. Neither provided figures. But some weary passengers say that, for

now, they've given up on a quick rebooking and are waiting with relatives or in hotels for calls about rescheduling. The airline's CEO said it could be next week before the flight schedule returns to normal. Already today, Southwest has canceled three of its four departures from Eugene's airport and has delayed a fourth. All three arriving flights are canceled. The airline has canceled 16 of its Portland departures and delayed the remaining four. It's a similar situation for today's Southwest arrivals at PDX. It has been a frustrating and demoralizing time for Southwest workers—from customer service personnel, gate agents, and ground crews to pilots and flight attendants. Other airlines have recovered from the ferocious holiday winter storms. But Southwest has struggled for a week now. The Dallas-based airline was undone by a combination of factors including an antiquated crew-scheduling system and a network design that allows cancellations in one region to cascade throughout the country rapidly. Leaders of Southwest labor unions have warned for years that the airline's crew-scheduling system, which dates to the 1990s, was not keeping up as the route map grew more complicated. In some cases, flight coordinators had to manually sort paperwork and make lengthy phone calls to schedule personnel or authorize flights. Pilots and flight crews say on many occasions they were at their scheduled airport and had boarded passengers onto Southwest jets, ready to pull away from the gate. But as minutes and even hours ticked by, they could not get the airline's computer programs to authorize their flight. That meant canceling the trip and asking passengers to deboard. Those weaknesses are not new — they helped cause a similar failure by Southwest in October 2021. The other large U.S. airlines use "hub and spoke" networks in which flights radiate out from a few major or hub airports. That helps limit the reach of disruptions caused by bad weather in part of the country. Southwest, however, has a "point-to-point" network in which planes crisscross the country during the day. This can increase the utilization and efficiency of each plane, but problems in one place can ripple across the country and leave crews trapped out of position. Crews can be stranded at hub-and-spoke airlines too, but rarely to this degree. Those issues don't explain all the complaints that stranded travelers made about Southwest, including no ability to reach the airline on the phone and a lack of help with hotels and meals. The U.S. Transportation Department is now investigating what happened at Southwest, which carries more passengers within the United States than any other airline. A Senate committee promises to investigate too. /

WILDLIFE, EVENTS, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Oregon's Winter Whale Watch returned in-person yesterday for the first time since the pandemic began, drawing visitors hoping to catch a glimpse of the annual gray whale migration off the state's coastline. By early afternoon, more than 500 people had flocked to the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay, where a volunteer equipped with binoculars pointed out whales in the distance. A spokesperson for Oregon State Parks, which organizes the event, described scenes of excited spectators as several were spotted. Trained volunteers will be at 17 state parks and scenic pullouts along the coast through Sunday to help people spot the close to 17,000 gray whales that make the southward journey to Mexico every year. The volunteers will share information and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online on the official event webpage:

https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching_One

of the sites, Cape Meares, was closed Wednesday after this week's windstorm, but hopes to open soon. The Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation organizes the whale-watching events twice a year, in the winter for gray whales' southern migration and in the spring for their return to northern waters near Alaska. During the winter, the whales are heading south to calving lagoons near Baja, Mexico. The end of December is the peak time for their migration; roughly 30 whales pass by per hour. Oregon's central coast is also a hot spot for whale-watching from June to mid-November, when the gray whales that remained in the state's coastal waters during the summer migration come close to shore to feed. All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remaining out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule, and always keeping an eye on the surf. Go to <https://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/> for a list of safety tips. / LOTTERY: A giant Mega Millions jackpot has grown larger to an estimated \$640 million after another drawing without a winner. No one won the lottery game's top prize Tuesday night, making it 21 straight drawings without anyone matching all six numbers. The next drawing will be tomorrow night. The big jackpot comes less than two months after the largest lottery prize ever, a \$2.04 billion Powerball prize that was won Nov. 8 in California. The reason for all the big prizes is simple: Long odds ensure there are few winners and the long streaks of lottery futility allow jackpots to grow ever larger week after week. The odds of winning a Mega Millions jackpot is one in 302.6 million. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Gasoline prices continue to fall nationwide and in Oregon as we head for the New Year's holiday weekend. Automobile club AAA reports that this morning in Eugene-Springfield, the average price for a gallon of regular-grade fuel is \$3.64. That's down four cents from last week and 71 cents from one month ago. After reaching record highs earlier this year, the average local price for a gallon of gas is 11 cents lower than it was this time in 2021. Diesel prices remain above last year's average at the pump but have dropped close to 70 cents per gallon from one month ago, to an average \$4.65. ; Travel has gotten more expensive this year, as fuel prices climbed and inflation soared. But train travel between Eugene and Portland is getting a lot cheaper starting Wednesday, January 4. Amtrak Cascades, with stops in Eugene, Albany, Salem, Oregon City, and Portland, is dropping its fares by as much as 30 percent. It's part of a joint effort with state transportation officials to reduce the cost of commuting and encourage more recreational ridership. Come January 4, fares will be as low as \$17 one-way between Eugene and Portland. The least-expensive seats between Eugene and Albany will drop to \$10. Eleven dollars will get you the lowest fare from Eugene to Salem. The states of Oregon and Washington have worked for years to encourage ridership on the runs. Numbers were climbing nicely before the pandemic and are slowly returning. Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation, which oversees the Cascades trains and buses in our state, say they wanted to reduce fares to attract more riders and provide economic relief for those looking for an alternative to driving. /

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RECREATION, HEALTH: Celebrate the New Year at an Oregon State Park. Park rangers and volunteers are offering a series of outings on Sunday at 21 parks across the state. You'll learn more about a park's history, geology, wildlife and plants. All hikes are free and there will be no day-use fees on New Year's Day. Plan for winter weather: Dress in layers, wear sturdy shoes, bring water, and carry binoculars if you're interested in wildlife viewing. Among the parks hosting the free events is Elijah Bristow State Park near Pleasant Hill and Jasper. The park is holding a free New Year's Day hike at 10 a.m. and an 11 a.m. guided ride for equestrians who bring their horses to explore Bristow's popular network of riding trails. On the coast, there's a free guided hike at Jessie Honeyman State Park, south of Florence. Meet at 10 a.m. at Cleawox Lodge. / SAFETY, EVENTS, TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH: Getting ready to welcome the New Year? Celebrate responsibly. Do not drink drunk or stoned. Tips for drivers: Choose a sober designated driver; Consider using public transit or an app-based ride hailing service; Remember: It also is illegal to drive or bike under the influence of alcohol or cannabis. Tips for party hosts: Have plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages on hand to help guests pace themselves; Wait until a guest finishes one drink before serving another; Stop serving alcohol one hour before your party ends; Keep alcohol and cannabis out of the hands of anyone under 21 years old. Making a New Year's resolution and want to cut back on your alcohol consumption? Get tips "Rethink the Drink," brought to you by the Oregon Health Authority. Go to <https://www.rethinkthedrink.com/> for tips on making lifestyle changes. / TRANSPORTATION, FAMILY, FINANCES: After a week of operational chaos, officials with Southwest Airlines say they expect to return to normal operations today. It comes after prolonged struggled to overcome widespread flight cancellations that started with a winter storm and spiraled out of control because of a breakdown in the technology that handles the airline's staffing. Yesterday was marked by about 2,350 canceled flights, representing nearly 60 percent of the airline's schedule. Southwest declined to say how many people have been affected since the start of the problems, but it is likely that more than one million travelers have had a flight canceled. Since December 22, the airline has scrapped more than 13,000 flights, according to tracking service FlightAware. Its planes have 143 to 175 seats and were likely nearly fully booked

around the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Airline executives said that crew-scheduling technology — a major cause of the meltdown — has caught up with the backlog of pilots and flight attendants stranded in the wrong locations. Despite continued cancellations, Southwest was able to operate 1,600 flights on Thursday, including 104 that carried no passengers but instead put planes and crews in position for a resumption of full operations today. Southwest officials say they believe they will have enough empty seats over the next several days to accommodate any stranded passengers still wishing to fly on the airline. But they concede that many passengers already have either abandoned their travel plans, rebooked with other airlines, rented cars, or found other ways to get to their destination. Southwest officials say they will refund tickets on canceled flights, and executives repeated a promise to reimburse travelers who were forced to pay for hotel rooms, meals and flights on other airlines. The airline's chief commercial officer says that process will take several weeks. Executives say the airline also will pay to ship baggage that has piled up at airports around the country. Southwest created a web page at <https://www.southwest.com/travel disruption/> specifically for stranded travelers, and it invited customers to submit receipts for unexpected expenses. The airline said it would consider reimbursing "reasonable" expenses for meals, hotel rooms and alternate transportation incurred between Dec. 24 and Jan. 2. Consumer advocates criticized the use of the word "reasonable" as too vague. Southwest has struggled to recover after being overwhelmed by a winter storm that swept the country last week. Other airlines bounced back within a couple days, but Southwest ran short of ground workers at airports in Denver and Chicago, and its problems exploded from there. On Thursday, Southwest accounted for about 95 percent of all canceled flights in the U.S. Executives said they have canceled only 39 flights, or less than one percent of their schedule, for today. Southwest arrivals and departures are showing as "on time" on Eugene airport's website. In Portland, while two early-morning Southwest departures were cancelled, all other PDX departures and arrivals appear to be on-time or only slightly delayed. / TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, SAFETY, YOUTH, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT: The main walking and bicycling connection between the Santa Clara neighborhood and the rest of Eugene is at River Road where it crosses underneath the Beltline Highway. But walking and biking at this undercrossing is uncomfortable and feels unsafe to a lot of people, especially given the area's high traffic-crash numbers. So it's big news that retiring Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio has secured \$6 million for a proposed pedestrian and bicycle bridge over the Beltline Highway to better connect the River Road-Santa Clara neighborhoods on either side of the busy highway. The money is included in the \$1.7 trillion federal spending bill passed this month by Congress and signed by President Biden. This bridge is expected to be well-used by North Eugene High School students, half of whom live north of the Beltline and many of whom walk or bike to school. Currently, they must travel on River Road through a series of crosswalks at busy on- and off-ramps at the base of the Beltline interchange. Once the new pedestrian and bicycle bridge is created, the students and others will be able to travel on quieter neighborhood streets and avoid River Road altogether. This is a final funding gift to the metro area from Oregon Congressman DeFazio, who is retiring at the end of the year. First elected to the U.S. House in 1986, DeFazio is the longest serving U.S. House member in Oregon history. He rose to chair the House Transportation and

Infrastructure Committee, helping to direct billions of dollars in funding to our state over the decades for roads, bridges, and transportation systems. DeFazio also gained money for improvements at Eugene's airport and funds to dredge Oregon's harbors to keep them open for business. And he helped shape priorities under the new national infrastructure bill. In addition to supporting transportation and infrastructure initiatives, DeFazio expand preservation efforts on public lands.

/ COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Planning a little work in the yard this holiday weekend? Eugene residents with remaining leaves may place them curbside starting today. The city's second and final round of leaf collection season begin on Tuesday, January 3. Eugene Public Works crews over the coming weeks will make a second pass to collect leaf piles along public streets. December posed some weather challenges, but coordinators say crews were able to stay on schedule. The second round of leaf season is expected to continue through Friday, January 20. So far this season, public works teams have collected more than 8,400 cubic yards of leaves. That's enough to fill about two-thirds of the Empire State Building—if you were crazy enough to haul them there and could persuade building tenants to allow you to fill their offices. Leaves dropped a bit late this year in Eugene, so crews anticipate they'll collect more during Round Two that is typical. One additional note: Eugene Public Works is no longer accepting requests for leaf delivery—a popular service among those looking to add mulch to their properties. But crews will remain busy during the coming weeks as they make deliver to satisfy as many requests as possible. Stormwater user fees help fund leaf collection and delivery. Concentrations of decaying leaves in urban settings can deplete oxygen in nearby streams and rivers needed by fish and other aquatic life.

/ LOW-INCOME, WEATHER: Oregonians who lost food purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to recent windstorm and ice storm related power outages may request replacement benefits from the Oregon Department of Human Services. These are households who receive SNAP who lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat due to these events. They may request replacement food benefits equal to one month of the normal benefit amount for the household. Replacement benefits must be requested within 10 calendar days of the food loss by: Calling Oregon Eligibility customer service at: (800) 699-9075 or emailing SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsosha.state.or.us Once approved, replacement benefits are added to the household's existing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card.

/ COMMUNITY, GROWTH: The world population is projected to be 7.9 billion people on New Year's Day 2023, with nearly 74 million people added since New Year's Day 2022. The U.S. Census Bureau said Thursday that marks a nearly 1 percent increase in the world population over the past year. During January 2023, just over four births and two deaths are expected worldwide every second. The U.S. population on New Year's Day 2023 is projected to be over 334 million people, with 1.5 million people added since New Year's Day 2022. It amounts to an increase of just under a half percent. The U.S. is projected to have a birth every nine seconds and a death every 10 seconds. ; The U.S. population grew by 1.2 million people this year, with growth largely driven by international migration. The nation now has 333.2 million residents. That's according to last week's new estimates by the U.S. Census Bureau. Net international migration — the number of people moving into the U.S. minus the number of people leaving — was 1 million residents from 2021 to 2022. That represented a growth rate of 168

percent over the previous year, according to the vintage 2022 population estimates. Natural growth — the number of births minus the number of deaths — added another 245,080 people to the total. At the same time, Americans continued to relocate across regions, due to the aftermath of the pandemic, changes in the economy and jobs, for retirement, and other reasons. The South and the West were the two regions experiencing the most growth. For the Southern states, the population increase was largely driven by people moving to the area. In the West, more residents moved elsewhere but that loss was offset by the regional birthrate. But 18 states lost population and Oregon was one of them, with a net loss of more than 16,000 residents—or about four-tenths of one percent. The state saw more residents moving elsewhere than arriving, and deaths slightly outpaced births. Oregon's total population stands at a bit more than 4.2 million. /