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QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Fourth Quarter, 2014: October 1st through December 31st

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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 4Q, 2014, ISSUES LIST:

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

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

The 4th Quarter, 2014, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Wednesday, October 10th, 2014. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KKNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/05/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ELDERS, ECONOMY, CRIME, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, HEALTH
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>The Lane Council of Governments manages a variety of resources for older adults in our communities through its Senior and Disability Services division. The staff and volunteers who run the programs are dedicated to preserving services to seniors and people with disabilities. Our guests, Dana Doney and Kate Scott, update us on the Oregon Money Management Program, and other efforts which provide support to clients who are referred to L-COG on pairing them with volunteers who help manage their finances. Often, the clients are frail, disabled or in the early stages of dementia. These programs can assist these clients with everything from basic bill-paying and home improvement or remodeling to energy assistance, food and meals, housing options, in-home support, transportation options, choosing a care facility and more. We also learn about the Aging and Disability Resource Connection, a free service that offers the public a single source for information and assistance on issues affecting older people, people with disabilities and their caregivers, regardless of their income. And the two offer tips to those who suspect an older adult or person with disabilities might be a victim of abuse, neglect or financial abuse/fraud.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/12/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	WOMEN, CRIME, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS) is a small, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Lane County survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and to preventing sexual violence in our communities. All SASS services are free and confidential, and available regardless of income, immigration status, gender, or whether the survivor chooses to report a crime. Our guest this morning is Rebecca Robinson from SASS, who tells us that the organization is working to get the word out to more survivors looking for support during their healing process. It comes as SASS prepares to unveil an exhibit featuring the artwork of survivors of sexual assault. And the non-profit is also recruiting and training more volunteers who can help survivors through the healing process and to navigate the legal and medical system with information and emotional support.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	10/19/14 and 10/26/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	HEALTH, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, ELDERS
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	If you or someone you know is age 65 or older, this is the time when it's "open enrollment" for Medicare. And as is the case every year, Beth Sutton with SHIBA—the non-profit and largely volunteer-run Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program—to highlight this year's changes and provide information so people can make educated choices about which options are best for them.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/02/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	EDUCATION, ECONOMY, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>The college scholarship application season begins on November 3. Students planning to attend college next year and wondering how to pay for their education can apply for scholarships administered by the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC). Our guest is OSAC director Bob Brew, who tells us nearly 500 privately funded scholarship opportunities are available to Oregon students using the online scholarship application at www.OregonStudentAid.gov. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is open for business on January 1, and first priority for the Oregon Opportunity Grant goes to the students who get their FAFSAs completed as soon after that date as possible. Students may also get access to nearly 500 other sources of free college money. And Brew tells us about College Goal Oregon, a one-day event to help prospective college students and parents learn about financial aid options for college and how to apply. The workshops are planned for selected dates this January throughout the state.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/09/14 and 11/16/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	LOW-INCOME< HOMELESSNESS, ECONOMY, FAMILY, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Our year-end focus on finances and financial stability continues as we learn about the Goodwill Prosperity Center, which assists homeless and low-income individuals and families get their lives on an even financial track. Goodwill's Mark Brauer and United Way's Elena Fracchia tell us about the effort, which combines a variety of local programs to help cleints find stable employment, reduce debt and budget for today and the future.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/23/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>The holiday spending season is upon us. But what if you're on a tight budget, are afraid of overspending or just want to start getting your finances in order ahead of the New Year? Luis Mendoza, a consumer financial counselor with NEDCO—the Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation—joins us to talk about money and how to talk about money. He offers strategies for planning holiday and year-round spending and ways to manage and reduce debt. And he discusses NEDCO's series of regular classes on managing money as well as its group and private counseling services.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	11/30/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	HEALTH, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Open enrollment is underway for individuals and employees of some small businesses needing to purchase health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Amy Fauver of Cover Oregon provides an update on what's different this year, what's the same and how you may get more information online, by phone or at a series of free events around the state.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/07/14 and 12/14/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	HEALTH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>The local non-profit organization ShelterCare provides emergency services for individuals and homeless families with children; mental health services for individuals with severe psychiatric disabilities; and brain injury services that support skills training focused on recovery and independent living. And this fall, ShelterCare moved into a remodeled building that allows it to bring a lot of its operations under one roof and better integrate services and planning. Lucy Vinis joins us to talk about the changes and improvements, plans for the future and Sheltercare's big capital and fundraising campaigns.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/21/14
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, FAMILY, ENVIRONMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Still trying to pull together those gifts for the holidays? Kelly Bell, who heads Lane County's Master Recyclers program joins us to talk about having a "waste free holiday"—both in terms of gifts and packaging. She provides ideas on making, baking and generally creating nifty and low-cost gifts, on gifting "experiences" and about resources for coming up with these sorts of activities and gifts year-round.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	12/28/14 and 01/04/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, EDUCATION
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>We ring in the new Year with a pair of interviews about getting your financial house in order. First, we hear from Russ Kanaga from NEDCO about how to deal with savings and paying down debt and about the classes the organization offers individuals and families to help plan for and manage their financial futures.</p> <p>Then, Bob Brew from the Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion reminds us that the start of the student aid application season begins shortly after the New Year and that now is the time for students, would-be students and their families to begin preparing to fill out the FAFSA (the federal student financial aid) form and apply for a range of "early bird" financial aid and all sorts of scholarships. He also offers tips about planning and saving for college.</p>

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**DATE OF
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10/01/14

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5:30AM-8:30AM / KGNU-FM

**NAME OF
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Morning News

**LENGTH OF
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30 Seconds

**ISSUE OR
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HEALTH, SAFETY: U.S. health officials have warned for months that someone infected with Ebola could unknowingly carry the virus to this country, and there is word now that it has happened: A traveler in a Dallas, Texas, hospital became the first patient diagnosed in the U.S. Texas health officials said there were no other suspected cases in the state, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immediately sought to calm fears that one case would spread widely. "Ebola can be scary. But there's all the difference in the world between the U.S. and parts of Africa where Ebola is spreading," CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said, stressing that U.S. health workers know how to control the virus. "There is no doubt in my mind that we will stop it here," he told a news conference in Atlanta on Tuesday. Some questions and answers about the case: Q: Where did the traveler come from? A: Liberia, the hardest-hit country in the West African epidemic. The patient left on Sept. 19 and arrived in the U.S. on Sept. 20 to visit family. Frieden wouldn't release the man's nationality or other identifying information, and didn't know how he became infected. Q: When did the patient get sick? A: Last Wednesday, and he initially sought care two days later. He was released but returned Sunday when his condition worsened and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital discovered the West Africa connection, admitting him under strict isolation. Tests confirmed Ebola on Tuesday. Q: How does Ebola spread? A: Only through close contact with the bodily fluids of someone who has symptoms, such as fever, vomiting and diarrhea. People aren't contagious until symptoms begin. And Ebola cannot spread through the air. Q: So who's at risk? A: Texas health officials already have begun tracking down those close contacts, believed to be mostly the relatives the man stayed with. Officials will check them for symptoms every day for 21 days. Frieden said only about a handful of people are believed to have been exposed. Q: Could Ebola have spread on the airplane? A: No, Frieden said, because the man wasn't sick then. The CDC said there is no need to monitor anyone else on those flights and didn't reveal flight information. Q: Will the patient stay in Dallas? A: Frieden said there's no need to transfer the man to one of those special isolation units that have gotten so much attention for treating four American aid workers who caught Ebola while volunteering in West Africa. Most hospitals can follow the necessary infection control for Ebola, Frieden said, and the Dallas hospital said it was "well prepared" to safely treat this newest case. As for those other patients, three have recovered; the fourth remains hospitalized in Atlanta. Q: How will this patient be treated? A: Good hydration and IV nutrition have proven to be key for those other patients. Frieden said the hospital was discussing

experimental treatments. A Tekmira Pharmaceuticals drug called TKM-Ebola and blood transfusions from an Ebola survivor were given to one of the recently infected U.S. aid workers. Q: Could there be more travelers with Ebola? A: No one's ruling it out. People boarding planes in the outbreak zone are checked for fever, but that does not guarantee that an infected person won't get through. Airlines are required to report any deaths on a flight or ill travelers meeting certain criteria to the CDC before arriving in the U.S. If a traveler is infectious or exhibiting symptoms during or after a flight, the CDC will conduct an investigation of exposed travelers and take any necessary public health action. Q: What if I'm worried about exposure? A: Call the CDC for more information at 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636). / ECONOMY: U.S. businesses continued hiring at a solid pace in September, according to a private survey. The result marks the the sixth straight month of solid gains. Payroll processor ADP says private employers added 213,000 jobs last month, up slightly from 202,000 in August. Job gains above 200,000 are usually enough to lower the unemployment rate. The figures suggest the government's jobs report on Friday could show a rebound in hiring. The government said employers added only 142,000 jobs in August. But the ADP numbers cover only private businesses and sometimes diverge from the government's more comprehensive report. ADP's August figure was much higher than the government's. Economists surveyed by FactSet forecast that the government's report will show 215,000 jobs were added in September, while the unemployment rate remained 6.1 percent. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Springfield's already done it. Eugene is considering it. Now, The Register-Guard reports Lane County officials are also looking at creating a tax on sales of recreational marijuana ahead of next month's statewide vote to legalize the sale of personal amounts of pot. The newspaper's Saul Hubbard reports the Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday directed county attorneys to draft an ordinance that would impose a countywide tax on both recreational and medical marijuana sales, should voters back legalization in November. Lane County follows other Oregon local governments, in considering marijuana taxes with the vote on Measure 91 on the immediate horizon. If implemented, Lane County's tax would most likely be in addition to state taxes and to any city taxes. Measure 91 explicitly bars cities and counties from tacking their own taxes onto the measure's proposed state tax. But some Oregon local governments believe they stand a chance of having their taxes "grandfathered" in if they enact them ahead of the Nov. 4 legalization vote. / CRIME, TERRORISM: The Oregon man convicted last year of trying to bomb Portland's downtown Pioneer Square during a 2010 Christmas tree-lighting ceremony is scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday. Prosecutors have asked a federal judge to sentence 23-year-old Mohamed Mohamud to 40 years in prison, while federal public defenders seek a punishment of no more than ten years behind bars. The people who gathered for the tree lighting in November 2010 were never in danger. The bomb turned out to be a fake supplied by undercover FBI agents who befriended Mohamud as part of a sting operation. Jurors rejected Mohamud's entrapment defense at his 2013 trial. / ENVIRONMENT: State water regulators have denied a permit sought by a mining company trying to develop nickel ore deposits in southwestern Oregon. The Oregon Water Resources Department order issued Tuesday says there was no water in the creek when its staff visited a couple weeks ago, and if there was, any withdrawals could affected protected salmon downstream. Red Flat Nickel Corp. is trying to develop a nickel

mine on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The remote site is in the headwaters of the Smith River in Northern California. Company representative John Magliana did not immediately respond to an email for comment. Steve Pedery of the conservation group Oregon Wild says he expects the fight to block development of a mine is far from over. / SAFETY, CRIME, WOMEN: Grim numbers about sexual assaults on campus. The Register-Guard reports that preliminary results from a survey by a University of Oregon professor finds that one in ten female students has been raped. Reporter Josephine Woolington writes that the initial findings also indicate that more than one-third of the U-of-O's female students have had at least one sexual experience without their consent. Most of those encounters occurred during the students' first year at the UO. The data indicates the vast majority of those students did not report the crimes to a university employee. Many said the campus culture made them feel as if their experience was no big deal. It comes as campus leaders, including a University Senate task force, has been studying the UO's sexual assault prevention and support policies for several months. The Register-Guard story notes that close to 10,600 women and 9,400 men are enrolled as undergraduates at the university. A 10 percent rape figure among women translates to more than 1,000 students. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: General Motors CEO Mary Barra says the company has enough parts available to fix all the faulty ignition switches that are blamed for at least 23 deaths nationwide. Barra told reporters at an investor conference Wednesday that GM's parts supplier finished making the parts a few days before a goal of early October. GM recalled 2.6 million cars in February and says it has repaired about 1.1 million. That's just under half the vehicles when scrapped cars are excluded. Barra says GM is trying to get the rest of the owners to bring their cars in for repairs. She also says GM sees nothing to indicate that it will spend more than the \$400 million to \$600 million it has estimated to compensate ignition switch crash victims. / ECONOMY: Employers are adding more jobs in southern Oregon's Rogue Valley. But a new report from the University of Oregon shows the economy in that part of the state is still struggling to return to normal. The university's monthly Regional Economic Indexes keep tabs on hiring and housing trends in five separate regions. Four of those areas -- including Portland -- have been expanding at or even above average. Not so for Medford, where the economic recovery remains weak, according to the report. Although the most recent data is from July, the indexes combine three- to six months of data to smooth out one-time spikes in either direction. Using that method, the gauges show Portland has grown faster than usual in recent months. Eugene and Bend are also expanding ahead of average. Salem is right on target. Much of the weakness in Medford is centered on housing. Homebuilding permits fell steeply there in July as contractors cut jobs. But there are some bright spots. The Rogue Valley labor force swelled in July, and analysts say the region gained more jobs than in prior months. There were also promising signs statewide. Applications for unemployment insurance fell in Portland, Eugene and Bend. Home sales rose in those areas, as well. But financial firms cut jobs across the board, and other types of white-collar employment fell in Portland, Eugene and Salem. Unemployment is edging up in many parts of the state, primarily because more people are entering the labor market. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: With the deer season opening Saturday, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says it's OK for hunters to eat meat from black-tailed deer infected in a

disease outbreak in the southwest corner of the state. Rogue District biologist Mark Vargas told the Mail Tribune the diseases are not a threat to humans. ; A wasting disease has nearly wiped out sea stars at Haystack Rock, the popular destination for visitors to Cannon Beach. Haystack Rock Awareness Program Coordinator Samantha Ferber told The Daily Astorian that more than 90 percent of the sea stars in the lower intertidal areas have been killed in the past 15 months. ; It ended well, but it's a reminder to be safe and prepared whenever you hike in the Oregon wilderness. Lane County Search and Rescue officials say a 28-year-old man from North Bend was located in the Three Sisters Wilderness east of Obsidian Falls after taking a short hike off trail without his pack this week and getting lost. The man dialed 9-1-1 around noon yesterday, saying he was getting cold and wet and needed help. Search crews from Lane and Deschutes Counties located him using his cell phone signal. He was helped out of the wilderness and transported to his vehicle. But here's the deal and why this is a cautionary tale: The man had a backpack with some survival equipment but he left it behind before heading off-trail on his hike. We've heard a lot of tragic stories from the Oregon wilderness over the years of people who think they're just heading out for just a few minutes. They become lost or disoriented and can't find their way back to the stuff that can save their lives—often with deadly results. This story ended well, but remember: It is not enough to carry the right survival equipment—you need to keep it with you. This is especially true as the seasons change and the weather grows colder and more unpredictable. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: If you purchased caffeine-infused underwear because of promises it will make you thinner, federal regulators say you were hoodwinked — but at least you can get your money back. The Federal Trade Commission announced this week that two companies have agreed to refund \$1.5 million to consumers who purchased "shapewear" that supposedly can reduce cellulite and fat because it's infused with caffeine, vitamin E and other things. The FTC says there's no scientific evidence to back up those claims. In a settlement, Norm Thompson Outfitters of Oregon, and Wacoal America Inc. of New Jersey agree not to make claims that their products cause weight loss or a reduction of body size. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, EDUCATION: A panel of experts is recommending that Oregon spend at least \$100 million a year to prepare schools and emergency buildings for a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The recommendation is among nearly two dozen sent to state lawmakers on Tuesday. The Legislature last year created a task force to recommend immediate steps that can be taken to improve Oregon's ability to withstand a massive offshore quake. The panel says the money should be used to retrofit unsafe buildings, tear them down or replace them. Other suggestions include hiring an earthquake adviser to the governor and developing education programs for schoolchildren, businesses and the public. The panel says local governments also should take into account the latest tsunami inundation maps when developing building codes. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: The American Progressive Bag Alliance, a coalition of plastic bag manufacturers, says it will seek a voter referendum to overturn California's law banning single-use shopping bags, signaling the fight between environmentalists and manufacturers is not over. California Gov. Jerry Brown signed the nation's first statewide ban on the bags yesterday, following the lead of more than 100 California cities and counties. The group has three months to gather more than 500,000 valid signatures, the number needed to place a referendum on the November 2016

ballot. The group says it will push to make sure the law does not take effect until voters have a say. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: Colorado's new marijuana industry is in for a brand new element today — competition. The state gave medical marijuana dispensaries and growers a nine-month exclusive on the new recreational pot business, fearing an unmanageable explosion of new businesses. The grandfathering period expires today, meaning pot shops and growers who weren't in business before voters approved recreational pot in 2012 are just now able to enter the market. "There's going to a price war coming. It's inevitable," predicted Toni Fox, a marijuana grower and owner of a Denver pot shop. Fox has received a license for a second shop opening today in Salida (suh-LY'-duh). Colorado is issuing licenses for 46 more pot shops, in addition to about 200 already in place. Colorado is also licensing 37 more growing facilities and 13 new product manufacturers who make marijuana-infused products. The expansion means pot prices for consumers could soon drop. Recreational marijuana in Colorado currently wholesales for about \$1,800 to \$2,500 a pound, depending on quality. The addition of new growers starting today could push the price below \$1,000 a pound once those plants mature. / MINORITIES, ECONOMY: The head of the Federal Communications Commission says the agency will consider a petition to ban the Washington Redskins nickname from the public airwaves. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler said yesterday that the commission "will be dealing with that issue on the merits, and we'll be responding accordingly." A law professor has challenged the use of the name on broadcast television, saying it violates FCC rules against indecent content. Native American and other groups have demanded the name be changed, calling it a racial slur. Wheeler did not offer a timetable for a ruling on the matter. He has previously said he finds the name "offensive and derogatory," but that he hoped Redskins owner Dan Snyder would change it without any formal action. Snyder has vowed never to change the name. /

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HEALTH, SAFETY: A nine-member team of federal health officials is tracking anyone who had close contact with a man now in a Dallas, Texas, hospital after he fell ill with the Ebola virus the middle of last week. The group of 12 to 18 people includes three members of the ambulance crew that took him to the hospital, as well as five schoolchildren. They will be checked every day for 21 days, the disease's incubation period. It comes amid news that staff at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital emergency room sent the Ebola patient home two days before he was admitted last week, even though he'd told a nurse that he had been in disease-ravaged West Africa. Officials at the hospital are working to determine how that happened and to ensure that sort of misstep doesn't happen again. The decision by the hospital to release the patient, who had recently arrived from Liberia, could have put others at risk of exposure to Ebola before the man went back to the ER a couple of days later when his condition worsened. The CDC is reminding health care providers to ask patients with symptoms if they've traveled recently. The American College of Emergency Physicians plans to alert its members as well. The patient explained to a nurse last Thursday that he was visiting the U.S. from Africa, but that information was not widely shared. He was prescribed antibiotics, according to his sister, who identified her brother, Thomas Eric Duncan, as the infected man. Ebola symptoms can include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and bleeding, and can appear as long as 21 days after exposure to the virus. The disease is not contagious until symptoms begin. It spreads only by close contact with an infected person's bodily fluids. The man left Liberia on Sept. 19, flying from Brussels to Dulles Airport near Washington. He then boarded a flight for Dallas-Fort Worth, according to airlines, and arrived the next day. He started feeling ill four or five days later, Frieden said. ; State public health officials say they are ready to respond in the unlikely event a person ill with Ebola infection arrives in Oregon, but they emphasize that risk of exposure remains low. To help public health officials monitor for illness and keep it contained, they encourage people to talk to their doctors if they have recently travelled to West Africa. Ebola is more difficult to spread than diseases that can be passed through the air, such as measles and tuberculosis. Ebola is only transmitted through direct contact with body fluids of an ill, infected person who has symptoms, by touching either the ill person or a touching a surface recently contaminated by his or her bodily fluids. Still, state and local health departments remain vigilant, and are working closely with the CDC to keep hospitals, and all other parts of the health system, updated on developments in West Africa, and informed on how to identify, test and

respond to a human case in Oregon. The division's epidemiology team also has taken part in local "roundtable" discussions with medical professionals, emergency medical transport agencies and health partners to plan for the potential arrival of an Ebola patient in Oregon, should that day ever come. / ECONOMY: The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits dropped 8,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 287,000, as the total number of Americans collecting benefits dropped to its lowest level in more than eight years. The Labor Department says 2.3 million people are receiving jobless aid. That's the fewest since June 2006, which predates the start of the Great Recession by 18 months. The steady decline in people applying for benefits began at the end of April. Analysts say the recent decline suggests that employers are keeping their workers, likely because they expect continued economic growth and may be contemplating more hires. ; Britain and Sierra Leone are proposing a new type of clinic to help slow the world's largest Ebola outbreak. Officials at a London conference on the outbreak are expected to announce plans to build up to 1,000 makeshift clinics in Sierra Leone. The clinics will offer little treatment, but will get those with the virus out of their homes and away from their families. Officials hope that will slow the infection rate. Sierra Leone is one of the hardest-hit countries. The outbreak has killed more than 3,300 people. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The University of Oregon, in partnership with the Lane Transit District as well as neighboring businesses and organizations, is working to minimize traffic snarls from Thursday night's Oregon-Arizona football game in Autzen Stadium. How's this for a deal? All fares will be waived for Duck Express riders attending the 7:30 p.m. game. Game attendees may need to alter park-and-ride plans due to adjustments in staging locations. Because of weekday commitments, the number of sites that will serve as pick-up and drop-off locations for the sports shuttles will be reduced from eight to five for the Thursday night game. However, more buses will be available at each location than there were for this season's previous three Oregon home football games. Lane Transit District will continue to offer its regular service within the Eugene-Springfield area. Football game shuttles will use buses from both LTD and Starline Luxury Coaches. There will be 80 buses, in all, providing sports shuttles to and from Autzen Stadium. Here are Thursday night's Park-and-Ride locations: The Lane County Fairgrounds, Symantec, Valley River Center, Willamette between 10th and 11th Ave and the Eugene Christian Fellowship on Game Farm Road. The locations that will not be in use for Thursday night's game are South Eugene and Thurston High School (due to school in session), as well as the LTD River Road and Springfield Station sites (to avoid interfering with regular LTD transportation schedules). Shuttle service to Autzen Stadium will begin four hours prior to the 7:30 p.m. kickoff, while return trips to parking locations will be available at halftime and for one hour following the game's conclusion. Buses with chair lifts to accommodate handicapped riders will service all park-and-ride locations. The Autzen Stadium parking lots will operate on regular schedules, opening four hours prior to kickoff (or 3:30 p.m.). Private parking lots immediately surrounding Autzen Stadium also will be operating on their normal schedules. The Eugene Police Department and partnering agencies are expected to convert the traffic flow on Martin Luther King Blvd. and surrounding Autzen Stadium area to regular game-day operations no later than 3:30 p.m., with idle vehicles along MLK Blvd. awaiting the opening of parking lots prohibited. ; Thursday night's UO Football game brings excitement to the area, but also heavy traffic at a time of day when people many

people are already on the road. Help ease congestion in the Ferry Street/Coburg Road area on game day. If you're not attending tonight's game, use alternate routes. These include the Washington/Jefferson Street Bridge, Delta Highway, Cal Young Road, Harlow Road, Goodpasture Island Road, and Green Acres/Crescent Avenues. If you're heading to the game, consider walking or biking to Autzen Stadium along the numerous pedestrian paths and bike lanes throughout Eugene. Since it will be getting dark at game time, cyclists are reminded to have the proper lighting equipment and it is always recommended you wear light colored or reflective clothing and an approved helmet. After the game, Traffic Enforcement Officers encourage motorists to take the Club Road exit to downtown as an alternate option to access northbound Delta to Beltline, instead of having to travel north on Coburg from MLK. If more motorists use this route, traffic in other areas around the stadium will be less impacted by game traffic. / ECONOMY, HEALTH: On October 2nd, the University of Oregon will continue a tradition of supporting the fight against the opponent that touches everyone: cancer. The Ducks will take the field wearing uniforms that honor cancer survivors and help raise awareness for the fight against women's cancers. Nike and the University of Oregon have partnered for several years during the month of October to honor Breast Cancer Awareness. This year, the Ducks will wear an all-black Nike Pro Combat uniform system with pink accents, along with pink Nike Vapor Carbon Elite cleats, pink Nike Vapor Carbon Elite socks and pink Vapor Jet gloves. The pops of pink also provide an unmistakable highlight against the black base layer and "Titanium Black Eclipse" helmet. The special edition uniforms are designed to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, exemplifying the spirit of teamwork and generosity that enable the organization to battle against women's cancers. The Kay Yow Cancer Fund will also make a \$100,000 research grant to Oregon Health & Science University Knight Cancer Institute in support of young women's breast cancer research project. Special edition black and pink Nike Oregon fan jerseys, hats, and t-shirts are also available for purchase on Nike.com, and a portion of the proceeds from each sale benefits the Kay Yow Fund. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, SAFETY: Hunter information booths will be open across central Oregon in early October to provide you with current fire restrictions, including information on open fires, driving off road, chainsaw use, smoking in the forest and more. Road closure information as well as map sales and coffee will also be available at most locations. Early fall is the most dynamic time of year for wildfire danger. Hot afternoons continue to dry out vegetation and colder nights alone do not provide adequate moisture recovery. Central Oregon has experienced an active wildfire season this summer. The message to hunters and recreationists is: Call ahead for the area you are visiting to find out the current fire use restrictions. They can quickly change and vary from place to place. Some restrictions may be lifted once we receive more rain. But many areas may still prohibit open fires and driving off of improved roads. Fire restriction/fire use information can be found at the following locations: Highway 58 at Milepost 71, Thursday, Oct. 2 - 10 a.m. to dark / Friday, Oct. 3 - 9 a.m. to dark ; La Pine at the Ray's Market, Thursday, Oct. 2 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / Friday, Oct. 3 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ; Prineville at the Ray's Market, Wednesday, Oct. 1 - 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / Thursday, Oct. 2 - 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. / Friday, Oct. 3 - 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The hunter booths are brought to you by the Central Oregon Fire Prevention Cooperative, the Klamath County Fire Prevention Cooperative and the Mid-

Columbia Fire Prevention Cooperative. / **CRIME, TERRORISM:** An Oregon man has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for plotting to bomb a crowded holiday event in Portland's town square in 2010. Mohamed Mohamud was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Portland in the plot that actually was an FBI sting. Agents posing as al-Qaida recruiters supplied the fake car bomb that the former Oregon State University student tried to set off at an annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. Agents targeted Mohamud after the then-teenager wrote for an online jihadi magazine. Mohamud's lawyers contend he was the victim of entrapment, a defense rejected at a trial last year. The sentencing was pushed back after the government disclosed that warrantless overseas wiretaps helped make its case. The defense unsuccessfully sought a new trial. / **ECONOMY, MILITARY, ENVIRONMENT:** Developers of a test range in Eastern Oregon for the unmanned aerial vehicles known as drones have conducted their first flights, but high winds ended them early. The East Oregonian reports the tests were conducted Tuesday above a field north of Pendleton. The developers expect commercial drone users to use both a test range near the local airport as well as off-site locations. The four-propeller drone was to scan a small barbecue grill for heat signatures — a test of its ability to pinpoint hot spots in wildfires. Pilot Brian Prange said the winds at flight level were running about 29 mph with gusts to nearly 35 mph, at the limits of the drone's ability to get through the headwinds. The site is among those in Oregon, Alaska and Hawaii approved by the federal government last year. / **ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS:** A federal judge has ruled that a federal water agency did not violate the law when it made special reservoir releases last year to help salmon in Northern California's Klamath River survive the drought. But U.S. District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill in Fresno, California, wrote in his ruling Wednesday that the next time the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation wants to release Trinity Reservoir water for Klamath River salmon, it needs to cite a better legal authority. The Westlands Water District and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority had sued the bureau to stop the releases, arguing the water should have been saved for farms facing the drought. As the drought continued this year, the bureau again made special releases for Klamath salmon, which the judge also refused to stop. / **SAFETY:** One person was injured by broken glass when some chemicals reacted to produce an explosion at a medical products laboratory in Eugene. The Register-Guard reports the Wednesday explosion was at the campus of Thermo Fisher Scientific, which produces dyes and other products for the medical industry. The company says two people were exposed to the nontoxic chemicals methyl iodide and picoline, and the injured person was hurt by broken glass. The company says no toxic substances were released, and there was no health threat to other employees or the public at large. Eugene-Springfield Fire Department crews were at the scene for about an hour. / **HEALTH, SAFETY:** The maker of the much-debated painkiller Zohydro is seeking approval of a harder-to-abuse version of its drug which, if approved, could replace the currently marketed version of the pill by next spring. San Diego-based Zogenix said Wednesday it submitted a Food and Drug Administration application for the new Zohydro formulation that is designed to be more difficult to snort or inject — two common methods for abusing painkillers. Zogenix expects approval in the first quarter of 2015, which would allow the drugmaker to replace the older version of Zohydro in the second quarter. Zohydro has been criticized by health advocates, politicians and law enforcement officials since it became the first single-ingredient

hydrocodone drug ever approved for U.S. patients last fall. / ECONOMY: The Pac-12 Conference has notified the NCAA of its proposal to provide more benefits to athletes under the new governance model for the five major conferences. The Pac-12's announcement Wednesday comes on the first day the NCAA established for the power conferences to offer suggestions. The league's university presidents and chancellors first proposed their ideas in a letter to colleagues across the country in May. The proposals include a stipend to cover the full cost of attendance, increasing medical support and reviewing the time demands for athletes. The Pac-12 says its presidents and chancellors will explore how to implement the proposed reforms at its board meeting Oct. 27, including by each institution, conference-wide action or among the five major conferences. Any rule changes that occur would not start until the 2015-2016 academic year. / ECONOMY, MINORITIES: Oregon's labor commissioner has filed a complaint against heavy-duty truck and school bus manufacturer Daimler Trucks North America, alleging five employees at its Portland plant were subjected to racial slurs and threats. A statement Wednesday from Commissioner Brad Avakian says the accusations will be investigated, and if they bear out, workers could be awarded damages including back pay if they've quit. Among the allegations, according to the statement, is that a Daimler Trucks employee threatened a black co-worker with a noose, saying he'd drag the African-American behind a car. A statement from Daimler Trucks said it doesn't tolerate discrimination and trains employees to avoid it. It also said the company is cooperating with the investigation and has hired an outside investigator to look into the allegations. / SAFETY: October as Oregon Fire Prevention Month. This year's theme is: "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives! Test Yours Every Month!" Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside each bedroom and outside any sleeping area. Working smoke alarms provide an early warning to fire, allowing you vital minutes to escape, and increasing your chances of surviving. Additional fire safety tips: For increased protection, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home (including the basement), in each bedroom, and in the hallway outside each bedroom. Smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older should be replaced. Follow the manufacturer's recommendation for the type of battery to use in your smoke alarm. Smoke alarms with a non-replaceable (long-life) battery are designed to be effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, immediately replace the entire smoke alarm. Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses. Smoke alarms are available for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. If you need assistance with smoke alarms, contact your local fire agency. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Is Republican Mitt Romney considering another run for the presidency? Almost two years after his Election Day loss, Romney is the Republican man in demand. The twice-defeated White House contender is campaigning across seven states this week, covering nearly 6,000 miles in five days to raise money and energy for Republican midterm candidates from Georgia to Colorado. Romney has repeatedly insisted he's not running for president again, and his closest aides laugh off a possible 2016 bid. But top GOP strategists and donors suggest his continued high profile in Republican politics highlights the party's uncharted future and a crowded 2016 field that is both flawed and without a clear front-runner. Just a month before the unofficial beginning of the next presidential primary season, Democrats have already begun to rally behind prospective candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton. The

race for the Republican nomination, however, is as wide open as most political veterans can remember. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie had begun to assume a party leadership role before a traffic scandal tainted his brand. Major questions persist about former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's commitment to the 2016 contest. And the rest of the potential field features conservatives, such as Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, whom pollsters say have yet to demonstrate widespread appeal. That leaves Romney as this season's strongest draw for Republican midterm candidates battling for control of Congress. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Medical professionals say they have concerns and lots of questions about a fast-spreading respiratory virus that's sickened at least 500 people—almost all of them children—in 42 U.S. states this summer and fall. Oregon remains one of a handful of states with no diagnosed cases of enterovirus 68. But four people across the country who were infected with it and suffered severe respiratory illness have died. Experts are working to determine how large a role the viral infection played. CDC officials say the virus is behind a spike in harsh respiratory illnesses in U.S. children since early August. This enterovirus germ is not new. It was first identified in 1962 and has caused clusters of illness before. But this year, the virus has gotten more attention because it has been linked to hundreds of severe illnesses. Beginning last month, hospitals in Kansas City, Missouri, and Chicago have received a flood of children with trouble breathing. Some needed oxygen or more extreme care such as a breathing machine. Many, but not all, had asthma before developing the infection. Health officials are also investigating whether the virus played a role in a cluster of 10 Denver-area children who have suffered muscle weakness and paralysis. / CRIME: An alert member of the public gave investigators the lead they needed to arrest the 27-year-old Eugene woman this week. They say she is the suspect in a series of thefts from would-be Good Samaritans. It came after reports over the past week that a woman was approaching people in a West Eugene parking lot, claiming to be locked out of her vehicle. She'd allegedly ask for a ride to a nearby neighborhood but Eugene Police say the suspect acquired the victim's purse or wallet before leaving the vehicle. On Tuesday afternoon, an officer was in the area of Royal Avenue and Hughes Street when police received information from a citizen that a person matching the "purse theft suspect" was in the area. The officer contacted 27-year-old Kaylynn Colleen Whitney and determined she was in possession of some of the items that were stolen from the victims. She now faces a number of Theft charges. / FAMILIES, POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION: The U.S. Supreme Court has passed up its first opportunity to re-enter the national debate over same-sex marriage, delaying a decision over whether to hear any new cases on the issues. The high court's new term begins next week. This morning, the justices announced some cases already on the docket. The justices meet privately on October 10 to consider new cases, and decisions about what to hear could be announced then or on October 14. ; The Supreme Court will consider whether retailer Abercrombie & Fitch's refusal to hire a woman wearing a Muslim headscarf was religious discrimination. A lower court said the company did not discriminate against the job applicant because she didn't say she needed a religious accommodation. But the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission had sued on behalf of the woman, saying she was not hired at a Tulsa, Oklahoma, store because her head scarf violated Abercrombie's dress code. The company later changed its dress rules. / ECONOMY: It is a legal case that's being closely

watched by governments and public employee unions across the country. A federal bankruptcy judge yesterday struck down the sanctity of government pensions in California, saying the city of Stockton has the right to sever its contract with its retirees' pension provider, CalPERS. The ruling comes two years after Stockton filed for bankruptcy. The case is being closely watched because it could help clarify who gets paid by financially strapped cities around the nation—retirement funds or creditors. It is the first time, a judge in California has said a city or county can walk away from its CalPERS obligations, in the same way a bankrupt retail chain can exit a bad lease at a shopping center. Whether Stockton would sever its CalPERS contract is another matter. Stockton currently pays \$29 million toward public employee pensions each year. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: There is a new traffic signal on 30th Avenue near University Street. It's designed to increase safety for the hundreds of school children, transit users and others who cross the busy roadway every day. The pedestrian-activated signal is the first of its kind in Eugene, although Springfield already has several in operation - on Gateway Street and on Harlow Road.

The signal has several phases: When not activated, the signal is dark and motorists and bicyclists should proceed with caution. When first activated, the signal flashes yellow, which means slow down and prepare to stop. A solid yellow means the signal is about to turn red, and drivers must stop if it is safe to do so. Solid red means stop. When the signal is flashing red, drivers may proceed when the crosswalk is clear and it is safe to do so. After the cycle is complete, the signal returns to its "dark" mode, and drivers may proceed with caution. When pedestrians approach the signal, they hear instructions that tell them to not cross until they've pushed the button and activated the signal. When the signal is in the "red mode," pedestrians are instructed to cross once motor vehicles have stopped. The signal includes a countdown timer that tells pedestrians how long they have to continue crossing. While the pedestrian-activated red light helps improve safety, real safety can only be achieved if drivers and pedestrians understand how the signal works, obey the signal, and watch out for each other. Parents of students who attend Camas Ridge Elementary School lobbied for the new signal. Close to 16,000 vehicles per day travel that section of 30th Avenue. The posted speed is 35 mph, but traffic studies show that vehicles often travel over 40 mph. The cost of the improvements is approximately \$150,000, paid for primarily through passage of the 2012 bond measure to fix streets and improvements pedestrian and bicyclist safety. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ELECTIONS, POLITICS: On the eve of an election that will decide the Senate majority, the candidates and their political parties are making their closing arguments in an all-out effort to motivate people to vote. Republicans have claimed new momentum in midterm campaigns that have centered on President Barack Obama's low approval ratings. Many Democrats are fighting to distance themselves from the White House and convince voters they deserve to maintain the Senate majority for the final two years of Obama's presidency. Republicans need a net gain of six seats to take control of the U.S. Senate. The GOP already controls the House, and a Senate takeover could dramatically change Obama's last two years in office. Despite the barrage of ads and "get out the vote" efforts, roughly 60 percent of eligible voters are expected to stay home and not cast their ballots. ; You have until eight p.m. Tuesday to deliver your ballot to your local elections office. It is too late to mail it in. You may also drop it off at official drop boxes. ; Tomorrow's midterm elections will determine winners in all 435 House districts and 36 governors' seats. And it'll decide the Senate majority, which is now controlled by the Democrats. But Tuesday's elections are expected to bring out only about 40 percent of eligible voters. GOP officials from Alaska to Georgia have seized on President Barack Obama's low approval ratings and Democrats have been fighting to distance themselves from the White House. ; The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from a public interest group and four members of Congress who challenged the Senate filibuster as unconstitutional. The justices let stand a lower court ruling that said Common Cause and the lawmakers did not have legal standing to pursue the case. The plaintiffs argued that Senate rules requiring at least 60 votes to bring legislation to a vote violates the constitutional principle of majority rule. A federal appeals court said the lawsuit was filed against the wrong parties. The case was brought against Vice President Joe Biden, who acts as president of the Senate, and against the Senate's secretary, parliamentarian and sergeant at arms. Common Cause didn't sue the Senate because that is barred under the Constitution's Speech and Debate Clause. / MINORITIES: Thousands of people rallied outside the stadium in Minnesota before the Redskins-Vikings game, the latest protest against Washington's divisive nickname. Organizers estimated the crowd around 5,000 on Sunday morning. Native American leaders, local politicians, former sports stars and other speakers voiced their disdain for Redskins owner Dan Snyder and his refusal to change the nickname they've derided as derogatory and racist. / ECONOMY: Mississippi State and Florida State remain 1-2 in the newest Associated Press

college football poll, but Auburn climbed a notch to third with Saturday's win over Mississippi. Alabama slips to fourth, followed by Oregon. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY< HEALTH, SAFETY: Members of a United Nations panel said Sunday that climate change is happening, it's almost entirely man's fault and limiting its impacts might require reducing greenhouse gas emissions to zero this century. The assessment from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change offered no surprises. But it underlined the scope of the climate challenge in stark terms. It highlighted how emissions, mainly from the burning of fossil fuels, are continuing to raise global temperatures to a level that many consider dangerous. The panel's report urges the world's inhabitants to make a massive shift to renewable sources to power homes, cars and industries combined with new technologies to suck greenhouse gases from the atmosphere. The panel warned that failure to reduce emissions could lock the world into a trajectory of rising sea levels, a warmer and more acidic ocean, melting glaciers and Arctic sea ice and more frequent and intense heat waves and severe weather. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Brittany Maynard stuck by her decision. The terminally ill woman who revived a national debate about physician-assisted suicide ended her life Saturday by swallowing lethal drugs made available under Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law. The 29-year-old Maynard had been in the national spotlight for about a month since publicizing that she and her husband, Dan Diaz, moved to Portland from Northern California so that she could take advantage of the Oregon law. She told journalists she planned to die Nov. 1, shortly after her husband's birthday, but reserved the right to move the date forward or push it back. The issue of physician-assisted suicide is not new, but Maynard's youth and vitality before she became ill brought the discussion to a younger generation. Working with Compassion & Choices, Maynard used her story to speak out for the right of terminally ill people like herself to end their lives on their own terms. Maynard's choice was not without detractors. Some religious groups and others opposed to physician-assisted suicide voiced objections. More than 750 people in Oregon have used the law to end their lives as of Dec. 31, 2013. The median age of the deceased is 71. Only six were younger than 35. The state does not track how many terminally ill people move to Oregon to die. A patient must prove to a doctor that they are living in Oregon. Some examples of documentation include a rental agreement, a voter registration card or a driver's license. Oregon voters approved the Oregon law 1994, then reaffirmed it with 60 percent of the vote in 1997. Four other states - Washington, Montana, Vermont and New Mexico - allow patients to seek aid in dying. / HEALTH, SAFETY: There's a new setback in the effort to keep health care workers safe as they fight the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. Dr. Godfrey George is the fifth local doctor in Sierra Leone to die of the disease. The country only has two doctors for every 100,000 people, compared to about 240 doctors for the same number in the United States. ; Oregon health officials say a woman who visited West Africa and was hospitalized in Oregon with a fever does not have Ebola. The Centers for Disease Control has advised officials at Providence Milwaukie Hospital that no further testing is required. Officials said Friday that the woman had no known contact with anyone affected with the virus and was considered a low risk for contracting the disease. Tri-County Health Officer Dr. Paul Lewis says officials are satisfied that the system worked well. The patient is still in the hospital, but officials citing privacy concerns would not release any further information about her condition or when she will be released. Officials say

the woman had recently been in Guinea, Liberia or Sierra Leone and was staying in Portland. She was taken to the hospital in the Portland suburb of Milwaukie. /

HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS: As the second open enrollment period for health insurance under the federal Affordable Care Act nears, Oregon officials say this time the state will avoid an enrollment disaster. Cover Oregon was the only exchange in the nation that didn't let the public enroll in coverage in one sitting. Instead, Oregonians had to use a time-consuming hybrid paper-online application process. The state abandoned its troubled exchange in April. It's moving to the federal portal, HealthCare.Gov, in time for open enrollment — which starts on Nov. 15. A total of 38 states will use that portal. Oregon officials say the transition has been glitch-free. About 416,000 residents enrolled in coverage in 2014 — including 105,000 enrolled in private health plans. A study released in September showed 202,000 Oregonians remain uninsured. /

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ELECTIONS, POLITICS: After all of the sound and fury, it's time for the quiet of the voting booth or the kitchen table. Today is Election Day across America, with control of the U.S. Senate up for grabs in the midterm balloting, along with the makeup of the U.S. House and fate of three dozen governorships. The combined spending for control of the U.S. Senate: four billion dollars. And because there are so many tight races, including ten so-called "battleground seats,"—along with the possibility of runoffs this winter in Louisiana and Georgia, neither party might be able to claim victory by this time tomorrow. The spreading popularity of early voting produced the equivalent of an election within an election. Oregonians have voted entirely by mail or hand-delivered their ballots for years. But other states still have polling places. Still, early voting topped 18 million ballots in 32 states and both parties are hoping that means they've mobilized more voters and increased their political strength. There was little suspense about House races, But analysts are still speculating what will be the size of the new Republican majority. A gain of 13 seats would give the GOP its largest representation since it stood at 246 in 1946. There are also 36 gubernatorial contests, and political experts say an unusual number of incumbents appear to be struggling heading into today's election. Among the nearly 150 ballot measures being decided today are legalization of --recreational marijuana use in Oregon, Alaska, and Washington, D.C. "Yes" votes would build on the momentum of the 2012 general election, when Washington state and Colorado became the first states to legalize marijuana. The measures in Oregon and Alaska would allow retail sales of pot to anyone old enough to drink. The measure in the District of Columbia would make it legal to grow and possess marijuana, but not sell it. In Florida, voters will decide whether to make their state the 24th to allow marijuana use for medical reasons. Colorado and Oregon have measures that would require labeling of certain genetically modified foods. Each proposal would apply to raw and packaged foods produced entirely or partially by genetic engineering, but would not apply to food served in restaurants. In Oregon, it's become the costliest ballot measure campaign in state history, with the two sides raising more than \$23 million as of a week ago. Opponents of labeling outraged supporters by more than 2-to-1. Three measures related directly or indirectly to abortion have sparked bitter debate in Colorado, North Dakota and Tennessee. In Colorado, a "personhood" amendment would add fetuses to those protected by the state's criminal and wrongful death act. Opponents say it could lead to a ban on abortions; supporters say it's intended to strengthen protections for pregnant women. In North Dakota, Measure

One would provide "the inalienable right to life" for humans at "any stage of development." Supporters and opponents differ on what impact it might have on abortion regulations. A measure in Tennessee would give state legislators more power to regulate abortion. Supporters say the proposed amendment is needed to protect existing regulations. Opponents fear it would make it easier for Tennessee to adopt tough new laws that would jeopardize women's access to abortions. With two competing gun-related measures on their ballot, voters in Washington state have an unusual opportunity to sound off in the national debate over firearms. One measure seeks background checks for all gun sales and transfers, including private transactions. The other would prevent any such expansion covering purchases from private sellers. Have last-minute elections questions or need to find the official dropbox nearest you? Go to www.oregonvotes.orf, the state's official elections website. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Sometimes, you catch a glimpse of something and then wonder if you really saw what you think you saw. Other times, there's no question. And you feel your pulse quicken, maybe the hair stand up on the back of your neck. So I'm trying to imagine what it was like early Sunday morning when Eugene Police officers—responding to an unrelated call for service—spotted a cougar standing in the street on Fairmount Blvd., south of Summit Avenue. This in the Hendrick's Park area. Sounds like the cougar was as startled as they were. The officers say the big cat raced into an area covered with trees. The Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife—who often respond to situations where cougars are coming too close to residential areas—have been advised. But police add this is also a reminder if you live at the edge of the woods—even urban woods—to be observant and keep pets close when living in or enjoying natural areas and give any wildlife a wide berth. / CRIME: Police say the woman who said she threw her six-year-old son off a historic bridge on the Oregon coast faces murder and manslaughter charges after the boy's body was found in Newport's Yaquina Bay. 34-year-old Jillian Meredith McCabe of Seal Rock called 911 at a few minutes before 6:30 yesterday evening to report throwing her son off the Yaquina Bay Bridge. Detectives found McCabe on the bridge and arrested her on suspicion of aggravated murder, murder and manslaughter. The boy's body was found four hours later. Police are asking anyone who saw the woman and child on the bridge to call detectives. They have not discussed a possible motive. The historic bridge was opened in 1936 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Five years ago, another Oregon woman, Amanda Stott-Smith, threw her children off a Portland, killing her 4-year-old son. Her then seven-year-old daughter survived. The woman was sentenced in 2010 to at least 35 years in prison. / ECONOMY: The U.S. housing market is cooling off. Real estate data provider CoreLogic says home prices increased 5.6 percent in September compared to a year ago, but at an ever slowing pace. That figure is down from annual gains of 6.4 percent in August and 6.8 percent in July. Home prices had been climbing by as much as 12 percent annually toward the end of last year. But wages have barely budged after inflation and lending standards remain relatively strict. ; Stocks are opening slightly lower, led by declines in the energy sector as the price of oil continues to fall. Crude oil prices sunk to four-year lows following reports Saudi Arabia, OPEC's largest oil producer, is cutting its prices for customers in the U.S. Overnight, barrel of benchmark crude were down more than two dollars to their lowest level since the fall of 2010. Oil prices have fallen much of this year amid concerns over the global economic

recovery as well as excess supplies. The strength of the dollar has also weighed on prices as it makes oil more expensive for international investors. It's having a big effect on prices at the gasoline pump. At the end of last week, the nationwide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded dropped below three dollars a gallon for the first time in four years. Here in Eugene-Springfield, we're at \$3.09 per gallon. That's down close to a nickel from last week and close to 50 cents per gallon lower than this time last month. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's a reminder if you're heading outdoors this fall and winter to make sure to carry basic survival gear and supplies, let someone know where you will be going and when you plan to return, and know the area you are visiting. A Canadian woman lost in the woods of the Oregon Coast on Saturday night was found alive but wet and cold and slightly hypothermic on Sunday morning. She'd stopped at nearby Carl Washburne State Park, north of Florence, to camp while on a west Coast cycling trip with a friend. The friend called for help when the woman failed to return from a hike to pick mushrooms. She was found early the next morning in a heavily wooded, steeply-terrained area within a half mile from where she was reported missing. Responders gave her warm fluids and dry clothing and she was returned to her campsite. What do you need to carry on your fall and winter outings? Experts say that at the very least you should have food, water, a map and compass, a flashlight, an emergency whistle, warm clothing, a fully charged cell phone, and a first aid kit. / HEALTH, POLITICS, RELIGION: The Vatican's top bioethics official calls "reprehensible" the suicide of an American woman suffering terminal brain cancer who stated she wanted to die with dignity. Monsignor Ignacio Carrasco de Paula, the head of the Pontifical Academy for Life, told the ANSA news agency on Tuesday that "dignity is something other than putting an end to one's own life." Brittany Maynard's suicide in Oregon on Saturday, following a public declaration of her motives aimed at sparking political action on the issue, has stirred debate over assisted suicide for the terminally ill. Carrasco de Paula said "Brittany Maynard's act is in itself reprehensible, but what happened in the consciousness we do not know." He cautioned that he was not judging individuals "but the gesture in and of itself should be condemned." ; The issue of physician-assisted suicide will be back before many state legislatures after the weekend's highly-publicized death of Brittany Maynard, the 29-year-old woman with brain cancer who moved to Oregon to end her life. Oregon was the first U.S. state to make it legal for a doctor to prescribe a life-ending drug to a terminally ill patient. The law took effect in late 1997 and, through June of this year, close to 800 people have used it to end their lives. Since then, four more states have allowed it— by referendum in Washington state, through legislation in Vermont and through court decisions in Montana and New Mexico. Maynard's death renewed started a national conversation about whether it's okay for a terminally ill person to end their own life. Advocates for expanding right-to-die laws say they plan to lobby in a number of states to try to get physician-assisted suicide laws on the books. But they acknowledge they've met strong resistance in some places in the past and opponents say they are preparing lobbying efforts of their own. / CRIME, SAFETY: Over the Halloween weekend, the Lane County Sheriff's Office conducted 14 hours of overtime DUII saturation patrols through the use of grant funding provided by ODOT and administered through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association. The following is a summary of related DUII arrests and activities by LCSO through the weekend: (2) Alcohol related crashes, one with non-life

threatening injury, (4) DUII arrests; 1 was of the "designated driver" for a group. (1) Arrest for Unlawful Use of Firearm, (2) Refusing a Breath Test citations, (1) Open Container citation, (1) Speeding citation, (1) Following too close citation, (1) Careless Driving citation and (4) Other driving citations. The Lane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind all motorists that alcohol and driving do not mix. Drive safe; drive sober. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Ford is recalling more than 202,000 cars, vans and trucks in North America in five separate recalls to fix gas leaks, air bag sensors, stalling and other issues. The largest of the recalls announced today affects about 135,000 F-150 pickups and Ford Flex family haulers from the 2014 model year. Faulty passenger seat weight sensors can stop air bags from inflating in crashes. /

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ELECTIONS, POLITICS: America awoke this morning to some big Republican victories nationwide that will reshape power in Congress and force President Barack Obama to recalibrate his approach during his final two years in office. It also changes the focus for the 2016 Presidential campaign as a number of GOP victors in the U.S. Senate are now being eyed as possible candidates for the nation's top job. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, is positioned to become the new Senate majority leader after Republicans took over formerly Democratic Senate seats in seven states, including GOP-leaning Arkansas, Montana, South Dakota and West Virginia. That number also included three states that figured prominently in Obama's two victorious presidential campaigns: Iowa and Colorado, where he won twice, and North Carolina, where he won in 2008. Republicans needed a net gain of six seats in all to win back the majority for the first time since 2006. In the House, Republicans were on track to meet or exceed the 246 seats they held during President Harry S. Truman's administration more than 60 years ago. In state capitols, Republicans were poised to leave their imprint, picking up governors' seats in several reliably Democratic states. But it was a good night for incumbents in Oregon, as U.S. Senator Jeff Merkeley won re-election along with all five Oregon incumbents serving in the U.S. House., including 4th District Congressman Peter DeFazio. John Kitzhaber won a fourth term as Oregon governor. And all of the incumbents in Lane County's legislative delegation were re-elected. ; Marijuana activists notched some big victories yesterday, with voters in Oregon and in the nation's capital approving recreational pot use. The advocates believe they also have another win in Alaska, where a legal pot measure is holding a steady lead. Washington state and Colorado passed the nation's first legal pot laws in 2012. The measures in Oregon and Alaska would follow Colorado and Washington state's lead in setting up regulation and taxation systems. Oregon's measure legalizes possession of pot one month after the election, which would December 4th. That's when adults may possess up to eight ounces at home and may grow up to four plants for personal use. Away from home, they'll be able to possess up to one ounce. The retail system, which will be managed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, might take a year or more to get up and running. And those cities and counties that passed local marijuana taxes will await a judge's ruling on whether they'll be allowed on top of the state tax on recreational pot. Here are how some other ballot measures fared on Tuesday: A measure that would require labeling of certain genetically modified foods is considered too close to call here in Oregon, although it is failing narrowly.

A similar measure was rejected last night in Colorado. The Oregon version triggered the biggest spending battle over a ballot issue in history as the two sides, combined, spent close to \$25 million dollars. Oregonians approved adding language pertaining to equal rights for women to the state's constitution and will allow state judges to teach at colleges and serve in the National Guard. But they rejected "top two" primaries, the Oregon resident "driver cards," and the creation of a state post-secondary education endowment. It was a good night for local school money measures: Voters approved a renewal of the local option levy in Eugene 4J, the Springfield Schools bond measure, and the local option levy in the Crow-Applegate-Lorane district. Voters in Springfield said "no" to a monthly stipend for city council members and Florence voters rejected a tax on motor vehicle fuel dealers. Elsewhere: In Washington state, voters approved a measure to expand background checks on gun sales and transfers; the checks will be extended to private transactions and many loans and gifts. The rival measure would have prevented the state from expanding checks in that fashion; it was trailing statewide. Voters in Berkeley, California, became the first in the country to pass a tax on sodas and other sugary drinks. High-dollar advertising campaigns by the U.S. soft-drink industry had defeated the proposal in more than 30 other cities and states in recent years, including San Francisco where voters on Tuesday rejected a soda tax. ; What do last night's elections mean for the 2016 presidential race? Even before the polls had closed on Election Day, Republicans had shifted their focus to their party's top target: Hillary Rodham Clinton. And by the end of the night, the GOP had claimed victories in Senate contests and governor races that will serve as a White House launch pad for some of the party's most ambitious. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, who has discussed his presidential aspirations, won his third election in four years. Other being discussed for possible runs: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush—and those are just some of the names being bandied about. Christie said this morning the Republican victories in governor's race across the country show that voters want leaders who will "get things done." Rand Paul said overnight he considered the nationwide results a referendum not only on the president's policies, but on Hillary Clinton. Clinton is expected to announce her decision about whether to run sometime around the end of this year. The former secretary of state did not appear publicly Tuesday, but spent recent weeks campaigning extensively for Democrats in competitive races for Senate and governor, many of whom lost tight races. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Nearly everyone agrees that texting and driving is dangerous. Most people do it anyway. In a new survey, 98 percent of motorists who own cellphones and text regularly said they were aware of the dangers, yet three-quarters of them admitted to texting while driving, despite laws against it in some states. Two-thirds said they have read text messages while stopped at a red light or stop sign, while more than a quarter said they have sent texts while driving. More than a quarter of the texting drivers believed they "can easily do several things at once, even while driving." The telephone survey was released this morning by AT&T in conjunction with the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine as part of an anti-texting-and-driving campaign. The survey came as AT&T expanded availability of a free app that silences text message alerts and activates automatically when a person is moving 15 miles per hour or faster. (Passengers can turn it off.) Other cellular carriers are rolling out similar

technology. Among the reasons for texting and driving: - Twenty-eight percent said they are worried about missing out of something important if they don't check their phones right away. - More than a quarter believes that their driving performance is not affected by texting, and just as many people said they believe that others expect them to respond to texts "right away." - Just six percent answered that they are "addicted to texting," although 14 percent admitted that they are "anxious" if they don't respond to a text right away, and 17 percent feel "a sense of satisfaction" when they can read or respond to a text message. / CRIME, HEALTH: The mother accused of throwing her six-year-old son to his death from an Oregon coastal bridge made a court appearance by video yesterday in but did not enter pleas on charges of murder, aggravated murder and manslaughter. The aggravated murder charge carries the possibility of the death penalty. Now, as investigators retrace the events that led to the child's death and the arrest of his mother, 34-year-old Jillian McCabe, they are also working to piece together what might have motivated her. Her brother-in-law confirmed that last year McCabe had written an appeal on YouCaring.com, a crowdfunding website. In it, she described caring for her autistic son, London McCabe, and for her husband, Matt, whom she said had been unable to work at his business doing email campaigns since developing multiple sclerosis and a mass on his brain stem. The appeal ended eight months ago after raising \$6,831 toward a goal of \$50,000. / ECONOMY: Payroll processor ADP says U.S. companies added 230,000 jobs in October. That's the most in four months and a sign that businesses are still willing to hire despite signs of slowing growth overseas. The figures suggest that the government's jobs report on Friday could show a healthy pace of hiring. The ADP numbers cover only private businesses and sometimes diverge from the government's more comprehensive report. / ECONOMY: Mississippi State, Florida State and Auburn have held their spots in the second College Football Playoff rankings, with Oregon joining them in the top four. While the top three are unchanged in the second of seven Top 25 rankings, Oregon moves up a spot from fifth in the initial poll by the 12-member selection committee. Mississippi slid from fourth to 11th after its second consecutive loss, 35-31 to Auburn. But the Rebels remained ahead of four one-loss teams from power-five conferences in the rankings. Auburn is the highest ranked of the 12 one-loss teams from power-five conferences in the rankings that will ultimately determine the four teams to play in the national semifinals. Alabama was fifth, giving the SEC West three of the top five spots. TCU was sixth. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Republicans in Congress are taking advantage of their resounding victory in this week's elections to push legislation that's been bottled up in the Democratic Senate. That includes targeting elements of President Barack Obama's health care law to constructing the Keystone XL oil pipeline to rolling back environmental regulations. House Republicans are counting on Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky to become the next Senate majority leader and move ahead on the dozens of jobs bills that have been passed by the House but remain stalled in the Senate. They also want a swift vote early next year on building the Keystone XL pipeline to carry oil from Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast. McConnell signaled yesterday that he wanted to work with Obama on trade agreements and a tax overhaul as both sides look toward governing rather than gridlock. It won't be easy. Many of the moderate Democrats who would be willing to compromise were defeated in Tuesday's elections, reducing the number of lawmakers in the middle. Republicans will be under pressure from many in their ranks and outside conservatives to scrap the health care law, but McConnell and the more pragmatic GOP lawmakers acknowledge that is next to impossible because of Obama's veto power. But McConnell indicated the GOP would push for a repeal of the tax on medical devices, which has some Democratic support, and target the requirement that individuals sign up for health insurance or face a penalty. Further complicating the relationship between Obama and the newly empowered Republicans is the president's vow yesterday to act unilaterally before year's end to reduce the number of deportations and grant work permits to millions of immigrants illegally in the United States. McConnell and other Republicans said such a step would be, quote, "like waving a red flag in front of a bull" and that Republicans would use spending bills to restrict or stop such executive action. ; Just under 70 percent of Oregonians cast a ballot in Tuesday's election. The Oregon secretary of state's office says 1.5 million ballots were turned in. Turnout ranged from a high of 81 percent in Lake County in Southern Oregon to a low of 61 percent in Umatilla County in Eastern Oregon. The two largest counties, Multnomah and Washington, both had turnout of 67 percent. It was slightly higher in the next largest counties, Clackamas, Lane, Marion and Jackson. The statewide figure is in line with those from midterm elections in recent decades. Since 1960, eight of the 13 midterms had turnout between 68 and 72 percent. ; Not even Oregon's backyard chicken owners and vegan foodies had enough money and clout to persuade voters to require labeling of genetically modified foods. Oregon is the fourth Western state where a GMO labeling

measure has failed. A similar proposal also failed Tuesday in Colorado. Those two join Washington and California, which had earlier rejected labeling by a margin of about 2 percentage points. But GMO opponents aren't giving up. They say their "social movement" is ready to continue the fight in legislatures, on ballots, and at the federal level. Oregonians rejected the measure by about 1 percentage point. Voters in cities like Portland supported labeling, but rural voters overwhelmingly opposed it. Opponents of the measure raised about \$20 million in Oregon, while labeling proponents brought in \$7.5 million. ; Entrepreneurs who see green in Oregon's newest law aren't dreaming of sticky buds. They're seeing dollar signs. Voters legalized recreational marijuana on Tuesday, one year after the Oregon Legislature permitted medical marijuana dispensaries. The result for many medical dispensary owners is a new market of recreational users — and a host of other dispensaries. At Portland dispensary Shango, owner Shane McKee plans to apply for licenses as retailer, processor and wholesaler, all separate roles in the new system. That will allow him to grow, test and sell marijuana in one system. Marijuana will be legal to possess July 1, but the dispensaries aren't expected to be selling recreational weed until 2016. Medical pot dispensaries created a distribution system that's similar to Colorado's, where proponents say the legal rollout went smoothly. ; The sheriff of Josephine County has been turned out by voters after struggling to keep the jail open and rural patrols on the road while federal timber revenues that once sustained them dwindled. Sheriff Gil Gilbertson had also been active in a group of rural sheriffs who questioned the federal government's authority to control guns and federal lands. He was handily defeated Tuesday by Dave Daniel, a Grants Pass policeman and former state trooper who promised change in a county where voters have repeatedly refused to raise taxes to pay for law enforcement. With 100 percent of the vote counted, the Josephine County clerk's office reports Daniel received 56 percent, to 44 percent for Gilbertson. / ECONOMY: Fewer people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week, a sign that the job market should continue to improve. The Labor Department said weekly applications fell by 10,000 and that the decline in applications has overlapped with stronger hiring this year. Employers have added an average of 227,000 jobs a month in 2014, up from an average of 194,000 last year. Economists predict that the Friday jobs report will show that 230,000 jobs were added in October. The unemployment rate is projected to hold steady. / HEALTH, SAFETY: She contracted the deadly Ebola virus after treating the nation's only fatality. But Amber Vinson, a 29-year-old nurse from Dallas, Texas, says she has no regrets about providing treatment and would do it again. Vinson was interviewed this morning on NBC's "Today" show. She has recovered from her own case of Ebola. She said this morning she feels good, but still gets tired sometimes. Vinson was criticized by some for flying on a commercial jet before being diagnosed, but says she was not careless or reckless. In fact, Vinson said she checked with health officials before flying from Dallas to Cleveland and again before returning three days later. Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has acknowledged that they made a mistake in allowing Vinson to fly. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Scientists in Oregon, Washington and Nevada have spent the past three months monitoring a small but intense swarm of earthquakes 40 miles south of Lakeview, Oregon, in northwestern Nevada. The swarm started in mid-July and has become much more active in the past few days. Early this morning, there was a magnitude 4.7 earthquake and a magnitude

4.6 shake on Tuesday, along with two others above magnitude four in the past week. In fact, there have been more than 550 temblors above magnitude two. Seismologists say this sort of swarm does slightly increase the probability that a larger earthquake. They've seen similar occurrences over the decade. But exactly when that might occur can't be predicted - so they're reminding residents in that area that being prepared is critical—and saying it's a good opportunity for the rest of us to think about earthquake preparation, as well. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: "Walk Your Wheels" signs are being installed in sidewalks in the downtown Eugene area. The new signage clarifies where people skateboarding and people biking must walk their bikes or carry their skateboards and not ride on the sidewalk in a designated area downtown. The "walk zone" protects people walking in the more congested area that extends from Pearl in the west, Lincoln in the east, 13th in the south, and 8th Avenue in the north. The new zone makes it easier for people to know they're in a "walk zone." Riding skateboards or bicycles on sidewalks inside the zone is a violation of Eugene Code 5.450(2), and violators are subject to a maximum \$50 fine. More details on the new laws can be found on the project website at www.eugene-or.gov/bikeskatelaws_Note: It is illegal to ride a skateboard in the road anytime in Eugene except when crossing a street in a crosswalk or at a right angle. A skateboard, by ORS definition, is not a vehicle and therefore never allowed to be used in the roadway other than crossing at a right angle within the City of Eugene. Violators skating in the road would be subject to citations for being a pedestrian in the roadway or portions of the roadway restricted to vehicular traffic. ; Police say they had an incident yesterday afternoon that illustrates the need for the "walk zone." An 8-year-old boy, holding the door of a downtown store open for his mother near 11th and Willamette Streets was struck and knocked to the ground by a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk. Medics evaluated the child, who was not seriously injured. Police say 29-year-old Tyler Samuel Rhodes was riding a bicycle with non-functioning brakes. On top of that, police say they learned he is a Fugitive from Justice from Washington state on warrants related to methamphetamine, so now he faces a range of charges. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): The Pac-12 Conference this week named the recipients of its 2014 Cross Country All-Conference honors. On the men's side, Oregon's Edward Cheserek was named Athlete of the Year while the Ducks' Robert Johnson was voted Coach of the Year. Cheserek recently took home his second-consecutive Pac-12 Cross Country individual title. He's also won a number of other major races this season to meet victories extend his streak of consecutive first-place finishes at cross country meets to seven. He also took home the NCAA Cross Country Championship last year. And he's just a sophomore! / CRIME, WOMEN, ECONOMY: Suspended NFL player Ray Rice and his wife are set to testify before a federal judge in New York today, in Rice's appeal of his indefinite suspension. It was imposed after video surfaced of him punching his then-fiancee on an elevator. Rice, who also was kicked off the Baltimore Ravens, is fighting the suspension, saying he already had been punished when he was handed a two-game suspension. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell testified for more than two hours yesterday. The two-day hearing is private. / CRIME: A candlelight vigil for the 6-year-old autistic boy who was dropped off the Yaquina (yah-KWIN'-ah) Bay Bridge will be held Saturday night in Newport. KATU reports as part of the memorial for London McCabe at the Rogue Brewery, classmates will release

balloons at 7 p.m. Saturday. His body was found after his mother called 911 Monday and said she dropped her son into the water. Jillian McCabe is being held without bail and has not entered pleas to charges of aggravated murder, murder and manslaughter. An uncle told a reporter yesterday that McCabe was under intense emotional distress from years of caring for the child and more recently for her disabled husband. / HEATH, SAFETY, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Officials say the website HealthCare.gov has gotten cybersecurity upgrades ahead of a Nov. 15 start for the second open enrollment season under President Barack Obama's health care law. A spokesman says the facility that hosts HealthCare.gov is now certified to meet the highest government standards for cloud computing. Cloud operations use large networks of machines in different locations to handle data. HealthCare.gov is also conducting daily security scans and weekly so-called "white-hat" hacking attempts that simulate real attacks. The Homeland Security department is also helping to bolster HealthCare.gov's detection and defense. The federal marketplace for subsidized private health insurance will serve 38 states this year, including Oregon. Cybersecurity is getting added scrutiny in Healthcare.gov because last year's chaotic debut of the program did not allow time to complete security testing. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon Highway 126W remains closed approximately one mile east of Mapleton, following a crash. A detour using OR 36 (Mapleton-Junction City) and Poodle Creek Road is being established. Motorists should plan on a lengthy detour and delays, as a law enforcement investigation will be necessary.; A secondary crash involving a log truck has now occurred on Oregon Highway 126W (Florence-Eugene Hwy.) near an earlier crash, one to two miles east of Mapleton (MP 15-16) in Lane County. At this time, the highway is completely blocked. Motorists may want to reschedule travel through the corridor or anticipate lengthy delays. / CRIME: A 46-year-old Lebanon man was sentenced this week in Eugene federal court to seven years in federal prison for possessing and distributing child pornography. Once he completes his sentence, Michael Shane Olson will be on lifetime supervised release. Investigators arrested Olson after determining that in 2010 he was using a peer-to-peer website to share and download hundreds of child pornography images. A search warrant the following year led to the seizure of computer equipment and storage devices that contained additional images and videos of child pornography. Olson had worked in Oregon as a residential counselor for at-risk youth. / CRIME, SAFETY: Police in Eugene, Oregon, say three teenage boys have been arrested in an arson fire that damaged a boys' restroom at North Eugene High School. Police spokeswoman Melinda McLaughlin says the fire discovered Wednesday afternoon at a restroom near the cafeteria damaged the bathroom but no one was hurt. She says the area around the fire was evacuated as firefighters responded. Police determined the case was arson. The spokeswoman says two 15-year-old boys and a 14-year-old boy were arrested and taken to juvenile detention for investigation of arson, disorderly conduct and reckless endangering. /

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SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Two Mapleton High School students are dead, three others injured after yesterday's accident on Highway 126-West just a mile this side of Mapleton. The cause of the single-vehicle crash is still under investigation. It happened around seven yesterday morning. The vehicle went down a steep embankment near Milepost 15 and landed on its top. Investigators say 17 year-old Abigail Boydston of Noti and 16 year-old Weston Bowman of Mapleton died at the scene. The three other teens, whose names will likely be released later today, were treated for their injuries. (Modified message from a Facebook friend): The mother of the 17-year-old girl who died in the crash works at Oak Street Medical in Eugene. Like every morning these teenagers said good bye to their families and went off to school. The mom is urging you to hug our children a little longer tonight and make certain they know we love them. There will be a fund raiser of some kind to help her family pay for the unexpected expenses that we all know will follow. The family and friends thank you for prayers and support for these families. / **ECONOMY:** Three days after voters registered their sourness about the U.S. economy, the government is reporting that employers added a solid 214,000 jobs in October, extending the healthiest pace of hiring in eight years. The Labor Department also says that 31,000 more jobs were added in August and September than it had previously estimated. The revised figures show that employers have added at least 200,000 jobs for nine straight months, the longest such stretch since 1995. The burst of hiring lowered the unemployment rate to 5.8 percent from 5.9 percent. That is the lowest rate since July 2008. Economic growth has accelerated this year and hiring has been robust. Yet despite the data, the economy was voters' top concern in Tuesday's elections. That suggests the improvement hasn't yet been felt by many Americans. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police says an employee at the Serbu Juvenile Detention Facility is facing charges for possession of heroin as well as official misconduct. It comes after a mid-September incident in which patrol officers were called to an area near the 100 block of S. Garden Way about an alleged dispute over a drug transaction. They say one of those involved was 44-year-old David Thomas VanLier, who was an employee at Serbu. After a detective obtained a search warrant for VanLier's apartment and vehicle, investigators say they found evidence of unlawful possession of heroin. They say the Official Misconduct charge stemmed from evidence indicating that VanLier used Serbu-owned equipment for the purpose of facilitating drug transactions./ **EDUCATION, COMMUNITY:** Some good news for the Eugene Public Library: New rankings from the national publication, Library

Journal, have for a fifth time named it a "Star Library." The designation means the Eugene Public Library ranks among the top three percent of public libraries nationwide for excellence in cost-effective delivery of key services. Eugene's library serves more than 35-hundred visitors per day and processes nearly three million check-outs per year. Along the way, there are more than 13-hundred programs offered each year at the library and its branches, ranging from storytimes to classes to entertainment. The library also offers access to computers for using the Internet as well as access to various online databases and logs close to 21,000 user sessions each month. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES: It's known as "Farm to Table," a nationwide effort to get locally-raised foods to local individuals and families. For the folks at FOOD For Lane County, our local food bank, it's a chance to not only feed hungry individuals and families, but to help the local economy by supporting farm jobs and local food processing. Yesterday, FOOD for Lane County received a \$100,000 Oregon Community Foundation grant which will be used to produce locally-made applesauce, lentils & barley chili, and pinto bean flakes. That sort of post-harvest processing not only extends the storage life of food but offers those who receive emergency food aid a chance to see how fresh ingredients can be used in a number of ways to create nutritious meals. The food bank already had a farm-to-table program in place. The grant meals its workers can expand their efforts. For example, \$15,000 of the grant will be used to defray this year's costs of producing 10,000 jars of no-sugar-added applesauce, which are popular with children and senior citizens. Local growers, along with processors that include Sweet Creek foods, Glorybee Foods and others, help develop the processed products and recipes that them go to 70,000 households locally and throughout the food bank's network of partner agencies. Some of the apples being made into applesauce were donated through the food bank in Pendleton (part of the Oregon Food Bank Network cooperation agreements). In return for the apples, Sweet Creek Foods is generously donating a run of 1,000 jars that will be sent to Pendleton. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Labor strife at major West Coast sea ports is threatening the delivery of holiday goods that consumers expect and that retailers need to turn a profit. Until now, those involved in talks on a new contract said there was little drama. But no longer. The association representing companies that ship cargo in and out of 29 West Coast ports and manage containers once they are onshore is accusing the dockworkers' union of deliberately slowing work to gain bargaining leverage. The association said crane operators in Washington state, for example, are moving cargo at half-speed, while in Southern California the union isn't dispatching enough workers to load containers efficiently onto trucks and trains. The union counters that the cargo flow is gummed up because companies are not providing enough truck chassis to meet demand. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: There's already a ban on smoking in many parts of Oregon's state parks, including along trails and at picnic areas. But that proposed ban on Oregon's publicly-owned beaches? Fuggeditaboutid. At least for now. Officials with Oregon's Parks and Recreation Department say they won't seek that restriction. Parks leaders say there was strong opposition to the proposed rule banning beach smoking and officials say it would be hard to enforce. Instead, they'll enhance their educational campaign, reminding those who light up about not littering on publicly-owned beaches and not inadvertently sparking fires. The department will revisit the matter again in two years. / CRIME, ECONOMY: It just

gets worse for Home Depot. The home improvement company says when hackers got into their system — they made off with more than just customers' card data. The company says hackers got 53 million email addresses, too. It was back in September when Home Depot disclosed the data breach, which stretched over months and involved 56 million debit and credit cards. It says the hackers accessed its network with a vendor's username and password. The Atlanta-based home repair retailer in September disclosed a massive data breach that involved 56 million debit and credit cards between April and September. The company now says the file containing the email addresses did not contain passwords or other sensitive personal information, but customers should be on guard against phishing scams that might trick them into sharing personal information. It is notifying affected customers in the U.S. and Canada. Home Depot is one of several retailers that have reported large hacks over the past year. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Honda is adding hundreds of thousands of vehicles to a previously announced recall for passenger air bags that can explode with too much force and send shards of metal into the passenger compartment. The vehicles have air bag systems made by troubled parts supplier Takata Corp. and include older versions of the company's three most popular models, the Accord, Civic and CR-V. Honda Motor Co. already was repairing the vehicles under a safety improvement campaign. The expanded recall brings the vehicles under supervision of U.S. safety regulators. Owners will get new recall notices by mail. / ECONOMY: The U.S. Postal Service will deliver packages on Sundays in major cities and high volume areas during the holiday season. Seven-day delivery will run from Nov. 17 through Christmas Day in response to anticipated growing demands. The agency expects a 12 percent growth in its package business this holiday season, or in the range of about 450 to 470 million packages. The Postal Service says demand for package services has grown as online retailers ship more products to their customers. The struggling agency lost \$2 billion this spring despite increasing its volume and charging consumers more money to send mail. The Postal Service is an independent agency that receives no tax dollars for day-to-day operations but is subject to congressional control. / TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES, ECONOMY: If you're flying somewhere for Thanksgiving, expect planes and airports to be even more crowded this year. U.S. airlines expect to carry 24.6 million passengers over the 12 days surrounding Thanksgiving, up 1.5 percent from last year. The worst day: The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30, with 2.6 million people flying on U.S. airlines. The forecast comes from Airlines for America, a trade group representing the biggest U.S. carriers. It covers Friday, Nov. 21 through Tuesday, Dec. 2. The group's chief economist said Thursday that rising personal incomes and job growth are helping boost demand for travel. Last year, the airlines' Thanksgiving-travel forecast turned out to be too high. The trade group blamed bad weather that caused widespread flight cancellations. / FAMILIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICS: The same-sex marriage issue could be headed to the Supreme Court, now that a federal appeals court has halted a run of favorable rulings. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel upheld laws against the practice in four states — Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. The split created among the federal appeals courts makes it more likely the Supreme Court will agree to hear the case. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The threat of freezing rain eases for the morning commute. Good news for schools and workers. / HEALTH: "No Shave Movember" ends. The event, where men refrain from shaving during the month of November, is used to increase awareness about a variety of men's health issues. Shavers around the community are doing extra duty this morning. / CRIME, SAFETY: Eugene Police are investigating a Sunday early-morning shooting that wounded three people—one of them seriously. It happened about three a.m. in a parking lot at 8th and Olive Streets downtown. Investigators say one person underwent surgery for treatment of their wounds. Two others received non-life threatening wounds. Police say they'd like to hear from anyone who might have witnessed the incident or have more information about it. If you do, call the Eugene Police Department's non-emergency line. The number is 541-682-5111. / POLITICS: Lame-duck lawmakers return to Washington, D.C., today, facing a full agenda and not much time to get it all done before the new Congress convenes in January and the Republicans take control of both houses. The year-end to-do list includes keeping the government running into the new year, renewing expired tax breaks for individuals and businesses and approving a defense policy measure that has passed for more than 50 years in a row. They hope to get it all done in two weeks without stumbling into a government shutdown. Also pending are President Barack Obama's requests for money to combat Islamic State militants, battle Ebola and deal with an influx of unaccompanied Central American children who have crossed into the U.S. Among the lower profile items on the agenda are renewing the government's terrorism risk insurance program and extending the ban on state and federal taxes on access to the Internet. Obama's move to protect millions of immigrants from deportation proceedings and make them eligible for work permits appears to have made it more difficult to navigate the must-do items through a Capitol where cooperation already is in short supply. The No. 1 item is preventing a government closure when a temporary funding measure expires on Dec. 11. The House and Senate Appropriations committees are negotiating a \$1 trillion-plus spending bill for the budget year that began Oct. 1 and are promising to have it ready by the week of Dec. 8. / MINORITIES, SAFETY, CRIME, COMMUNITY: The Rev. Jesse Jackson called for peace and perseverance on Sunday he urged congregants in Portland to keep fighting for racial justice. He gave a morning sermon at Emmanuel Temple, a day after 10 people were arrested in Portland after a protest related to the Ferguson, Missouri, police shooting. The Oregonian says Jackson

criticized the grand jury that decided Monday not to indict Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson. But Jackson also took aim at other systemic and national racial disparities. Jackson delivered a similar speech at a gathering Saturday night. Portland police say that after Jackson left, some protesters marched around downtown and sporadically disrupted traffic. Officials say some bottles were thrown at officers and a police car was damaged. The nine adults and one juvenile arrested will face charges that include disorderly conduct. ; President Barack Obama plans to hold meetings today on the situation in Ferguson, Missouri. Obama is convening his Cabinet to focus on his administration's review of federal programs that provide military-style equipment to law enforcement agencies, which drew attention after the police response to the protests since a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed black 18-year-old during a confrontation in August. White House officials say the president also is hosting two other meetings, one with young civil rights leaders to discuss the challenges posed by "mistrust between law enforcement and communities of color," and another with government and law enforcement officials and community leaders to discuss how to strengthen neighborhoods. The officer at the heart of the case, Darren Wilson, resigned from the Ferguson Police Department over the weekend. The city's mayor told reporters on Sunday that Wilson received no pay or benefits after resigning. / SAFETY, CIVIL LIBERTIES, CRIME: The U.S. Supreme Court is weighing the free-speech rights of people who use violent or threatening language on Facebook and other social media. The justices will hear arguments today in the case of a man who was sentenced to nearly four years in prison for posting graphically violent rap lyrics on Facebook about killing his estranged wife, shooting up a kindergarten class and attacking an FBI agent. Anthony Elonis of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, says he was just venting his anger over a broken marriage and never meant to threaten anyone. But his wife didn't see it that way, and neither did federal prosecutors. A jury convicted Elonis of violating a federal law that makes it a crime to threaten another person. A federal appeals court rejected his claim that his comments were protected by the First Amendment. Lawyers for Elonis argue that the government must prove he actually intended his comments to threaten others. The government says it doesn't matter what Elonis intended; the true test of a threat is whether his words make a reasonable person feel threatened. The case has drawn widespread attention from free-speech advocates who say comments on Facebook, Twitter and other social media can be hasty, impulsive and easily misinterpreted. They point out that a message on Facebook intended for a small group could be taken out of context when viewed by a wider audience. So far, most lower courts have rejected that view, ruling that a "true threat" depends on how an objective person perceives the message. / ECONOMY: Analysts with the National Retail Federation say early discounting, more online shopping and a mixed economy meant fewer people shopped over Thanksgiving weekend. Stores said they had a lot of shoppers from Thanksgiving Day's early openings through Black Friday and the rest of the weekend. But the numbers show there were fewer shoppers and they spent a bit less. Overall, 133.7 million people shopped in stores and online over the four-day weekend, down 5.2 percent from last year, according to one trade group's survey. Total spending for the weekend is expected to fall by 11 percent, which translates into a sales drop of more than six billion dollars. But experts say the picture might not be as disconcerting as it seems. They note that major retailers including Target, J.C.

Penney, Macy's, Wal-Mart and other major retailers pushed fat discounts as early as Halloween. Some opened stores even earlier on Thanksgiving. All that stole some thunder from Black Friday and the rest of the weekend. Still, the preliminary data makes retailers worried that shoppers will remain frugal despite improving employment and falling gas prices. They say many individuals and families are still feeling the effects of high food prices and stagnant wages. The holiday shopping season accounts for about 20 percent of annual retail sales. That's gives today's online shopping push, known as Cyber Monday, some added urgency for retailers, even though many began their Cyber Monday deals weeks ago. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: Alabama is the top team in the new Associated Press Top-25 football poll. The Crimson Tide received 25 first place votes while second-ranked Florida State got 29. Third-ranked Oregon picked up five first place nods. / HEALTH: The World Health Organization says Liberia and Guinea have met a Dec. 1 target for isolating 70 percent of people infected with Ebola and safely burying 70 percent of those who die. The U.N. health agency also says Sierra Leone probably met the targets in the west of the country and he expects levels nationwide to improve "in the coming weeks." / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: U.S. Coast Guard crews rescued five people whose fishing boat sank Saturday in the chilly Pacific waters off the Oregon coast. The Coast Guard says it received a mayday call about 4:20 a.m. from the crew of the 75-foot Blazer saying they were taking on water 8 miles west of Siletz Bay. The boat crew called 10 minutes later to report that they were putting on cold water immersion suits and deploying a life raft. A Coast Guard helicopter crew spotted the Blazer and the raft in the pre-dawn darkness shortly after 5 a.m. Three crew members were pulled to safety by a hovering helicopter, while the other two were rescued by a Coast Guard boat. Three people were treated for minor injuries. The Blazer sank in 420 feet of water with 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard. The Coast Guard is investigating. The rescue could rekindle the debate over the Coast Guard's plans to close its station at Newport. / COMMUNITY, TRANSPORTATION: Residents annoyed by loud train horns are asking the Eugene City Council to consider silencing them in the city. The Register-Guard says Eugene is looking into what it can or should do about noisy train horns through so-called railroad quiet zones. Federal regulations require train engineers to sound locomotive horns for 15 to 20 seconds as they approach crossings where tracks intersect with streets. But that requirement can be eliminated if certain safety improvements are made. The city of Eugene has yet to select which crossings might be changed, what kind of crossing improvements it might make, or find the money to pay for them. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Don't put a baby to bed with blankets, pillows or other unsafe bedding. That's the warning from researchers who report infant bedding may lead to suffocation or sudden infant death syndrome. The researchers say 17 years of national data show parents need to be better informed. You can read more about the research online, from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Safe to Sleep campaign. American Academy of Pediatrics: <http://www.aap.org> Safe to Sleep: <http://tinyurl.com/n7ki7yp> /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED EDUCATION, ECONOMY, HEALTH: About 15-hundred graduate teaching fellows at the University of Oregon are going on strike this morning, after mediation sessions between union and administration bargainers failed to result in a contract. The graduate teaching fellows or GTFs, as they're known, teach many of the undergraduate courses at the U-of-O. The walkout comes during "dead week," the week before Fall Term final exams. The biggest issue of dispute appears to be a union request for guaranteed paid and medical leave for every GTF. The university has proposed continuing a graduate student hardship fund that would allow GTFs to apply for financial assistance in the event of illness or the birth of a child. Last night, the union held a rally on campus. This morning, picket lines are going up at various locations around the U-of-O. The two sides have been bargaining over a new contract for more than a year. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Can you put a price on human life? One of the fishermen rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter crew based in Newport says absolutely not. Kelly Madden is the skipper of the fishing vessel Blazer, which sank Saturday about 30 miles off the coast. He said yesterday that despite donning survival suits and getting into a life raft, he and his crew were feeling the cold when the helicopter arrived within 20 minutes of their mayday call. He says the crew members might have been fallen into hypothermia by the time a helicopter stationed at a more distant facility arrived. The Coast Guard plans to close the Newport air facility on the 15th of this month. The rescued skipper is among those who say the six million dollars in budget savings is not worth it. Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley agrees. He said yesterday that the weekend rescue of five fishermen off the Oregon Coast is just another example of why the U.S. Coast Guard's decision to close the Newport helicopter facility is short-sighted. Merkeley says Monday marked the opening of the dangerous crab fishing season and that fishing families need to know that there are lifesaving resources nearby. ; A similar "budget versus safety" debate is playing out in Northeastern Oregon. State and local officials are objecting to U.S. Forest Service plans to move a base near the city of Enterprise that is used by firefighters who descend on ropes from helicopters to fight fires or stage rescues in the woods. The La Grande Observer reports the Forest Service wants to consolidate the base with a similar one that moved two years ago to La Grande. State and local officials say it'll take longer for crews from the Grande Ronde Valley on the west side of the Wallowa Mountains to get to the rugged country in Oregon's northeast corner. The result, they say, is that instead of putting out small fires quickly, agencies will spend more money putting out bigger fires. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service only recorded 0.48" of rain at Eugene's Airport yesterday, but the rain was prolonged and heavy here in Eugene-Springfield. That made a mess of the evening commute, as water pooled behind fallen leaves on streets and drivers unwittingly sent up roostertails of water. A Pacific storm has moved into drought-dry California, bringing hopes for much-needed moisture but fears of mudflows on wildfire-scarred hillsides. Light rain began falling before sunrise Tuesday, but the heaviest downpours are expected later in the day. Storm watches are posted for a large swath of the Sierra Nevada, where a huge amount of the state's water supply is normally stored as snowpack. Significant accumulations are predicted but not enough to be a drought buster. In the Los Angeles area, residents in foothills below burn areas piled sandbags in hopes of keeping debris flows out of homes. Forecasters say the storm could drop about 1 to 2 inches of rain along the Southern California coast and in valley areas, and 2 to 5 inches in the mountains and foothills. / **HEALTH:** U.S. health officials say the benefits of circumcision outweigh the risks, so parents of baby boys should consider it and health insurers should pay for it. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released draft guidelines on circumcision and said it will receive public comments for the next 45 days before finalizing them. These are the first federal guidelines on circumcision. The CDC started working on the guidelines about seven years ago, when a cluster of influential studies in Africa indicated circumcision might help stop the spread of the AIDS virus. Circumcision involves cutting away foreskin around the tip of the penis. Germs can grow underneath the foreskin, and CDC officials say the procedure can lower a male's risk of sexually-transmitted diseases, penile cancer and even urinary tract infections. ; A federal review of hospital medical records and other data has found a 17 percent decline in infections, drug mistakes, bedsores and other preventable complications from 2010 to 2013. The Health and Human Services Department released the report Tuesday. It says 50,000 fewer patients died in the hospital and about \$12 billion in health care costs were saved as a result. The report lists likely contributing causes, including technical help, public reporting on errors and financial penalties. But patient safety expert Dr. Peter Angood says the health care industry has a long way to go, and it's still unclear which strategies work best. The report finds that 10 percent of hospitalized patients still experience such errors. / **MINORITIES, ECONOMY:** Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (Jay) Johnson is set to appear before the House Homeland Security Committee today to defend President Barack Obama's executive actions on immigration. Johnson says in written testimony that it's "simple common sense" that Obama has moved to shield from deportation some 4 million people who are in the U.S. illegally. Republicans have vowed to stop the president. ; A House committee chairman says President Barack Obama's move to protect millions of immigrants from deportation will encourage more illegal immigration and undermines the Constitution and democratic process. Republican Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas made the comments as he opened a hearing where Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (JAY) Johnson is defending Obama's controversial move. In prepared testimony, Johnson told the House Homeland Security Committee that deferring deportation for longtime residents who aren't deportation priorities makes sense. / **ECONOMY:** U.S. home prices rose at a faster year-over-year pace in October than in September, snapping a seven-month slowdown. Real estate data provider CoreLogic says prices increased 6.1 percent in October compared with 12 months

earlier. That was up from September's year-over-year increase of 5.6 percent. Still, home values are rising more slowly than they were earlier this year. / ECONOMY, TERRORISM: The FBI is confirming that it's investigating a recent hacking attack at Sony Pictures Entertainment, which caused major internal computer problems at the film studio last week. Trade publications including Variety say Sony's corporate email and other internal systems were knocked offline, and Sony employees reportedly saw a message appear on their computer screens that said "Hacked by #GOP," which may be the initials of a group calling itself Guardians of Peace. / EDUCATION, POLITICS: Gov. John Kitzhaber is proposing a budget that would increase funding for education with a focus on children before they reach third grade. The Democratic governor unveiled his \$18.6 billion two-year state budget proposal on yesterday. His spending plan would be an increase of about 11 percent over the current budget. But he says it does not propose a tax increase. Lawmakers are free to change or ignore Kitzhaber's recommendations. But the final budget must be approved by the Legislature and signed by Kitzhaber before July 1st. Kitzhaber says the goal is to invest heavily in ensuring that children can read by the third grade, a move that experts say would reduce later dropout rates. At the same time, the governor acknowledges that his higher education proposal is too small and he hopes lawmakers can find additional money for universities. / MINORITIES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: At least two dozen activists in Portland, Oregon, have filed complaints against their city's police as a result of last week's protests over the grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri, as well as police handling of other events. Officials said more than 25 complaints were filed Monday with the city auditor's Independent Police Review Division. On Saturday, ten people were arrested at a march after officers lobbed "flash bang" grenades to disperse the crowd near a central transit area. Police said it came after a breakaway group of several hundred protesters cross a bridge linking downtown to the east side of the city, disrupting traffic and transit. In a statement, Portland's mayor said the city won't tolerate vandalism, walking onto highways, or interfering with public transportation. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, automakers are expanding recalls or adding them to fix potentially faulty passenger air bags in high-humidity states. Documents posted Tuesday by the government say Subaru is expanding a previous recall of five models. Mitsubishi is recalling one model, the 2004 and 2005 Lancer small car. Both companies have cars equipped with air bags made by Takata Corp. They can inflate with too much force and spew metal shrapnel into the passenger compartment. Previous recalls were limited to Florida, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and several other territories. The new Subaru and Mitsubishi recalls now cover those areas as well as Southern Georgia and coastal areas of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and South Carolina. The government is pushing for a national recall of Takata driver's air bags. ; General Motors is recalling 316,357 vehicles in North America because their headlights can stop working. The recall affects the Buick LaCrosse sedan and the Chevrolet Trailblazer, GMC Envoy, Buick Rainier, Saab 9-7X and Isuzu Ascender SUVs. All of the vehicles are from the 2006 through 2009 model years. GM says the low-beam headlights or daytime running lamps could intermittently or permanently stop working. If that happens it increases the risk of a crash. The issue doesn't affect the high-beam headlights, fog lamps or turn signals. GM says it hasn't yet determined whether the defect has

caused any accidents. Dealers will replace the defective headlights for free. The recall is GM's 79th in North America this year. The automaker has recalled a record 30.4 million cars and trucks in the region. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: Bad news for close to 200 workers of a Central Oregon mill, whose roof collapsed two weeks ago under the weight of rain and snow. Officials with Woodgrain Millwork in Prineville have told state officials they have no plans to restart the facility. The Oregonian newspaper reports the Idaho-based company that operates the facility will keep about three dozen workers on at its Prineville pellet mill and fiberboard moulding plant. The announcement is a blow to the wood products industry in Crook County, where unemployment remains above ten percent. / ECONOMY: Cyber Monday appears to be morphing into Cyber Month. Retailers rolled out discounts and free shipping deals on Cyber Monday, with millions of Americans expected to log on and shop on their work computers, laptops and tablets after the busy holiday shopping weekend. But with retailers extending their online deals into "Cyber Week" and even "Cyber Month," early reports indicated shopping was less robust online compared with prior years. As of 6 p.m. ET, online sales rose just 8.1 percent compared with last year, according to IBM Digital Analytics. A year ago, Cyber Monday sales jumped 20.6 percent, according to IBM. It is still expected to be the biggest online shopping day again, as it has been each year since 2010. That is good news for retailers after a Thanksgiving weekend that saw fewer shoppers and lower spending than last year, according to some estimates. Mobile traffic, which includes smartphones and tablets, has accounted for nearly 39 percent of all online traffic, compared with 30 percent a year ago. Average order value was \$133.07, flat with 2013. ; Falling gas prices and incentives such as zero-percent financing are persuading people to buy cars. Chrysler and General Motors both posted sales gains last month. Chrysler says its U.S. sales rose 20 percent last month for its best November in 13 years. GM sales rose 6 percent. Pickups and SUVs were among the top sellers for both. / CRIME, SAFETY: The stepmother of a missing Portland boy is asking a Lane County judge to change her name. Terri Moulton Horman says she want to start a new life and avoid the stigma attached to the disappearance of Kyron Horman. The boy vanished in June of 2010 at the age of seven after she dropped him off at school. The Register-Guard reports the request is scheduled to be considered at a Dec. 11 court hearing Eugene. Terri Moulton Horman made a similar request in August in Douglas County. The judge denied her request, saying he didn't think it was in the public interest. Kyron's biological parents suspect the woman was involved in Kyron's disappearance but she has never been charged. She's asking to be known as Claire Kisiel. Kisiel was her birth name. /

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SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon State Police say three people died when a pickup rolled 300 feet down a steep ravine in a remote section of Lane County. Lt. Josh Brooks says five people were in the vehicle Tuesday morning when it veered off Siuslaw River Road. Two passengers survived and flagged down help. Investigators have yet to determine the cause of the crash, which occurred amid thick fog. The names of the victims have not been released. Brooks says the five occupants were on their way to work. Because of the steep angle of the ravine, the search and rescue team from the county sheriff's office helped recover the bodies. The two surviving passengers walked back up to the roadway and summoned help. Investigators said the occupants worked together and were heading to work at the time of the crash. The Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team responded to assist with the recovery of the bodies due to the steep angle of the ravine. Troopers anticipate an extended period while next of kin are notified. ; On Tuesday at approximately 5:25 A.M., Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers and Oregon Department of Transportation officials responded to a commercial vehicle crash on Highway 58 near milepost 78 on Willamette Pass. Preliminary investigation indicates icy roads may have been a factor as a semi-tractor pulling double trailers lost control and one trailer separated then tipped over, blocking the roadway. The semi was reportedly hauling cargo that may have included a hazardous material. Troopers have confirmed no Hazardous Material substance was released as a result of this crash. The highway was closed for several hours. ; On Tuesday at approximately 10:26 A.M., Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers were dispatched to a report of a single vehicle fatal traffic crash on Highway 42 near milepost 45 in Coos County. Preliminary investigation indicates that a white, 1999 Ford F-350 pickup, driver name withheld pending next of kin notification, was eastbound on Highway 42 near milepost 45, negotiating a curve when for unknown reasons it left the roadway and struck a guardrail. The pickup ultimately went over the guardrail and down an embankment coming to rest adjacent to the Coquille River. The driver of the pickup died at the scene. The cause of the crash and safety belt use are undetermined at this time. The vehicle did not reach the river. / **ECONOMY:** U.S. businesses hired at a solid pace last month, according to a private survey, a signal that Friday's November jobs report from the government will likely also show strength. Payroll processor ADP says companies added 208,000 jobs in November, the third straight month that hiring has topped 200,000. The figures suggest that businesses remain confident enough in the economy and their customer demand to add workers despite

sluggish growth overseas. The ADP numbers cover only private businesses and sometimes diverge from the government's more comprehensive report, which includes government agencies. Economists forecast that the government's figures will show that employers added 225,000 jobs in November, according to a survey by financial data provider FactSet. The unemployment rate is expected to decline to 5.7 percent from 5.8 percent. / HEALTH, SAFETY: NBC News medical reporter Nancy Snyderman is apologizing for violating her quarantine for Ebola exposure, saying she failed to appreciate how frightened Americans were of the disease. The veteran medical correspondent spoke with Matt Lauer on the "Today" show Wednesday before reporting on her first story in a month and a half, about women and depression. NBC had kept her off the air following an angry reaction to her leaving her house when she had been asked to quarantine herself after she covered Ebola in Africa, where an NBC cameraman came down with the disease. Snyderman told Lauer she was very sorry for scaring her New Jersey community and the country as a whole. Snyderman said, "good people can make mistakes." / SAFETY, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: A defiant Takata Corp. told a U.S. safety agency that its demand for a nationwide air bag recall isn't supported by evidence, and the government doesn't have authority to tell a parts maker to do a recall. The company laid out its position in a Tuesday letter to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration obtained by The Associated Press, rejecting the agency's recall demand. It sets the stage for a confrontation at a House subcommittee hearing on the matter Wednesday morning. A week ago, the agency gave Takata until Tuesday to declare its driver's air bag inflators defective and begin a recall. It threatened civil fines and legal action if Takata didn't comply. The inflators can explode with too much force, spewing shrapnel into the passenger compartment. ; Honda says it will expand a recall of cars with Takata driver's side air bags to all 50 states. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: The House today plans to pass a bill that would extend a \$45 billion package of expired tax breaks through the end of the year. It would then go to the Senate. The bill would enable millions of businesses and individuals to claim the tax breaks on their 2014 returns, and the White House has signaled its support. / TERRORISM: Secretary of State John Kerry says the global fight against Islamic State militants will likely take years to fully succeed, but nations are ready to engage "for as long as it takes" to defeat the bloody insurgency. Diplomats from more than 60 countries and international organizations are in Brussels to plot a way forward against what has become one of the world's worst terror threats. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: India is marking the 30th anniversary of the Bhopal gas leak that killed an estimated 15,000 people and affected at least 500,000 more. On Dec. 3, 1984, a pesticide plant run by Union Carbide leaked about 40 tons of a deadly gas into the air, and the tragedy remains an open wound in India, where many consider Union Carbide's \$470 million settlement with the government an insult. Some Indians are protesting today, and are demanding harsher punishments for those responsible and more compensation. / ECONOMY, EDUCATION: The College Football Playoff committee has rewarded TCU while keeping Ohio State on the outside looking in. Alabama is No. 1 and Oregon is second for the third straight week. The Horned Frogs have leaped to No. 3 in the rankings, one spot ahead of unbeaten Florida State. TCU finishes its regular season at home Saturday against Iowa State, which is winless in the Big 12. The Seminoles are still in position to reach the national semifinals if they can win Saturday's ACC

championship game against No. 11 Georgia Tech. Ohio State is fifth after losing Heisman Trophy-contending quarterback J.T. Barrett to a broken ankle last week. Committee chairman Jeff Long insisted the committee did not factor in Barrett's injury this week but will when the final rankings come out Sunday. /

ENVIRONMENT: The U.N. weather agency says this year is currently tied for the hottest on record. And it says all signs indicate the world keeps getting warmer. The World Meteorological Organization says the global average temperature through the end of September was a little more than 1 degree Fahrenheit above average, tying 2010. / **ELECTIONS:** Oregon election officials are beginning a hand recount on a ballot measure that would require labels for genetically modified foods. Workers in most of the state's 36 counties began the tally of more than 1.5 million ballots on Tuesday. They have until Dec. 12 to finish. The first tally showed Measure 92 was defeated by less than a tenth of a percentage point following the most expensive campaign in state history. Advocates on both sides of the issue spent nearly \$30 million combined. The recount is conducted by four-person "counting boards" appointed by the county clerk. The counters must be registered Oregon voters, and no two of them can be members of the same political party. One voter supporting the measure and one against are allowed to observe. Lane County elections officials have close to 150,000 ballots to count. They've assembled 11 teams of elections workers, four people on each team, all from diverse political backgrounds. / **EDUCATION, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH:** Both sides in a graduate teaching assistants' strike at the University of Oregon have agreed to meet Thursday at the invitation of a state mediator. The Register-Guard reports that state mediator Janet Gillman has called for that meeting between teaching assistant bargaining team members and university bargainers. The teaching assistants walked out Tuesday after contract talks stalled over medical and maternity leave benefits. The strike came near the end of the fall term. The university said it has an academic continuity plan in place. / **ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is expanding a program that allows Oregon ranchers to make improvements to help declining populations of sage grouse, in return for assurances they won't face further restrictions if the species is listed under the Endangered Species Act. The service started the program in Harney County, and on Tuesday formally proposed expanding it to Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Lake, Malheur and southern Union counties. Service spokesman Brent Lawrence says the proposal goes through a 30-day public comment period and could become final by January or February. Greater sage grouse populations have dropped sharply in recent decades due to disease, pressure from the energy industry, wildfires and other factors. The service is to decide whether to list them by September 2015. / **CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY:** Members of a group called Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America have presented Fred Meyer with a petition asking that it stop allowing customers to openly carry guns in its stores. The Oregonian reports that a petition bearing more than 18,000 signatures was delivered Tuesday to Fred Meyer headquarters in Portland. Moms Demand Action spokesman Taylor Maxwell says the company received signatures from only the states where Fred Meyer operates. Anneliese Davis of Portland volunteers with the Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action. She says the group hopes to change gun policies at businesses where families shop and help business owners realize that they can ban guns from their premises. She says she comes from a "gun-owning, hunting

family." Fred Meyer spokeswoman Melinda Merrill says company policy is to follow local laws. Of the petition, Merrill says, "We're hearing what this group is saying." /

CRIME, SAFETY: A Lane County Jail inmate in Eugene, Oregon, is accused of injuring four deputies. The Register-Guard reports that 52-year-old Harry D. Brown of Eugene was arrested Friday for investigation of second-degree criminal trespass. Deputies told Brown to come out of his cell to attend an interview with a pre-trial services officer. Sheriff's spokeswoman Sgt. Carrie Carver says he became agitated and was escorted to an area away from the jail's main holding room. Carver says four deputies were injured while trying to subdue him there. She declined to describe how the deputies were injured or how severely they were hurt. ;

Police officers patrolled Beaverton High School on Tuesday morning to ease the minds of parents and students worried about social media threats. Authorities say two students made Instagram posts last week that threatened violence Tuesday. Police said they soon determined the students didn't have access to weapons, and the threats weren't credible. Principal Anne Erwin told The Oregonian the students were not in school Tuesday and will be disciplined. It was the first day of classes after the Thanksgiving break. Erwin says she's been aware of the posts for some time, and last week they turned from insulting to threatening. She says they got a larger audience when one was tweeted on Monday, raising concern among students and parents. Police say their investigation could lead to criminal charges. /

MINORITIES, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama will announce today an initiative aimed at improving conditions and opportunities for Native American young people. More than a third of them live in poverty. The program focuses on better preparing young American Indians for college and careers, and developing leadership skills through the Department of Education and the Aspen Institute's Center for Native American Youth. Members of the president's staff also plan to visit reservations next year. ;

Americans with disabilities could benefit from a bill about to be passed that stands out for its massive support in a bitterly divided Congress. The bill would allow Americans with disabilities to open tax-sheltered bank accounts to pay for certain long-term expenses — the broadest legislation to help the disabled in a quarter-century. The House is expected to vote today and the Senate soon after. /

WOMEN, HEALTH: The Supreme Court hears arguments today in a pregnancy discrimination case that could affect many American working women who get pregnant. The case involves the legality of United Parcel Service's refusal to grant light duty to a pregnant driver. UPS says it was within the law in 2006. The company plans to voluntarily grant light duty to pregnant women starting next year. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A former California senator says federal regulators need to reassess whether nuclear power plants can sustain an earthquake. In testimony to be submitted to a Senate panel today, Sam Blakeslee, who's also a geophysicist, argues that public safety demands closer scrutiny of Diablo Canyon's twin reactors, located between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and PG&E have long defended Diablo Canyon's safety. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **CRIME, SAFETY:** The Register-Guard is reporting that Lane County prosecutors have charged a 30-year-old Veneta woman with criminal homicide in a Springfield hit-and-run that killed a 67-year-old man. Police say they believe Isabel Gloria McDaniel hit the pedestrian, then drove 11 blocks with him on the top of her car before removing him and leaving him to die on the street. Her husband, Gary Louis McDaniel, has been cited for tampering with evidence. The victim had been crossing a Springfield intersection with his adult son at 54th and Main Streets Thursday evening. / **TERRORISM:** Officials in northwest Pakistan says the battle against Taliban gunmen inside a military-run school in Peshawar is winding down. Militants stormed the school this morning. At least 126 people have been killed, the overwhelming majority children and teenagers. Local hospitals have been flooded with wounded, as terrified parents search for their children. The Taliban say the attack is revenge for the deaths of Taliban members at the hands of Pakistani authorities. ; The two Australians killed in a hostage incident in a Sydney cafe are being hailed for their courage following unconfirmed reports that both sacrificed themselves to save their fellow hostages. Tori Johnson was the manager of the Lindt Chocolat Cafe where the 16-hour siege unfolded. The 34-year-old reportedly brought the siege to a head by grabbing the hostage-taker's gun. Katrina Dawson was a mother of three. The 38-year-old lawyer is said to have been shielding a pregnant friend when she was hit. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** The United Nations' top official for dealing with natural disasters says the world is not ready for the extreme weather of the future. Margareta Wahlstrom says with early warning systems now in place, the world is better prepared than it was a decade ago to face calamities like the Indian Ocean tsunami. But she says extreme weather has noticeably increased in recent years, and disasters that go beyond what a country can cope with are now an issue for every country, not just poor ones. ; A storm that unleashed much-needed rain on parts of Northern California is headed south along the West Coast. The National Weather Service says an average of an inch to 2 inches of rain fell Monday in the Bay Area and Sacramento regions. A cold front is expected to bring rain and mountain snow Tuesday and Wednesday to Southern California before a second storm triggers more showers across California later in the week. The storms won't be nearly as powerful as the blast that dumped as much as 8 inches of rain in parts of Northern California last week and up to 6 feet of snow in the high elevations of the Sierra Nevada. And while the storms help, much more rain is needed to pull the state out of its severe drought. / **ECONOMY:** The price of oil continues to drop and that's

weighing on stocks again. The price of benchmark U.S. crude is down again, at one point trading near \$54 a barrel in New York. That's a drop of almost 50 percent since oil peaked at \$107 a barrel in June. The Dow, the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq composite all opened the trading day lower, but the Dow and the S&P have been edging into positive territory. ; The Russian ruble has regained some ground after declining by a whopping 20 percent earlier in the day. The drop extends yesterday's plunge of 10 percent and comes despite Russia's central bank surprise interest rate increase to 17 percent. The ruble has been trading around 72 per dollar— more than 60 percent lower than it was January. The plunge in oil prices and Western sanctions over Ukraine have been putting pressure on the currency. ; Construction of new homes fell slightly last month. The Commerce Department says builders started construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.03 million homes and apartments last month. The weakness came from a 5.4 percent fall in construction of single-family homes which offset a 6.7 percent rise in the more volatile apartment sector. ; Qatar's energy minister says OPEC is monitoring the drop in oil prices closely following a months-long slide that has left crude trading at its lowest point in more than five years. The 12-member OPEC cartel decided to keep its production target unchanged at its most recent meeting late last month. Analysts say OPEC members are content to deal with lower sales if they're able to preserve their market share and perhaps force newer competitors, including shale oil producers here in the U.S., to curtail their drilling because of increasingly slender profit margins. Oil prices settled Monday below \$56 a barrel, their lowest price since the U.S. was still in recession in the spring of 2009. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A federal court hearing will take place next week on Portland's efforts to stop the ride-hailing service Uber from operating in the city. The Oregonian reports that Portland is seeking nearly \$68,000 in fines. Uber spokeswoman Eva Behrend has said the company will continue to operate in Portland. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation say four stretches of road that had higher-than-average crash rates have seen big improvements in safety. ODOT has removed "safety corridor" status from the four highways, including a stretch of Oregon Highway 34 between Tangent and Corvallis. Six other safety corridors remain. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Trying to head off a new round of consumer headaches with President Barack Obama's health care law, the insurance industry says it will give customers more time to pay their premiums for January. America's Health Insurance Plans, the main industry trade group, says the voluntary steps include a commitment to promptly refund any overpayments by consumers who switched plans and may have gotten double-billed by mistake. The health care law offers subsidized private insurance to people who don't have a health plan on the job. Midnight was the deadline for new customers in most states to pick a health plan to take effect January 1st. It was also the deadline for current enrollees to make changes that could reduce premium increases before the new year—although the administration announced a last-minute extension for some people unable to get through to the jammed federal call center. Renewing coverage each year is standard operating procedure for the industry, but 2015 is the first renewal year for the health law. The process involves a massive electronic data transfer from the government to insurers, happening right around the holidays. Insurers then have to use that data to generate new cards for their customers. Normally, premiums

for January would be due by Dec. 31. The industry's grace period for 2015 could vary among different carriers, so if you're affected you should check with your plan. Insurers say they also will help customers who have problems filling prescriptions or getting medical care at the start of the year. Open enrollment actually runs for another two months, until February 15th. People enrolling by that date will get coverage starting March 1st. Current customers can still make plan changes through February 15th. Based on early numbers, it's looking like the majority of the roughly 6.7 million current customers have opted to stay with the plans they have now and be automatically renewed January 1st.

/ COMMUNITY, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME: Santa drives a Chevy (who knew?) Santa is delivering socks and hats donated by Guaranty Chevrolet and RV employees and customers to the First Place Family Center later today. Guaranty Chevrolet and RV, a local, family-owned business and landmark in Junction City, has sponsored a sock and hat drive for many years, collecting this necessary cold weather item year-round from their customers and staff. 1,200 pairs of socks and 100 hats will be given to those in need. First Place is the "first place" for families who are low income, at-risk of losing their homes or in transition between homes due to job loss, health issues, or other life crises. Any item that meets a basic need (toiletries, diapers, feminine hygiene supplies, dish and laundry soap) is appreciated at First Place. Donations can be dropped off during business hours.

/ MILITARY, VETERANS: Today marks the 70th anniversary of one of the biggest and bloodiest U.S. battles in World War II – The Battle of the Bulge. Starting on Dec. 16, 1944, and for nearly six weeks, more than 600,000 American soldiers, fighting in freezing conditions in Belgium and often hungry and dog-tired, took part in desperate efforts to contain, then throw back, a surprise German counteroffensive masterminded by Adolf Hitler himself. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill hailed the ultimate result as "an ever-famous American victory." But it came at a high cost: 80,987 U.S. casualties, including 10,276 dead, 47,493 wounded and 23,218 missing, according to the U.S. Army's official history. Total German casualties are estimated at 81,834, including 12,652 dead and 30,582 missing. After the end of the battle, on Jan. 28, 1945, Allied forces attacked Germany in unison, eventually leading to the Nazi surrender and the end of World War II in Europe. In the town of Bastogne, where soldiers of the 101st Airborne held out despite being cut off and surrounded, shops and windows were decorated Saturday with American and Belgian flags. One local restaurant posted a drawing of an American flag and the message "thank you."

/ ECONOMY, POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: Lane and Douglas and many other Oregon timber counties might be out tens of millions of dollars. But a Michigan boot-maker, potato farmers and more than 1,200 contractors that supply parts for a next-generation fighter plane are among the many winners in the \$1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill passed by Congress. The travel and tourism industry won a six-year renewal of the Corporation for Travel Promotion, or Brand USA, to promote tourism in the United States. Supporters of manufacturers added a provision that would create public-private partnerships to accelerate the transition of new technologies from basic research to commercial applications. The items were widely supported but had failed to advance in a Congress beset by feuding and stalemate. So they caught a ride on the unstoppable omnibus measure, the last major bill coming from Capitol Hill this year.

/ TERRORISM, ECONOMY: A lawyer representing Sony Pictures Entertainment is warning news organizations to not publish details of company

files leaked by hackers. The Sony material includes studio financial records, employment files and what already has been revealed as salacious gossip by Hollywood executives about President Barack Obama and some of the industry's big stars and upcoming films. Sensitive material from the Sony hack is being leaked almost daily, including email exchanges and an early screenplay. /

HEALTH, FAMILY, EDUCATION: The government's annual drug use survey finds that electronic cigarettes have surpassed traditional smoking in popularity among teens. The National Institutes of Health report says tobacco smoking by teens dropped to new lows. Just 4 percent of eighth-graders said they had smoked a traditional cigarette in the previous month, but nearly 9 percent said they'd used an e-cigarette. And use increased with age. Seventeen percent of high school seniors said they'd used an e-cigarette. Researchers call the popularity of e-cigarettes surprising. University of Michigan professor Lloyd Johnston leads the annual Monitoring the Future survey. He says he's worried that the progress made over the last two decades to cut smoking "could be reversed" by the introduction of e-cigarettes. The battery-powered devices often are described as a less dangerous alternative for regular smokers who can't or don't want to quit. They produce vapor infused with potentially addictive nicotine but without the same chemicals and tar of tobacco cigarettes. The survey didn't ask about repeat use, or whether teens were just experimenting with something new. /

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, SAFETY: A federal judge has scheduled a Dec. 23 hearing on the city of Portland's request for a restraining order to force online ridesharing business Uber to stop operating in Portland. The Oregonian reports that U.S. District Judge Michael Simon on Monday rejected the city's attempt to move its lawsuit against Uber back to Circuit Court. He ruled that Uber had "proven by a preponderance of the evidence" that it is an out-of-state company at risk of losing significant profits because of enforcement of local regulations. After issuing a cease-and-desist order, Portland transportation officials have hit the company with nearly \$68,000 in fines. Uber launched service in Portland on the night of Dec. 5. Portland's complaint contends the business violates rides-for-hire regulations. Uber spokeswoman Eva Behrend has said the company will continue to operate in Portland. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **ECONOMY:** Plunging gasoline costs caused U.S. consumer prices to drop in November, muting inflation across the entire economy. The Labor Department says the inflation reading fell 0.3 percent last month, after prices were flat in October. Gas costs plummeted 10.5 percent in November, the steepest decline in nearly six years. Core inflation, which excludes volatile energy and food prices, rose 0.1 percent in November. For the past 12 months, overall inflation has risen 1.3 percent while core inflation has increased 1.7 percent. Both annual gains are well below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent inflation target. This gives Fed officials who end their policy meeting Wednesday afternoon significant leeway to keep a key interest rate at near zero, which helps infuse the economy with capital to boost economic growth and hiring. ; The state Employment Department says a large increase in jobs in November has pushed Oregon employment totals above the peak reached before the Great Recession. The agency said Tuesday that seasonally adjusted payroll figures for the month were 3,000 greater than in December 2007. Total employment is estimated at more than 1.7 million. The estimate for November's gains was 11,200 — the largest one-month gain since 1990, when comparable records started Those monthly figures frequently are revised later. On Tuesday, for example, the agency cut its estimate of 9,900 new jobs in October by 2,500. Jobs gains have not reduced the Oregon unemployment rate, which has been hovering around 7 percent for months. That's because as the economy improves, people who hadn't been looking for jobs rejoin the labor force. The U.S. economy is doing better, and the Federal Reserve may be ready to acknowledge that fact. Analysts are expecting the Fed will drop its promise to keep interest rates low for a "considerable time" when it issues a statement at the conclusion of its latest policy meeting this afternoon. While dropping the language would be viewed as a signal that the Fed is moving closer to an interest rate hike, no immediate change in monetary policy is expected. ; Only small fries with that? McDonald's in Japan has begun limiting the serving size of fries. It says prolonged labor negotiations with port workers on the West Coast have made it difficult to meet demand despite an emergency airlift of 1,000 tons of potatoes and another extra shipment by sea. Japanese consume more than 300,000 tons of french fries a year, mostly at fast-food restaurants, and largely made from imports of frozen, processed potatoes. Domestic production has been declining for years, while imports have risen. McDonald's has 3,100 outlets in Japan. It also cut prices for set meals to compensate for including only small fries. / **TERRORISM:** President Barack Obama is offering U.S. assistance to Australia after the Sydney hostage

crisis. The president called Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott Monday night. The White House also says Obama praised the Australian public's embrace of the hashtag #Illridewithyou — offering to ride public transportation with anyone wearing religious garments who feared they would be harassed after the hostage situation. The hostage taker was a 50-year-old Iranian-born, self-styled cleric whom investigators said had a series of criminal and mental health issues. He was killed along with two hostages when police rushed in to free the captives. ; The Taliban massacre that killed 148 people, mostly children, at a military-run school in northwestern Pakistan left a scene of heart-wrenching devastation for a nation whose period of national mourning and mass funerals for the victims got underway this morning. The attack at the Army Public School and College in the city of Peshawar was the deadliest slaughter of innocents in the country and horrified a nation already weary of unending terrorist assaults. Prayer vigils were held across Pakistan and in other schools, students spoke of their shock at the brutal slayings. The attack drew swift condemnation from around the world. Even Taliban militants in neighboring Afghanistan decried the killing spree, calling it "un-Islamic." The Pakistani Taliban group said the attack was revenge for a military offensive against their safe havens in the northwest, along the border with Afghanistan, which began in June. Pakistan's Prime Minister pledged to step up the campaign that - along with U.S. drone strikes - has targeted the militants. Several funerals were held overnight, but most of the victims are being buried today. ; Amid threats of violence against movie theaters nationwide, this week's New York premiere of the movie comedy, "The Interview," was canceled. It's the latest development in the wake of the hacking of emails and confidential documents at Sony Pictures. The fallout that began with the hack four weeks ago expanded yesterday after the shadowy group claiming credit for the online intrusion escalated its attack beyond corporate espionage and threatened moviegoers with violence reminiscent of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, if they went to see the film. The Department of Homeland Security said there was "no credible intelligence to indicate an active plot against movie theaters," but noted it was still analyzing messages from the group. Those security fears spurred Sony to allow theater chains to cancel showings of the Seth Rogen and James Franco comedy that has been the focus of the hackers' mission to bring down the movie studio. The hackers have also reportedly released another trove of data files including 32,000 emails to and from Sony Entertainment CEO Michael Lynton in what it called the beginning of a, quote, "Christmas gift." And two former Sony film production workers have filed lawsuits alleging the California company waited too long to notify nearly 50,000 employees that data such as Social Security numbers, salaries and medical records had been stolen. /

POLITICS: The 113th Congress has wrapped up its work and left Washington, D.C., for the last time, capping two years of infrequent legislating that was overshadowed by partisan clashes, gridlock and investigations. Only a few more than 200 bills became law during the past two years, according to congressional data. That was the fewest since at least 1947 and 1948, when what President Harry Truman dubbed "the do-nothing Congress" enacted more than 900 laws. Across-the-board spending cuts designed to be so painful that they would force the two parties to negotiate deficit reduction took effect anyway, attempts to overhaul the tax code went nowhere, and each chamber passed a budget that the other ignored. Efforts to revamp the immigration system, tighten gun buyers'

background checks and force work on the Keystone XL oil pipeline all foundered as the Republican-run House and Democratic-led Senate check-mated each other's priorities. The partisan impasse, including a split between conservative tea party lawmakers and more mainstream GOP leaders, helped spark the 16-day partial government shutdown. The House voted more than 50 times to kill or weaken Obama's 2010 health care law. It voted to block the administration from curbing carbon emissions from coal-fired plants and protecting streams and wetlands from pollution, to deport many immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and to ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. None of these bills cleared the Senate. The Senate voted on bills raising the federal minimum wage, pressing employers to pay women the same as men, letting students refinance college loans and extending jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed. All died. /

HEALTH, SAFETY: Two co-founders and 12 other former employees of a Massachusetts compounding pharmacy blamed for a fungal meningitis outbreak that killed 64 people in 2012 were arrested early this morning. The exact charges are expected to be disclosed at a news conference later today. The co-founders of the New England Compounding Center were among 14 people arrested in connection with the investigation into tainted steroids manufactured by the pharmacy. About 750 people in 20 states developed meningitis or other infections after receiving the contaminated steroids. The pharmacy gave up its license and filed for bankruptcy protection after it was flooded with hundreds of lawsuits filed by victims and their families. /

POLITICS, ELECTIONS: It's official: Jeb Bush has his eye on the presidency. With just a few words, the former Florida governor yesterday stepped further into the 2016 Republican presidential contest than potential rivals, declaring he will "actively explore the possibility of running." The son and brother of presidents, Bush is the early favorite of the Republican establishment wing. For months, while other GOP prospects were in motion around the country, Bush largely avoided prominent political gatherings, instead pitching his education ideas to policy audiences and showing what he called "a little self-restraint" about his ambitions. That began to change recently, and is destined to change more now. ; Eugene mayor Kitty Piercy ended any speculation yesterday. The Register-Guard reports the three-term incumbent says she will not run for re-election. That's set off speculation about who will be among the mayoral candidate in 2016 to replace Piercy. /

ECONOMY, POLITICS: The United States is making its most significant shift in U.S. policy toward Cuba in decades. According to U.S. officials, the two countries will be starting talks about normalizing diplomatic relations. The announcement comes amid a series of new confidence-building measures between the longtime foes. Those steps include the release of American Alan Gross, who has been jailed in Cuba for five years. As part of the secret negotiations to secure his release, the U.S. is freeing three Cubans who were jailed in Florida for spying. Gross was arrested in Cuba while he was working to set up Internet access there. It was his fifth trip to Cuba to work with Jewish communities on setting up Internet access that bypassed local censorship. The U.S. move toward better relations with Cuba isn't sitting well with some American foes of the Cuban regime. Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida says the two nations are moving toward normalized banking and trade ties, and that the U.S. is poised to open an embassy in Havana in the coming months. But Rubio says, "This is going to do absolutely nothing to further human rights and democracy in Cuba." And he warns that it "potentially goes a long way in providing

the economic lift that the Castro regime needs to become permanent fixtures in Cuba for generations to come." / EDUCATION: The University of Oregon's new, independent board of trustees is considering a big bump in compensation for a new university president. The Eugene Register-Guard reports the board plans to start recruiting after the first of the year, and members are trying to figure out how to structure a package that might range from \$600,000 to \$800,000 a year. The former president, Michael Gottfredson, was paid \$544,000, including deferred compensation. He resigned in August, a little more than a month after the new board took over from the State Board of Higher Education. Board members say they'll have to offer more to get candidates who might already be running an organization. But a faculty representative on the board says administrators' pay is rising faster than that for teachers and others. / CRIME, SAFETY, EDUCATION: An Albany, Oregon, woman who called in three bomb threats to elementary schools has persuaded a federal judge to sentence her to a longer prison term that prosecutors recommended. The Register-Guard reports that 47-year-old Jenelle Pinkston told U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken on Tuesday that the government's recommended 24-month sentence wouldn't give her enough time to take full advantage of prison medical and mental health treatment programs. Aiken granted her request and imposed a 37-month sentence. Pinkston has served nearly 19 months in county jail since her arrest, so she will have about 18 months left on her sentence. The court was told that Pinkston has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from incidents dating back to her childhood. The woman was arrested in June 2013 after calling in two hoax bomb threats to Waverly Elementary School and another to Periwinkle Elementary School in Albany. In all three incidents, hundreds of students were evacuated. No bombs were found. / EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon State University is offering \$175,000 for algorithms to help marine scientists sort tens of millions of plankton photos. The university's Hatfield Marine Science Center announced the National Data Science Bowl on Monday for the best "big data" approach to catalog the photos. The Oregonian reports it's a job would take human hands two lifetimes to finish. Data crunchers have 90 days. Authors of the top three algorithms will share the \$175,000 purse. The consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton and crowdsourcing platform Kaggle are co-sponsoring the competition with OSU. The plankton photos come from an 18-day expedition OSU scientists took last summer in the Straits of Florida. / ECONOMY, POLITICS: President Barack Obama has signed a massive \$1.1 trillion spending bill that keeps the government operating over the next nine months. The legislation was a bipartisan compromise that angered liberals and conservatives alike but avoided a government shutdown and put off partisan clashes over immigration to next year. Ensuring a debate over immigration, though, the legislation only finances the Homeland Security Department until Feb. 27. The bill was one of the last acts of Congress under the current Republican House and Democratic-controlled Senate. In January, the new Congress will return with Republicans in charge of both chambers. The spending bill retains cuts negotiated in previous budget battles and rolls back some banking regulations. But it retains spending for Obama's health care law and pays for the administration's fight against Ebola. ; President Barack Obama is expected to sign a massive tax package that will allow banks, retailers, commuters and teachers to keep their temporary tax breaks for another year. Taxpayers will be able to claim the breaks in their 2014 tax returns, but beyond this year, their fate will once again

be uncertain. Congressional estimates say the package would add nearly \$42 billion to the budget deficit over the next decade. / ECONOMY, POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell says approving the Keystone XL pipeline will top the Senate agenda in January. The issue could set up an early 2015 veto confrontation with President Barack Obama. Congressional Republicans have been pushing for approval of the pipeline for years. Obama has resisted because of environmental concerns. The pipeline would carry tar sands oil from Canada into the United States and eventually to the Texas Gulf Coast. The Republican-led House has repeatedly passed legislation approving the pipeline. But the bills have died in the Democratic-controlled Senate. Republicans will take control of the Senate in January, and McConnell said approving the pipeline will be the first issue on the agenda. McConnell said the pipeline would create jobs. ; President Barack Obama is withdrawing Alaska's Bristol Bay from consideration for oil and gas drilling. The decision announced Tuesday under the federal Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act means no leases will be sold for petroleum drilling in the area. The bay provides 40 percent of America's wild seafood and supports up to \$2 billion in commercial fishing every year. Obama says in a video announcement that the natural resource is too precious to be put out to the highest bidder. Bristol Bay is north of the Alaska Peninsula, which juts out west from mainland Alaska at the start of the Aleutian Islands chain. Alaska's Republican U.S. senator, Lisa Murkowski, says the petroleum industry hasn't shown interest in the region and she's not objecting to the president's decision at this time. / HEALTH, POLITICS: The Obama administration says sign-ups under the president's health care law surged last week, driven by a deadline for Jan. 1 coverage. Health and Human Services officials say more than 1 million people picked a plan from Dec. 6 through Dec. 12, bringing the total to nearly 2.5 million. Those numbers are partial, covering 37 states served by HealthCare.gov. Statistics for states running their own websites will be reported later. Sign-up season runs through Feb. 15, but Monday was the deadline to pick a new plan, or switch existing coverage, in time for the start of 2015. Although HealthCare.gov is working far better, the federal call center experienced long wait times. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Pennsylvania's highest court is upholding a \$151 million verdict in favor of employees at Wal-Mart and Sam's Club who say they were forced to work through their breaks. The Philadelphia Inquirer says Monday's decision affects 187,000 people who worked for Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. between 1998 and 2006. Wal-Mart says it thinks the case should not have been a class action lawsuit and it's considering a federal appeal. The lawsuit involved employees being off the time clock when they were supposed to be on break or being forced to skip breaks. Wal-Mart argued it was subject to "trial by formula." But a lawyer for the employees says individual pay records were analyzed and summarized. The justices sent the case back to a Philadelphia judge to recalculate attorneys' fees. / HEALTH: Restaurant drinkers who don't want to know how many calories are in their margarita or craft beer will have a way out: Avoid the menu and order at the bar. New menu labeling rules from the Food and Drug Administration will require chain restaurants with 20 or more outlets to list calories in alcoholic drinks on menus by next November. But the rules don't apply to drinks ordered at the bar or any drinks that aren't listed on the main menu. And unlike other beverages and foods, most bottles and cans don't have to list full nutritional information. After years of lobbying for more

nutritional information on alcoholic beverages, public health advocates say the menu labeling rules are a first step. ; Colorado is poised to award more than \$8 million to research marijuana to treat diseases, a step toward addressing complaints that little is known about pot's medical potential. The grants to be awarded by the state Board of Health are going to studies on whether marijuana helps treat epilepsy, brain tumors, Parkinson's disease and post-traumatic stress disorder. The awards are relatively small, but they represent a new frontier for marijuana research. That's because the Colorado grants are outside of the usual federal channels for approving marijuana research. Marijuana activists complain that the federal approval process has stymied research on marijuana's potential as medicine. Twenty-three states and Washington, D.C., allow marijuana use by people with various medical conditions. But under federal law, marijuana is considered a drug with no medical value. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A storm system developing over the Pacific is expected to bring heavy rain to the Pacific Northwest Saturday evening through Sunday. Forecasters with the National Weather Service say it looks like the heaviest rain will be in the north Oregon Coast Range and the northern Oregon Cascades. But this forecast is uncertain. Meteorologists will be keeping a close eye on the development of this storm. This is a classic atmospheric river event that could produce some areas of very heavy rain and the possibility of some flooding. Rainfall amounts are currently projected as 5 to 8 inches for the coast, Coast Range and Cascades, with 2 to 5 inches for valley locations. Snow levels will be high, well above pass level, for most of this event. If we get these amounts of rain or more, there will likely be flooding on area rivers and creeks Saturday night through Monday. / CRIME, SAFETY: A 30-year-old woman accused in connection with last week's fatal hit-and-run in Springfield now faces additional charges. The Register-Guard is reporting that prosecutors are now also charging Isabel Gloria McDaniel of Veneta with manslaughter and intoxicated driving on top of criminally negligent homicide, hit-and-run and evidence tampering. The hit-and-run occurred one week ago during the early evening at the intersection of 54th and Main Streets in Springfield. Officials accuse McDaniel of driving for 11 blocks with the 67-year-old victim on her vehicle before stopping to remove him and leaving him to die. The Register-Guard reports that Investigators say McDaniel is also suspected of fleeing a separate collision a short time before the fatal accident. / ECONOMY: Fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, a sign of solid job security and growing confidence among employers. The Labor Department says weekly unemployment benefits applications dropped to their lowest level since late October. The average number of applications has fallen nearly 13 percent in the past year, evidence, say officials, that the job market is improving. Companies are cutting fewer jobs as the economy expands and hiring has picked up. In the first 11 months of this year, employers have added 2.65 million jobs. That already makes 2014 the best year for hiring since 1999. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, LOW_INCOME: More than a fifth of the U.S. population – more than 66 million people – were receiving Medicaid physical health benefits during the third quarter of 2014. That's an increase of nine million from the year before, according to a report from the consulting firm PwC (formerly PricewaterhouseCoopers). MedPAge Today reports the increase was largely a result of states expanding eligibility for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, although it was slightly offset by an improving economic picture, which</p>

finds more Americans moving off public coverage into employer-sponsored health benefits. Not surprisingly, Medicaid enrollment growth was greatest in those states that underwent Medicaid eligibility expansion – including Oregon—while the 25 states that did not expand Medicaid had much more modest enrollment growth and a larger percentage of residents without health care coverage. /

TERRORISM, ECONOMY: A U.S. official says North Korea perpetrated an unprecedented act of cyberwarfare against Sony Pictures that exposed tens of thousands of sensitive documents and escalated to threats of terrorist attacks. That ultimately drove the studio to cancel all release plans for "The Interview," the film at the heart of the attack. The besieged company said it was canceling the Christmas Day release amid threats of violence against movie theaters and decisions by the largest multiplex chains in North America, one after another, to pull the film from its screens. One leading cybersecurity analyst says the attack is unprecedented and possibly the costliest for a U.S. company, ever. "The Interview," a comedy about the CIA recruiting two civilians in a plot to kill the leader of North Korea, cost about \$40 million to make. It was projected to gross \$30 million during its opening weekend. Now, Sony Pictures executives must decide what to do with the film—whether to release it at some point as a "video on demand" property or shelve it indefinitely. / **POLITICS, ECONOMY, FAMILY:** After a half-century of Cold War acrimony, the United States and Cuba moved yesterday to restore diplomatic relations - a historic shift that could revitalize the flow of money and people across the narrow waters that separate the two nations. President Barack Obama's dramatic announcement in Washington - seconded by Cuban President Raul Castro in Havana - was accompanied by a quiet exchange of imprisoned spies and the celebratory release of American Alan Gross, a government contract worker who had been held in Cuba for five years. And we learned during the course of the day that the shift in U.S.-Cuba policy was the culmination of 18 months of secret talks between the longtime foes that included a series of meetings in Canada and the personal involvement of Pope Francis at the Vatican. It also marked an extraordinary undertaking by Obama without Congress' authorization as he charts the waning years of his presidency. Obama's plans for remaking U.S. relations with Cuba are sweeping: He aims to expand economic ties, open an embassy in Havana, send high-ranking U.S. officials including Secretary of State John Kerry to visit and review Cuba's designation as a state sponsor of terrorism. The U.S. also is easing restrictions on travel to Cuba, including for family visits, official government business and educational activities. But tourist travel remains banned. Despite Obama's declaration, the Cuba embargo was passed by Congress, and only lawmakers can revoke it. That appears unlikely to happen soon given the largely negative response to Obama's actions from Republicans who will take full control of Capitol Hill in January. The financial impact on Cuba is unclear, though some American businesses welcomed the prospect of expanding into a new market. Tom Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said his organization stands "ready to assist as the Cuban people work to unleash the power of free enterprise to improve their lives." / **TERRORISM, CRIME:** Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has made his final court appearance before his trial begins next month. The courtroom was packed with FBI agents, police who worked on the case, and more than a dozen survivors and family members. Tsarnaev faces the possibility of the death penalty if he is convicted in the April 2013 bombings, which killed

three people and wounded more than 260. Jury selection for his federal trial begins Jan. 5. The judge made no rulings today. He says he will rule in writing on pending motions, including the defense's latest push to move the trial. /

ECONOMY: A pledge from the Federal Reserve to remain "patient" when deciding when to lift interest rates gave the stock market its biggest gain in more than a year yesterday. The S&Ps 500 index rose 40.15 points, or 2.04 percent, to 2,012.89. That was the biggest gain for the index since October 2013. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 288 points, or 1.7 percent, to 17,356.87. And the Nasdaq composite climbed 96.48 points, or 2.1 percent, to 4,644.31. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Ford says it's expanding a recall for faulty driver's side air bag inflators to the entire U.S. as demanded by the government. The move adds 447,000 Ford vehicles to the list of those recalled due to driver's inflators made by Japan's Takata Corp. The inflators can explode with too much force, spewing shrapnel into drivers and passengers. ; Taxi alternative Uber is responding to public concerns that its drivers are not adequately screened for past criminal convictions by promising to focus on rider safety. Uber's head of global safety wrote in a blog post Wednesday that in 2015 the company will "build new safety programs and intensify others." The initiatives will include new ways to screen drivers and the creation of teams that can rapidly respond to safety-related reports. The blog referenced a case in India in which a driver was accused of raping a passenger. It didn't mention a lawsuit filed by California prosecutors which says the company's safety checks of drivers fall short. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service is forecasting heavy rains and an increasing threat of flooding in much of northwestern Oregon. It comes as a long band of moisture stretching across the Pacific Ocean begins to arrive onshore. The latest forecasts for Friday night through Monday afternoon are for 8 to 12 inches of rain to the Cascades and foothills, 7 to 11 inches for the Coast Range, 5 to 7 inches along the coast, and 3 to 4 inches along the Interstate 5 corridor. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Chrysler is recalling nearly 257,000 older Ram pickup trucks because the rear axle can seize or the drive shaft can fall off. The recall covers Ram 1500 pickups from the 2005 model year. Chrysler says in documents posted Friday by U.S. safety regulators that the rear-axle pinion nut can come loose. That can cause problems that make the trucks spin out of control. The recall comes after an investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that began in June. The agency found 15 complaints, including seven drivers who reported that the wheels locked at speeds over 50 miles per hour. At the time, no crashes or injuries were reported. Dealers will install a fix at no cost to owners. The recall will begin in February. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Governor John Kitzhaber yesterday told elected officials that he intends to nominate Lynne Saxton as the next head of the Oregon Health Authority. Saxton will take over an agency at the center of controversy following the failure of the Cover Oregon health insurance website. Dr. Bruce Goldberg resigned as the agency's director earlier this year after a report pinned part of the Cover Oregon failure on poor state oversight. The Oregon Health Authority also oversees Medicaid, the state hospital, addiction programs and statewide public health work. Saxton, who faces Senate confirmation, is currently the executive director of Youth Villages Oregon, a social services group. She was on Kitzhaber's transition team after he was elected to a third term in 2010. Saxton is married Ron Saxton, a 2006 Republican candidate for governor. / CRIME, SAFETY, ECONOMY: A federal judge in Eugene went above the recommended three-year sentence in a plea deal and has sentenced Albany developer Joe LaCoste to five years in prison. The Register-Guard reports that when he gets out of prison, LaCoste must stay out of Lane, Linn, Benton and Marion counties. LaCoste was accused of stealing from investors—including those in a pair of unsuccessful Lane County projects—and was sentenced for conspiracy to commit securities fraud. LaCoste is a former Oregon State University football player and high school wrestling coach in Albany who started Willamette Development Services in the real estate boom. LaCoste and his partners took more than \$5 million from more

than 50 investors for real estate projects. But the company collapsed in 2008. /

ECONOMY: Stocks are coming off of two big gains on this final trading day of the week. The Dow industrials had their biggest surge in three years yesterday. It was the second-straight triple-digit gain for the Dow, after the Federal Reserve's reassurance that it is in no hurry to raise interest rates. So far today, European markets have been largely subdued, after Asian markets advanced. But one stock that suffered in Asia was Sony. Shares dropped as the hacking scandal rocked its American movies unit. ; Unemployment rates fell in 41 U.S. states in November and were unchanged in six more, reflecting healthy job gains across the country. The Labor Department says unemployment rates rose in only three states: Connecticut, Louisiana, and Washington state. Solid economic growth since the spring has encouraged more employers to step up hiring. The U.S. has added nearly 2.7 million jobs this year, the most since 1999. That has lowered unemployment rates in most of the country. North Dakota's 2.7 percent unemployment rate was lowest in the nation. Mississippi's 7.3 percent rate was the highest. The biggest job gains occurred in California, which added 90,100 jobs in November, followed by Florida, which gained 41,900. Texas added the third-most jobs, with 34,800. ; Major insurer MetLife Inc. says U.S. regulators have labeled it as a potential threat to the financial system, a designation that brings stricter government oversight. MetLife said Thursday that the Financial Stability Oversight Council has designated the company as "systemically important." As a result, MetLife must increase its cushion of capital against losses, limit its use of borrowed money and submit to inspections by examiners. MetLife will come under the supervision of the Federal Reserve. Its primary regulator now is New York state. In a statement, New York-based MetLife said it is "disappointed" in the decision and has given the regulators evidence showing it is not systemically important. MetLife was the third nonbank financial firm to be given the label by the council, a group of top regulators. ; The government is selling the last of its shares in Ally Financial Inc., the former financing arm of General Motors that was bailed out during the financial crisis. Detroit-based Ally says the Treasury Department is selling its remaining 54.9 million shares. That amounts to about an 11 percent stake in the company. At the close of trading Thursday, that would be worth about \$1.25 billion. Ally, formerly called GMAC Inc., received a \$17.2 billion bailout that began in 2008. It's now a standalone auto financing company and bank. Ally says that the government has received \$18.3 billion from its investment in the company. Ally went public in April and Treasury sold a chunk of its stake then. /

HEALTH, SAFETY: They've not had any reports in Oregon, but there have been some in Washington state and California. Health officials say pre-packaged caramel apples are linked to five deaths and more than two dozen illnesses in 10 states. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says investigators are trying to determine the specific brands that were involved. But in the meantime, consumers are being warned not to eat prepackaged caramel apples until more is known. The CDC says it knows of 28 cases in which people were sickened by a form of bacterial food poisoning known as listeria, with 26 hospitalized. They fell ill between Oct. 17 and Nov. 27. CDC officials say it's possible other illnesses have occurred since then. Two of the deaths were in Minnesota, according to state health officials. The CDC said the illnesses also occurred in Arizona, California, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin. /

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, SAFETY, POLITICS: Uber says it's

suspending operations in Portland, Oregon, for three months to work out its differences with city officials, less than two weeks after the ride-hailing app's launch was greeted with a lawsuit. Uber general manager Brooke Steger wrote in a blog post Thursday that Portland is working to update its regulations for private for-hire transportation that would allow Uber to operate. Mayor Charlie Hales said in a statement that a task force will make recommendations by mid-April on permits, pricing systems, insurance, and safety inspections, among other issues. The city sued Uber three days after its Dec. 5 launch, asking a judge to order the San Francisco-based company to cease operations. The city said Thursday that it's no longer seeking a restraining order. Uber will continue operating in the Portland suburbs. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: West Coast dockworkers and their employers don't appear to be close to agreeing on a new contract, nearly six months after their old deal expired. Longshoremen at 29 ports from San Diego to Seattle that handle billions of dollars of trade with Asia have continued to work without a contract. The two sides are meeting Thursday in San Francisco. The Pacific Maritime Association represents oceangoing shipping lines and the operators of cargo terminals at the ports that employ longshoremen. A spokesman for the association says the two sides "remain far apart on several issues." A spokesman for the dockworkers' union says its negotiators are eagerly awaiting a reply from the association on the union's latest proposal. / ECONOMY, SAFETY: The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that a ski resort's liability waiver cannot prevent a paralyzed snowboarder from suing. The justices ruled Thursday that it's not in the public interest to allow the Mount Bachelor resort's liability waiver to stand. The ruling sends the case back to the Deschutes County trial court. To win, the snowboarder will have to convince a jury that the ski resort was negligent in designing, building and maintaining the ski jump. Myles Bagley was 18 when he was injured at Mount Bachelor in 2006. He filed a lawsuit two years later seeking \$21.5 million. The trial court threw out his claim, and the appeal wound up in the Supreme Court. A ski resort lawyer says he's confident the resort will win at trial. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Nebraska and Oklahoma are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to declare Colorado's legalization of marijuana unconstitutional. Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning announced Thursday that the states are seeking a court order to prevent Colorado from enforcing a measure that was approved by voters in 2012. Bruning says Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt is also a party to the lawsuit. The complaint alleges that Colorado's Amendment 64 runs afoul of federal law. Washington state also has legalized marijuana, but Bruning says Nebraska isn't suing over that law because it doesn't share a border with Washington. Colorado Attorney General John Suthers says in a statement that the lawsuit is without merit. He says his office will vigorously defend the marijuana law in the U.S. Supreme Court. / TERRORISM, SAFETY: A congressional audit says the federal government isn't fully prepared to handle a nuclear terrorist attack or large-scale natural catastrophe. It finds that the government lacks effective coordination and in some cases is years away from ensuring adequate emergency shelter and medical treatment. The report by the Government Accountability Office was obtained by The Associated Press. It says the Federal Emergency Management Agency didn't always keep track of disaster efforts by agencies, even after Superstorm Sandy in 2012. The report says it would still take one to five years to develop a strategy to determine whether people were exposed to unsafe levels of radiation, and five to 10 years to plan for

a full medical response. Investigators say FEMA needs to set deadlines to ensure agencies fulfill the goals. / ECONOMY, TERRORISM: After 9/11, there was increased attention given to security at buildings, airports and other complexes. Now that Sony has been brought to its knees by a vast cyberattack, companies around the world are trying to tighten up their security to prevent hackers from getting at their computer systems — and the stuff on them. So far, the Sony hack has led to embarrassing information from interoffice emails being made public, a lawsuit from employees whose information was mined — and caused the studio to cancel a movie that could cost it hundreds of millions of dollars. One security firm says the Sony breach should be "a real wake-up call" — because in this case, the hacking was done with the aim of destroying a company, rather than financial gain. ; "The Interview" isn't the only film set in North Korea that is biting the dust. Fox is pulling the plug on "Pyongyang" — the adaptation of a novel. The movie is about an animator who goes to North Korea for work — and ends up being accused of being a spy. Director Gore Verbinski says he saw the project as a starring vehicle for Steve Carell. In a statement to the trade Web site Deadline, Verbinski says it's ironic that fear is eliminating the chance to tell stories that show how people can overcome fear. The director says the decision to pull the film is related to the fallout over the Sony hacking. ; So much for trying to substitute one comedy about North Korea for another. Some theaters had floated the idea of playing the 2004 movie "Team America: World Police" in place of "The Interview," which Sony pulled after a massive computer hack attack. But Paramount Pictures says it won't let the film be released. "Team America" is a puppet film that mocks North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. "The Interview" is a comedy that sees Seth Rogen and James Franco being recruited to kill Kim's son, the current North Korean leader, Kim Jong Un. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: The European Court of Justice says obesity can be a disability, a ruling that could have consequences for employers across the continent. The court ruled Thursday in the case of a Danish child-minder who says he was unfairly fired for being fat. The court said if obesity hinders "full and effective participation in professional life," it could count as a disability. Discrimination on the grounds of disability is illegal under European Union law. Karsten Kaltoft worked as a child-minder for 15 years for the Municipality of Billund in Denmark, before he was dismissed in 2010. Kaltoft, who weighed 350 pounds, says he was fired for being obese, a claim his employer contests. The court says it was for Danish courts to decide whether Kaltoft's obesity constituted a disability. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: US 101 will remain closed indefinitely to pedestrians, bicyclists, and all but emergency vehicles approximately 12 miles north of Florence in Lane County—just north of Heceta Head near the Hobbit trailhead. Heavy rains, an active landslide, and a failing retaining wall have resulted in damage to the roadway. State highway crews are taking steps to manage water accumulations near the roadway which can contribute to slide activity. Those steps, along with diminishing rainfall, may allow the road to be reopened to a single lane of traffic controlled by flaggers and a pilot car. Any decision on partially reopening the roadway will not be made until later today. In the meantime, travelers will have to choose an alternate route to the Central Coast, as there is no detour available. Northbound traffic is being turned around at Sea Lion Caves (MP 179.1). Southbound traffic is being turned around at the Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park (MP 176.3). High water areas at 5:30 a.m.: U.S. Highway 101, two miles south of Dunes City, Oregon Highway 36, one mile east of the Highway 126 Junction in Mapleton, two miles south of Veneta on Territorial, several spots along Highway 126 East, the McKenzie Highway and in Douglas County, on Oregon Highway 38, 17 miles east of Reedsport. The flooding on the Siuslaw River at Mapleton is easing. In fact, this morning's river gauge measurement puts the river level at 15.6 feet, well below the 22.8 foot stage it hit yesterday during some moderate flooding. That will also make it easier for vehicles to negotiate Oregon Highway 126 West at Cushman, where high river levels combined with weekend high tides pooled water under the railroad trestle, prompting officials to send flaggers to control traffic as it waded through the area and forcing lower-profile vehicles to wait until the water eased. The Umpqua near Elkton has crested. So, too, have the South and North Forks of the Coquille near Myrtle Point. But the Coquille near Coquille crests a bit later today—so it will remain in Moderate flood stage for probably another 24 hours. ; An Oregon Department of Transportation crew is finishing cleanup work today on a rockslide that's restricting traffic on Highway 99 near Canby. KGW reports the slide Sunday afternoon blocked three lanes and forced the closure of the highway for three hours. Fortunately none of the boulders hit cars. Crews cleared all but the one northbound left to open today. ODOT geologists also are assessing the damage. / CRIME, SAFETY, MINORITIES, CIVIL RIGHTS: Big-city police departments and union leaders around the country are warning their rank and file to wear bulletproof vests and avoid making inflammatory posts on social media in the days after a man ambushed and fatally shot two New York City Police officers who

were sitting inside their patrol car in a Brooklyn neighborhood. The slayings heightened safety fears about law enforcement officials nationwide. The gunman, 28-year-old Ismaaiyl Brinsley, had a long criminal record, a hatred for police and the government and an apparent history of mental instability. Investigators say the suspect ran to a nearby subway station and killed himself moments after the shootings. At a news conference in New York on Sunday, Chief of Detectives Robert Boyce detailed Brinsley's long criminal record, hatred for police and the government and apparent history of mental instability that included an attempt to hang himself a year ago. Hours before shooting the officers, police say Brinsley shot and wounded his ex-girlfriend at her home in Baltimore. Investigators are trying to determine if Brinsley had taken part in any protests over the deaths of Michael Brown and Eric Garner, whose names he invoked in an online threat, or simply latched onto the cause for the final act in a violent rampage. The slayings come at a tense time as police nationwide are being criticized following Garner's death in a New York officer's chokehold and Brown's fatal shooting in Ferguson, Missouri. Protests erupted in recent weeks after grand juries declined to charge the officers involved. Brinsley was African-American; the slain New York Police Department officers were Hispanic and Asian-American. Brinsley had at least 19 arrests in Georgia and Ohio, spent two years in prison for gun possession and had a troubled childhood so violent that his mother was afraid of him, police said. He ranted online about authority figures and expressed "self-despair and anger at himself and where his life was," Boyce said. / CRIME, SAFETY: Police say a woman walking in the parking lot of a Eugene store Saturday evening was forced into her car by a man who made her drive out of the city. He went through her purse, took all her money and fled. The suspect is described as a man in his mid-50s, wearing a dark hoodie and possibly rain pants. He had a raspy voice like a heavy smoker. / SAFETY: Three fishermen from the Northwest are being honored with Carnegie Hero medals for helping save five members of another commercial fishing boat from drowning when it capsized near Kodiak Island, Alaska, in January 2012. The medals were awarded today to Gregory Planchich and Daniel Hardwick of Vashon, Jim Fultz of Siletz, Oregon and Wayne Kitt of Loon Lake, Washington. / ECONOMY: Stock indexes are opening mostly higher as the market builds on its big gains from last week. European and Asian markets also rose on hopes that some stability was emerging in oil markets following a rout that's seen prices slide to five-year lows. ; Fewer Americans bought homes in November as buying slid to its slowest pace in six months. The National Association of Realtors says sales of existing homes fell 6.1 percent from October. Still, over the past 12 months, sales have risen 2.1 percent. The combination of higher home prices and relatively stagnant incomes has reduced affordability and restrained buying activity. The recent decline in mortgage rates has yet to lure more buyers into the market, just as fewer distressed properties and bargains that attract investors are coming onto the market. Median home prices rose 5 percent over the past 12 months to \$205,300. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY: A bedbug infestation at the Eugene Public Library appears to have been contained. The Register-Guard newspaper reports two dogs were sent to the library Saturday night to search for the pests. A library spokeswoman says no bedbugs were found. Officials were first alerted to the outbreak in early December when a patron discovered a bedbug on an upholstered chair on the third floor. Bedbugs were then found in seven other chairs on the library's third and second

floors. All eight chairs were treated with a pesticide, and the areas where the chairs had been located were vacuumed. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED POLITICS, ECONOMY, TERRORISM SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Did the U.S. fight "cyber vandalism" with some cyber moves of its own? The White House isn't saying. And neither is the State Department. But North Korea Web sites were down for hours yesterday — after the U.S. promised to respond to a crippling cyberattack on Sony Pictures. U.S. computer experts describe the Internet outages in North Korea as sweeping in nature — and said they had gotten progressively worse. At one point, many key sites were down in what is already one of the least-wired and poorest countries in the world. The U.S. blames North Korea for the attack on Sony that prompted cancellation of the release of "The Interview" — a comedy movie that depicted an assassination plot against North Korea's leader. The Pyongyang government denies responsibility for the Sony hacking — though it praised it as a "righteous deed." / CRIME, MINORITIES: Investigators trying to determine if Ismaaiyl Brinsley latched onto the deaths of black men at the hands of white police officers for the final act in a violent rampage say he watched but did not participate in a protest earlier this month. Brinsley who had a long history of violence, killed two New York City police officers and himself. The funeral for one officer will be held Saturday while plans for the other are on hold pending the arrival of relatives from China. ; As the families of two slain New York City police officers prepare to bury their loved ones, Mayor Bill de Blasio is asking protesters to hold off demonstrating against police until the funerals are over. But the Rev. Al Sharpton and other protest leaders say they will not suspend demonstrations. De Blasio also says he's willing to meet with police union leaders, who accuse him of creating a climate of mistrust that contributed to Saturday's ambush killings of the officers. / SAFETY, HEALTH: Keurig is recalling some 7 million of single-serve coffee brewing machines because of reported burns. Keurig says its Mini Plus Brewing Systems, with model number K10, can overheat and spray water during brewing. Keurig says it had received about 200 reports of hot liquid escaping from the brewer, including 90 reports of burn-related injuries. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission released details on the recall Tuesday. The recalled brewers have an identification number starting with "31" printed on the bottom. They were sold online and in stores in the U.S. and Canada between 2009 and 2014. Consumers are being urged to call Keurig Green Mountain Inc. of Waterbury, Vermont, at 1-844-255-7886 to arrange for free repair. On the Web: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Keurig-Recalls-MINI-Plus-Brewing-Systems/>; The Food and Drug Administration is warning any companies who still sell pure

powdered caffeine that legal consequences are coming if they don't stop. The FDA is building its legal case now, after warning consumers last summer about the danger. The FDA says people may not realize powdered caffeine is a pure chemical with a very small difference between safe and lethal doses. / FAMILY, RELIGION, ECONOMY: Even those who don't share the religious tradition of Christmas seem to be caught up in the holiday. A new Associated Press-GfK poll finds 77 percent of Americans plan to exchange gifts this holiday season and 48 percent will send greeting cards. The gift-giving set includes about 8 in 10 Christians and 73 percent of those who say they have no religious beliefs. / LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, CRIME: A judge has upheld the ousting of homeless advocates who camped last fall in the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza in downtown Eugene. The decision by the county commissioners to have the plaza cleared and cleaned came amid protests that included the camp-in. Three people were arrested afterward. Two face trial in February. No date has been set for the third. The Register-Guard reported Monday the ruling came last week from Municipal Judge Karen Stenard (stin-AHRD'). She said the commissioners acted lawfully in response to concerns from the county's public health officer. Last year, Stenard threw out a citation against a woman who remained in the plaza after county officials ordered it closed. And she dismissed trespassing tickets issued to 21 protesters who defied a curfew at the plaza. / CRIME, SAFETY: Police in Eugene say a stolen laptop computer gave away a burglar's location as he was about to make a getaway. The Register-Guard reports that while Eugene officers were interviewing one burglary victim early Saturday morning, neighbors reported their apartment had been burglarized too. Police say a laptop had been stolen from the second apartment and the owner was able to identify its location by "pinging" it - or checking its whereabouts via another computer device. Police tracked the "ping" to an address and interviewed several residents but were unable to find the laptop. They were about to give up when a car pulled out of a nearby driveway and was stopped by police. They say a passenger in the car had the laptop in his backpack. They also recovered other stolen items. Police say 44-year-old Marc Christopher Bryant was arrested for investigation of burglary and theft. ; Eugene Police say a bicyclist was critically injured in an accident that occurred shortly after six p.m. last night at West 11th and Garfield Streets. Witnesses told investigators that 28-year-old Mark Joseph Tiller, Junior, of Eugene was riding across West 11th in an area with no crosswalk when he was struck by a passing car. At the time of the crash, it was dark and Tiller was not wearing a helmet, had on dark, non-contrasting clothing, and had no lights on his bike. Police say the driver stopped immediately. The roadway was closed for about three hours for the investigation. If you witnessed the collision, Eugene Police would like to hear from you. ; Have you seen her? Eugene Police are asking for your help in locating 64 year-old Gayle Mitchell Eisiminger, who disappeared Monday evening from a location on Martin Street in Eugene. She is described as 5' 10' and approximately 220 lbs and was last seen wearing blue jacket, jeans and possibly a hat. Her family is concerned because they say Eisiminger is affected by memory problems caused by a previous medical condition. If you've seen her or know where she might be, please call 911 immediately. 6:00 a.m. update: She has been located safe and returned to her family. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The association that represents shipping lines and cargo terminal operators at West Coast seaports says it's

asking for federal mediation in its ongoing contract talks with dockworkers. The Pacific Maritime Association said in a statement Monday that after seven months of negotiations, dockworkers and their employers remain "far apart" on many issues and the parties need outside intervention. Longshoremen have continued to work without a contract at 29 ports from San Diego to Seattle that are a vital trade link with Asia. Their employers say workers have deliberately slowed the pace of their work over the past few months. A spokesman for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union says negotiators for the union have not requested federal mediation. He had no immediate comment about the association's announcement. ; Anyone else see postal service, FedEx, UPS and other delivery trucks working well into the evening the last couple of nights? FedEx, UPS and online retailers are working to avoid a repeat of the problems that occurred at the end of last year's holiday shopping season, when severe winter weather and a surge in late orders from shoppers caused delivery delays. UPS has spent \$500 million this year upgrading its systems and processes and boosting the number of seasonal workers it's hired. The company expects today to be its busiest day ever, delivering more than 34 million packages. UPS says air and ground operations were operating smoothly Monday. In addition to adding 50,000 seasonal workers, FedEx invested in a new software system that helps supervisors anticipate fluctuations in package arrivals hours before an airplane carrying cargo lands. Package carriers say they have been working closely with e-commerce retailers to help avoid problems as the retailers push shipping deadlines later and extend free shipping offers. FedEx says so far, the planning has paid off. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: BMW has agreed to demands from the government to expand a recall of driver's-side air bags to the entire U.S. The recall affects 140,000 BMW 3 Series vehicles made between January 2004 and August 2006. The company is calling its move a "voluntary improvement campaign" rather than a recall. It says no problems with BMW vehicles have been reported. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been pushing companies to recall older cars with air bag inflators made by Takata Corp. They can explode with too much force and spew shrapnel at drivers and passengers. At least five deaths have been blamed on Takata inflators. About 15 million cars have been recalled in the U.S. BMW is the last in a series of automakers to agree to a nationwide recall. ; U.S. safety officials have ended their nearly three-year investigation into more than 280,000 Mercedes-Benz E-Class cars. They found that a fuel leak that causes a gasoline odor in the vehicles poses no risk to drivers. ; The drone industry is teaming up with the government and model aircraft hobbyists to launch a safety campaign in response to increasing encounters between small drones and manned aircraft. The campaign by two unmanned aircraft trade associations, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Academy of Model Aeronautics includes the launch of a website, www.knowbeforefly.org, and the distribution of safety pamphlets. Retailers say small drones, which are indistinguishable from today's more sophisticated model aircraft, are flying off the shelves this Christmas. But the FAA is concerned that amateurs are using the drones in a reckless manner, increasing the likelihood of a collision that could bring down a plane or rain debris down on people. The FAA is receiving about 25 reports per month of drones sighted flying near manned aircraft. / ECONOMY, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY: A federal judge has struck down Labor Department regulations extending minimum wage and overtime pay to nearly 2

million home health care workers. U.S. District Judge Richard Leon says the rules conflict with federal law that has long exempted providers of in-home care for the elderly and disabled from complying with wage laws. President Barack Obama announced the rules in 2011 as part of his effort to boost the economy and help workers without going through Congress. They were set to take effect next year. But home care industry groups sued, arguing the higher wages would make it tougher for families to afford care for aging parents. Worker advocacy groups that lobbied for higher pay say many home care workers live at or below the poverty level. / ECONOMY: There's a new milestone on Wall Street today. The Dow industrials have topped the 18,000 mark for the first time. Traders have been encouraged by signs of strength in the U.S. economy and reassurances that the Federal Reserve won't interest rates soon. ; The economy has been zipping along in recent months. The government says it grew at a sizzling 5 percent annual rate in the July-September period, the fastest in more than a decade. It was boosted by strength in consumer spending and business investment. Most economists think growth is slowing to an annual rate of around 2.5 percent in the current October-December quarter. They foresee growth around 3 percent in 2015. ; Sales of new U.S. homes fell in November, evidence that recent job gains have yet to boost the housing sector. The Commerce Department says new home sales slid 1.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 438,000, the second straight monthly decline. October sales fell 2.2 percent to a downwardly revised rate of 445,000. The construction market has been sluggish in 2014 and continues to lag the broader economic recovery that began more than five years ago. Just 399,000 new homes were bought in the first 11 months of the year, a slight 0.2 percent improvement from the same period in 2013. Purchases plunged 12 percent in the Northeast last month, while sales also skidded in the Midwest and South. Home-buying increased 14.8 percent in the West. ; There are a couple of encouraging signs today for economic growth. The government says consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in three months in November, while income posted the best gain in five months. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **MILITARY, FAMILY:** The Oregon Air National Guard will be on high alert again this Christmas Eve as they work closely with the United States Air Force and the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) to monitor the skies and track the annual flight of Santa Claus. "Year after year, on Christmas Eve, we receive reports from the Western Air Defense Sector at McChord Air Force Base (Wash), of high-speed radar returns from their defense network radar systems," said Capt. Angela Walz, spokesperson for Oregon Air National Guard. "Because our F-15 aircrews are on continuous alert, they may be ordered airborne to intercept and investigate anything that can't be positively identified on radar." According to Col. Richard Wedan, the 142nd Fighter Wing Commander, "It is not uncommon to get airborne and find that it's only Saint Nick sleighing the skies during the Holiday Season. He's used to seeing us, and in fact the reindeer have become quite accustomed to flying formation with our F15s!" For nearly 70 years the Air National Guard's mission in Portland has been to provide Air Defense of the Pacific Northwest 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Air National Guard is also prepared to respond to state and local emergencies under command of the governor. More than 2,200 Oregon Air National Guard members voluntarily serve full-time and part-time in support of these missions in both Portland, Salem, Klamath Falls, and Warrenton. / **CRIME, SAFETY, MINORITIES:** Police in the St. Louis suburb of Berkeley, Missouri, are offering more details of last night's fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old by a white police officer. The shooting led to violent protests last night and early today. Police say the officer was questioning the 18-year-old and another man about a theft last night at a convenience store when the young man pulled a nine-millimeter handgun on him. According to the county police chief, the officer stumbled backward but fired three shots -- one of which hit the man. It's the third fatal shooting of a black suspect by a white police officer in the St. Louis area since Michael Brown was killed in Ferguson. Each shooting has been met by protests. Police have released a surveillance video from last night's fatal shooting. The nearly two-minute clip shows two young men leaving the convenience store at about the time a police car rolls up. The officer gets out and speaks with them. About a minute and a-half later, the video appears to show one of the men raising his arm. But what he is holding is difficult to see because they were several feet from the camera. ; Vice President Biden plans to attend the funeral for one of the two New York City police officers ambushed in his patrol car last weekend. Services for 40-year-old Rafael Ramos will be held Saturday. A funeral for his partner Wenjian Liu will be arranged once his family

arrives from China. Meanwhile, protesters speaking out against police violence are refusing to honor Mayor Bill de Blasio's request to hold off on demonstrations until the officers are buried. A peaceful protest was held last night in Midtown Manhattan. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY: Eugene Water & Electric Board engineers and operations personnel are looking into why one of three roll gates at Leaburg Dam stopped working on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The unexpected shutdown of the gate is the second to fail in the past three years. The middle roll gate experienced a failure in January 2012 and is currently being repaired at the 73-year-old hydroelectric facility on the McKenzie River. The three 16-foot-tall by 100-foot-wide gates regulate the volume of water spilled from the dam on the river east of Eugene. Shutdown of the right-bank roll gate poses no immediate threat to the public. The remaining operational gate, plus an overflow spillway, can pass more than 31,000 cubic feet per second of water – more than the river volume forecast for another rainstorm expected to hit the area on Wednesday. The long-term forecast beyond Wednesday calls for less precipitation and even a drying trend into next week. EWEB officials are not yet certain why Roll Gate No. 1 closed unexpectedly on Tuesday morning. The closure was similar to the failure of the motor system at the middle roll gate nearly three years ago. Repairs to the middle roll gate should be completed by mid-January, increasing the flow capacity to about 52,000 cfs – more than the biggest flood that occurs once every 100 years, on average. The gates have a unique system of opening and closing. They are cylindrical steel that “roll” or rotate, up and down, to regulate the flow of the river. Water also is diverted at Leaburg Dam into a power canal that is used to generate electricity at a powerhouse four miles downstream. The dam was constructed in 1931. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A Eugene Police motorcycle officer was injured but in stable condition yesterday morning after his motorcycle was rear-ended by another driver yesterday morning on westbound Interstate 105 between the Coburg Road and Delta Highway exits. Investigators say Officer Barry Rager was initiating a traffic stop with another motorist at about 9:45 when his bike was struck by a motorist from Aurora driving a van. Police say that driver, 55-year-old Steven Neer, stopped immediately and cooperated with investigators. Traffic on that portion of westbound I-105 was down to a single lane for a couple of hours for the investigation. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Wow. It was 53 degrees and drizzly when we came to work this morning. Then the storm front hit, with heavy rains and gusty winds: We received a bit more than half-an-inch of rain in less than three hours and a peak wind gust of 39 miles per hour. Now, the cold air is following the front and the temperature's dropped 13 degrees since this morning. It's now 40 degrees at New Country 93.3 with a forecast that calls for showery weather—an occasional sun—through Christmas and snow on the mountain passes. In fact, the snow is now sticking on Santiam Pass. There's still rain on Willamette Pass but the temperature is falling. There's wet pavement over the Siskiyou but also some fog and clouds and the mercury is heading into the low 30s there, as well. Have a great and safe holiday, everyone. ; Travelers still getting ready to head out for the holidays could encounter some headaches, especially if they have to travel through the Chicago area today. The National Weather Service is warning of possibly several inches of snow, which could delay or even cancel flights. In Nevada, heavy snow is forecast for late this afternoon, with up to 10 inches expect on mountain passes by Christmas morning. ; More than 200 flights have already

been canceled nationwide today, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware -- and nearly half of them were at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. A storm that forecasters feared could bring several inches of snow to Illinois is now expected to track farther to the east. And Christmas Eve is shaping up to be windy, wet and warm -- instead of white -- across much of the country. / ECONOMY: The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits has reached its lowest level in seven weeks, a sign that the U.S. economy and job market are steadily improving. The Labor Department says applications for unemployment benefits dropped 9,000 last week and that the number of people seeking jobless benefits has been at historically low levels — below 300,000 — for 14 of the past 15 weeks. That indicates that companies are retaining their workers and potentially looking to hire with the expectation that economic growth will continue. In November, employers added 321,000 jobs, the most in nearly three years. / CRIME: A man who was shot and paralyzed during an attempted armored truck robbery in Eugene was sentenced Tuesday to two years in prison. The Register-Guard reports that Anthony Sam White pleaded guilty in Lane County Circuit Court to robbery. A guard shot him multiple times during the botched robbery attempt last March at the Santa Clara Square shopping center in Eugene. The two-year sentence will be added to the 17-year term the 29-year-old began serving in September for residential burglaries and another holdup of an armored truck employee at Keizer. White previously served prison time after a 2005 conviction in Portland on assault, robbery and burglary charges. ; Eugene Police say a woman made up a story about being kidnapped from a store parking lot last weekend. Police have cited the 35-year-old Jami Louise Cameron of Cottage Grove for filing a false report. Police say the woman's story fell apart after investigators looked at surveillance footage of the Wal-Mart parking lot off Green Acres Road. ; Oregon State Police say a Reedsport police officer shot and critically wounded the armed driver of a station wagon that caught fire on U.S. Highway 101 on the Oregon coast. State police Lt. Josh Brooks says the wounded man was reported to be armed with a handgun. The unidentified man was taken Tuesday morning to a Reedsport hospital. The officer who fired was not hurt. He has not been identified either. Brooks says police believe the Subaru station wagon had been the subject of multiple driving complaints before it caught fire. The Reedsport officer, two Douglas County sheriff's deputies and a state Justice Department investigator had arrived at the scene after a school bus driver spotted the vehicle fire, stopped to assist the driver, then backed away and called for help when he saw the man had a gun. There were no children on the school bus. The shooting is under investigation. ; Three McMinnville officers have been returned to duty after investigations into the shooting of a man who had fatally stabbed a Linfield College student. The interim police chief, Matt Scales, tells the Yamhill Valley News-Register an internal review has been completed. The department hasn't released the findings or made public any action Scales has taken. The district attorney determined the officers acted lawfully in killing Juventino Bermudez-Arenas on Nov. 15. But the department's policy calls for an internal review in addition, focusing on whether the use of force was consistent with training and policy. Bermudez-Arenas had fatally stabbed sophomore Parker Moore at a convenience store minutes before, but authorities say they haven't found a motive for that killing. The two didn't know each other or quarrel. / HEALTH, SAFETY: An ice cream manufacturer is recalling products sold in Oregon and several other

western states due to possible listeria contamination. Snoqualmie (snoh-KWALM'-ee) Gourmet Ice Cream says the recall includes all flavors and sizes of ice cream, gelato, custard and sorbet, as well as Emerald & Spruce Ice Cream and Top Pot Hand Forged Ice Cream. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Eugene's Bijou Art Cinemas are among the national theatres planning to show the Sony film, "The Interview," starting tomorrow. The independent movie house, located on East 13th Avenue, will screen the film along with four other films for the holidays: The Theory of Everything, The Imitation Game and The Homesman. In Florence, City Lights cinemas on Highway 101 is also planning to premiere "The Interview," also starting tomorrow. Additionally, Sony Pictures announced this morning it was preparing to offer pay-per-view streaming via its own website and YouTube. / FAMILY: When an Oregon man sold his girlfriend's mattress set for \$100 because she's moving in with him, little did he realize her cat was hiding inside. Roy Dufek helped strap the mattress and box spring to the top of the buyer's car. When he went back inside his girlfriend's suburban Portland home, Camo the cat was nowhere to be found. Dufek later learned that Camo liked to hide in a hole in the box spring. The couple have searched the mattress buyer's home and yard, and they've set up an animal trap in the garage where the buyer stored the mattress. They even rented a thermal camera to search the neighborhood. A week later, Camo's still missing. Dufek and his girlfriend are offering a \$200 reward to whoever finds him. / ECONOMY, SPORTS: Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota is The Associated Press college football player of the year. Mariota won the AP vote in the same landslide fashion he won the Heisman Trophy. He received 49 of the 54 votes submitted by the AP Top 25 media panel. Alabama receiver Amari Cooper received three votes. Wisconsin running back and Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston each received one vote. Mariota is the first Oregon player to win AP player of the year, which was first awarded in 1998, and the eighth quarterback to win it in the last nine years. Oregon will face Florida State and last year's Heisman winner and AP player of the years, Jameis Winston, in the College Football Playoff semifinals on Jan. 1 at the Rose Bowl. /

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SAFETY, ECONOMY: A noon-hour fire in the heart of Junction City gutted a building and destroyed two longtime local businesses. Fortunately, there were no injuries but the businesses—a Subway sandwich shop and The Flower Gallerie florist—are total losses. Investigators are working to determine what sparked the blaze at Ninth and Ivy Streets. It was initially called in as a possible electrical fire. The flames, smoke and response by a number of local fire departments and districts forced the temporary closure of Highway 99 through Junction City. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police say the body discovered this week washed ashore on a Lane County beach is that of a missing Wenatchee, Washington, man. Troopers do not suspect foul play was involved in the death of 27-year-old Bryan McKinney. He was reported missing on December 16th and was identified through dental records. A person walking on the beach spotted the body on Saturday morning. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Hoodoo Ski Area will open for the first time this season on December 31, 2014, just in time for its annual all ages New Year's Eve Celebration. The resort will open the Manzanita and Easy Rider lifts, which will give visitors access to 75 percent of the mountain. The Autobahn tubing park will open a bit later in the season. Currently Hoodoo has a 25-30 inches and expected more snow yesterday (Monday) with sunny and clear skies in the forecast for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Hoodoo will be open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on New Year's Eve with night skiing beginning at 3:30 p.m. At 9:15 p.m., there will be a large, professional-style fireworks show on the mountain. The bar and restaurant will remain open until midnight with live music in the lodge to help us count down to 2015. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The Oregon State Police are asking drivers to "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." 2013 was 'Fatality-Free' during the 30-hour New Year's holiday reporting period and Oregon State Police troopers intend to repeat the trend. For 2014, OSP Troopers and local law enforcement partners will participate in a national enforcement effort, 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over,' to discourage impaired driving and prevent alcohol-related incidents on Oregon highways. During the 2013 effort, OSP troopers reported 29 DUII arrests during the 30-hour reporting period, 22 of which were on January 1st. Important safety tips for holiday planning: Designated Driver (DD) - If you haven't worked out who will drive if you're going to drink; now's the time! Make it an Overnighter - couches or hotel rooms make great landing pads and are far more comfortable than a jail bed. Call a cab or use public transportation - If you are in Portland - TriMet is giving free rides starting at 8:00 p.m., on New Year's Eve. Check your local area for great offers like TriMet's! Be a good host - Tasty non-

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scales. Officials say those sorts of detours pose safety issues for commuters in the Woodburn area and causes excessive damage to county and city roadways not designed for commercial traffic. Investigators say the drivers generally go around scales for several reasons: to either avoid required rest periods, because their trucks are overweight or because the trucks have malfunctioning equipment. All of those can endanger the driver and other motorists. The enforcement and educational effort will continue. Drivers, consider yourselves educated. /

ECONOMY: An increase in the minimum wage is coming for Oregon's lowest-paid workers with the New Year. Oregon's minimum hourly wage is second highest in the nation at \$9.10 and due to go up another 15 cents to \$9.25 on January 1st. The federal minimum wage, currently \$7.25 an hour, will rise to \$10.10 for workers covered under federal contracts as a result of an executive order announced by President Barack Obama during his State of the Union address last January. The federal minimum wage hasn't been raised since 2009 and is expected to affect dishwashers, food servers and construction workers, among others. ; More Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, but the number of applications continues to be at historically low levels that suggest solid economic growth will continue. The Labor Department says applications for unemployment benefits climbed 17,000 last week and the four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose by 250. But over the long term, that average has plummeted 17.5 percent in the past 12 months. Analysts say other factors indicate employers expect strong economic growth to continue, causing them to hold onto their staff and potentially hire additional workers. In the first 11 months of 2014, employers have added 2.65 million new jobs, the highest total since 1999. ; Average U.S. mortgage rates are up slightly this week, but the benchmark 30-year rate is still near a 19-month low. Mortgage giant Freddie Mac says the nationwide average for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage increased to 3.87 percent this week, up from 3.83 percent last week. ; The National Association of Realtors says the number of Americans signing contracts to buy homes rose modestly in November. The index remains slightly below its 2013 average but is 4.1 percent higher than last November. Pending sales are a barometer of future purchases. A one- to two-month lag usually exists between a contract and a completed sale. /

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ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: Fuel prices are continuing to drop as we head for the New Year. AAA, the automobile club, reports that the average fuel price this morning in the Eugene-Springfield area is \$2.53 per gallon, down seven cents from last week, 47 cents from last month and a dollar-87 from this time last year. /

CRIME: The Register-Guard is reporting that authorities have again upgraded criminal charges against the Veneta woman who allegedly struck a 67-year-old pedestrian in Springfield, gravely injuring him, then drove for 11 blocks with the victim atop her car, stopping to pull him off the vehicle and leaving him to die. The newspaper reports that 30-year-old Isabel McDaniel yesterday pleaded not guilty to a first-degree manslaughter charge in connection

with the December 11th incident. It came after court record that prosecutors took the case back to a grand jury for further review. Reporter Jack Moran writes that McDaniel was initially booked for failure to perform the duties of a driver to an injured person and evidence tampering. But preliminary charges soon included criminally negligent homicide. A grand jury later indicted her for second-degree manslaughter, intoxicated driving and six other crimes. Police tracked down McDaniel at her Veneta home two days after the wreck and took her into custody. Both she and her husband, Gary McDaniel, confessed to investigators at that time that they had worked to cover up the crash. McDaniel told investigators on the night of her arrest that her 17-year-old niece was riding in the car with her when the wreck occurred. McDaniel also told police that she knew she had hit a pedestrian, but was not aware that the impact of the collision at the intersection of 54th and Main streets had flung Daniel Ortiz-Reynaga onto the roof of the Civic until after she stopped a short time later on Smith Way to check the car for damage, police said. McDaniel said that she physically pulled Ortiz-Reynaga off her car and left him on the ground, then drove to her husband's nearby workplace and got a ride home from him in another vehicle, police said. Ortiz-Reynaga was later pronounced dead at a hospital, police said. Gary McDaniel, meanwhile, told investigators that he returned to work after taking his wife and niece home on the night of the crash. He said he then put his wife's damaged car onto a trailer, covered it with a tarp, hitched it to another vehicle, and on the way back home drove past police officers stationed near the spot where Ortiz-Reynaga's body was found in the street, Potter wrote. Gary McDaniel said he used a hose and rags to wipe blood from the Civic, and put the vehicle in his garage, police said. Gary McDaniel, 24, is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 8 on a misdemeanor charge of evidence tampering. He has not been jailed in the case. Police said that in addition to striking Ortiz-Reynaga, Isabel McDaniel's car also clipped the victim's son, Springfield resident Julio Ortiz, 39. He suffered minor injuries. Police said they suspect that McDaniel had used both alcohol and drugs before the hit-and-run collision, which occurred about 25 minutes after she allegedly left the scene of a fender-bender in west Eugene. That crash, which damaged another motorist's car but did not cause any injuries, happened near the intersection of West 11th Avenue and Willow Creek Road, police said. ; A 44-year-old Springfield, Oregon, woman shot and wounded by police after pointing a replica gun at officers following a car chase has been sentenced to probation in a plea agreement. The Register-Guard reports that a Lane County Circuit Court judge sentenced Amanda Lynn Gatewood on Monday to four years of supervised probation for identity theft, felony attempt to elude a police officer, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, forgery and drug possession. Last Aug. 28, the woman used a stolen vehicle to lead Springfield police on a chase that led onto Interstate 5 and into Linn County. After she stopped at a gas station south of Albany, the woman ran toward a convenience store, pointing a gun toward officers. The gun turned out to be a replica. Officer Justin Myers shot Gatewood. His action was later ruled justified. She was hospitalized for nearly two months. Defense lawyer Elizabeth Baker told the court that Gatewood, who uses a wheelchair, is in a treatment and rehabilitation program. ; Police in Springfield, Oregon, say a man poured gasoline on an ATM machine and set it on fire in an apparent attempt to conceal a paper trail of fake deposits and illegal withdrawals. The Register-Guard reports that police arrested 33-year-old Jeremy Shorter of Springfield on Tuesday for

investigation of arson, criminal mischief and four counts of theft by deception. Police allege the man set fire to the machine early Monday. Fire crews put out the blaze, then called police. Detectives collected evidence with the help of bank security. Detective David Lewis says police believe Shorter was trying to destroy evidence of false deposits he had made at the machine, and of subsequent withdrawals of the amounts that were credited to his account via the fake deposits. It was not immediately clear how much money was involved. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, FAMILIES: Well rock my dinner plate! Gardeners are pretty excited about a new grafted hybrid plant being offered by Cottage Grove's Territorial Seed Company. It's called "Ketchup and Fries" and features Tomatoes and potatoes that can be harvested off the same plant. The rather exciting grafted combination was first introduced to home gardeners in the United Kingdom last year and was a huge success. Above ground, it's a cherry tomato plant. Below ground, it's a white potato plant. Crazy? Maybe not. The Territorial folks say tomatoes are members of the potato family and are therefore naturally compatible with potatoes. So the hand-grafting made sense to the people who created it. Territorial is selling "Ketchup and Fries" as a container plant that is shipped in 2-1/2 inch pots, but company officials say it will do equally well in the open garden. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY: A number of state parks are offering free "First Day" guided hikes and rides to ring in the New Year. They include hikes at Honeyman, Washburne and Umpqua Lighthouse State and an equestrian ride at Elijah Bristow State Park. / SAFETY, FAMILIES: A 29-year-old Idaho mother shopping with four children died when her two-year-old son reached into her purse, causing a gun inside to fire -- killing the woman. Veronica Rutledge is being described as a "beautiful, young, loving mother." Authorities say she had a permit to carry a concealed weapon. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: Members of the Lane County Sheriff's Office stepped up yesterday to help protect some of the community's most vulnerable residents from the winter chill. Yesterday, they donated boxes of winter weather clothing to donate to the First Christian Church for use in the Egan Warming Centers and to be distributed to those who may be spending winter evenings on the streets. The donated items include 77 thick fleece pants with bib tops, 8 heavy jackets, and a pair of boots. The Sheriff's Office received all of the items through the military surplus program called LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office). The winter clothing items being donated are still in good shape but are no longer being used by the Sheriff's Office. We are excited to be able to give the items a third life by passing them on to community members who are in need of warm clothing. /