also had no effect. Officers say Amos continued to yell as he tried to escape and at one point grabbed an officer's holstered handgun and tugged on it. That's when an officer used a taser for a second time, successfully. Amos was taken into custody for Resisting Arrest and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree. One officer had minor injuries. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Cleanup is underway to remove debris left by the wreck of a 64-foot fishing vessel that washed up on a beach near the south coast city of Bandon after it caught fire earlier this month. No one was injured. Several entities responded initially—including the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, U.S. Coast Guard, and a representative of the boat's private insurer—to remove more than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel from the craft's fuel tanks. The current team—including Oregon Parks, the insurer, representatives of the Coquille Indian Tribe, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and Global Dive and Salvage, Inc. out of Seattle—are removing as much of the ship's remains as possible. Significant portions of the hull, mast, and mechanical components washed up on the beach, with sand accumulating around the wreckage, requiring excavation before the wreck could be cut up and airlifted by helicopter to the Cape Blanco Airport eight miles to the south. The work is being funded by the ship's insurer. But salvage operation managers warn some portions of the wreck might be left buried on the shore if conditions make removal too difficult. Wildlife experts will monitor nearby federally-protected western snowy plover nesting areas and other sensitive resources as the work progresses.; The Coast Guard holds a formal public hearing today in Newport to consider evidence related to January's capsizing of the commercial fishing vessel Mary B II. Three fishermen died in the incident at the entrance of Yaquina Bay. The 42-foot vessel was returning to port when it capsized into the stormy Pacific amid reported waves of 14 to 16 feet high, with occasional waves of 20 feet. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: A big rebound in the sea lion population along the West Coast in recent years has created a constant battle to control the protected animals. They're smart and fun to watch from a safe distance, but also noisy, smelly and proving to be a headache for some coastal marinas. Marina operators say the sea lions damage docks, break electric stanchions and cost them business. Sea lions have blocked people from mooring their boats. In other cases, commercial fishermen have had to find ways around the sea lions just to get onto their vessels. The Northwest News Network reports the most recent population estimate for California sea lions along the West Coast is around 257,000. Robert Anderson, the marine mammal program manager at the NOAA Fisheries regional office in Portland, pegged the population growth rate at roughly five percent per year, although he noted the sea lions might soon reach what's known as the "carrying capacity" of their marine environment. The current population is at least seven times greater than the population low recorded in the late 1960s. Before Congress passed the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972, fishermen and the public could take matters into their own hands and shoot pesky sea lions. In earlier decades, the beasts were also killed for hides or to make pet food. Now. the proliferation of sea lions has created issues from Brookings, Oregon, to Washington state's Puget Sound. Experts with the National Oceanic and Marine Fisheries Association say Astoria attracts the most sea lions by far. The Port of Astoria once famously deployed a fiberglass fake orca to scare the sea lions. The replica soon capsized, nearly drowning its operator. Astoria also tried out tube-

shaped inflatable air dancers, beach balls, flashing lights as well as low railings with various plastic attachments. Port officials say nothing works for long or it costs too much. They say the local sea lion census peaked at around 3,000 two years ago. Astoria's floating port docks offer a convenient resting place for California and Steller sea lions alike between hunts for fish migrating up the Columbia River. Knight said the most effective deterrent was a low-voltage electrified mat deployed on a demonstration basis by Vancouver, Washingtonbased manufacturer Smith-Root at both Astoria and Westport. On the southern Oregon coast, the Curry Sportfishing Association and the Port of Gold Beach have used private donations and small grants to hire civilian patrollers to scare sea lions away from people fishing on the Rogue River summer-fall salmon run. The waterborne Sea Lion Patrol is permitted to toss underwater firecrackers called "seal bombs" when sea lions get too close to recreational fishermen at the river mouth. Otherwise, the sea lions snatch hooked salmon before sportsmen can reel in their fish. The problems in marinas continue because sea lions are smart and will habituate to most deterrence strategies, said NOAA's Anderson. The federal government allows the states of Oregon and Washington to trap and kill sea lions that feed on endangered fish below Willamette Falls on the Willamette River and near Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. But those lethal control permits are restricted to those places only. Last fall, Washington's Southern Resident Killer Whale Task Force sparked talk of possible wider sea lion and seal culling to reduce competition with endangered orcas for food. The Washington Legislature picked up that thread as recently as last week, when a bipartisan group of state senators co-sponsored a non-binding missive to President Donald Trump and the U.S. Secretaries of Commerce and Interior. Recent scientific studies showed sea lions and seals collectively eat large quantities of Chinook salmon that the Pacific Northwest's endangered killer whales need to survive. / HEALTH, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: A lot of eyes on Washington state, including among health care and political leaders in Oregon, as its leaders prepare it to become the first state to enter the private health insurance market with a universally available public option. Washington Governor Jay Inslee, who is also running for president, is set to sign it into law today. The move thrusts Washington state into the national debate over the government's role in health care, with a hybrid model that puts the state to the left of market-only approaches but stops short of a completely public system. Instead, the state will dictate the terms of the public option plans but hire private insurance companies to administer them, saving the state from having to create a new bureaucracy — and guaranteeing a role for the insurance industry in managing the new public option. A set of tiered public plans will cover standard services and are expected to be up to 10% cheaper than comparable private insurance, thanks in part to savings from a cap on rates paid to providers. But unlike existing government-managed plans, Washington state's public plans are set to be available to all residents regardless of income by 2021. Backers acknowledge the rate caps at the heart of the plan risk creating coverage gaps in rural areas. But they hope to persuade doctors to accept lower rates by bringing the state's purchasing power to bear. The savings would be used to sell the plans at a competitive price. Lawmakers in at least eight other states have proposed their own public option measures. But so far none have passed legislation implementing it. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Democrats unveiled a plan to rein in Oregon's rising pension costs in an attempt to coax protesting Republicans

back to the state Capitol. Senate Republicans were again absent on Friday and have now shut down the official business in the chamber for four straight days. A Democratic supermajority was poised to pass a \$1 billion a year increase in school funding but the vote was delayed when Republicans fled the capitol in protest. Conservatives say they're against any new funding that doesn't address the state's \$25 billion in pension debt. Teachers are just some of the public employees covered by the Public Employment Retirement System, or PERS. Democrats are proposing to refinance the debt from 20 to 22 years, which would bring down yearly payments but increase long term costs. They're also suggesting diverting some employee contributions to pay down the funding liability.

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VETERANS, MILITARY, EDUCATION: He spent more than 20 years as a Lane Community College auto mechanics instructor after teaching at Bend High School and at Central Oregon Community College. But he had an earlier stint in the military during World War II that was marked by an act of heroism that saved lives. Bob Maxwell, the nation's oldest Medal of Honor recipient, died Saturday at the age of 98 in Bend. Flags outside Oregon public institutions will be at half-staff later this week in his honor. In September of 1944, Maxwell shielded his fellow soldiers during fighting in France when he grabbed a blanket and threw himself on a grenade. He was severely wounded but the blanket absorbed some of the blast, saving his life. Maxwell was also awarded two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and two French combat awards, as well as the Medal of Honor. He went on to a teaching career, including working at Lane from 1966 to 1986. In 2012, Lane Community College named its student veterans center in Bob Maxwell's honors. Congressman Rep. Greg Walden said in a statement Monday that Maxwell represented the "best of what Oregon and America have to offer," Maxwell was also awarded two Silver Stars, two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and two French combat awards — the French Croix de Guerre and the Legion d'Honneur — for his service in World War II. Born in 1920 in Boise, Idaho, Maxwell was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. Though he was a Quaker, he declined conscientious objector status and entered the service in Colorado. Trained to string heavy wire for telephone lines at the battlefront, he served in Italy and then France, becoming a technician fifth grade and wearing two stripes — the equivalent of a corporal. Prior to throwing himself on the grenade, Maxwell sustained a leg injury in Italy in January 1944 while maintaining telephone wires under intense artillery fire. He spent several months in a hospital in Naples, returned to his unit and was sent to France. In 2000, at age 79, Maxwell received his high school diploma. He also served as director of the Bend Heroes Foundation and helped efforts to build veterans' memorials throughout Oregon. A bridge in Bend is named after Maxwell and he was present last year to watch as an Oregon Medal of Honor Highway sign was unveiled on U.S. Highway 20 near Bend. / POLITICS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, HEALTH, SAFETY: The Oregon Senate has approved a multi-billion dollar education tax designed to boost student performance and decrease class sizes. The chamber passed the bill 18 to 11 Monday afternoon after minority Republicans ended a nearly week-long walkout to protest the levy. The measure previously passed the House and now heads to Gov. Kate Brown for her signature. It would raise \$1 billion per year through a one-

half of one percent tax on Oregon's wealthiest businesses. The package calls for the tax on gross receipts for businesses with \$1 million or more in sales, which make up less than 10% of all businesses in the state. ; Senate Republicans ended an almost weeklong walkout Monday and returned to the state Capitol after the governor and Democratic leadership agreed to major concessions in exchange for their backing on some of the most high-profile bills this session. Democrats scrapped bills on gun control and tighter vaccine exemptions in exchange for Republicans' return to ensure there were enough members on-hand to hold a vote in the state Senate. Once they did, the chamber approved a \$1 billion per year school funding tax by an 18-11 vote. The issue previously passed the House and now heads to Gov. Kate Brown for her signature. The plan would raise \$1 billion per year through a half a percent tax on Oregon's wealthiest businesses via a .057% tax on gross receipts for businesses with \$1 million or more in sales. The agreement to move forward with the education tax vote marks a huge win for the Republican minority, which has remained largely powerless this session against a Democratic governor and legislative supermajority. The vaccine measure, which had already cleared the Oregon House, would have ended families' ability to optout of school vaccination requirements for personal, philosophical or religious reasons. If passed, Oregon would have had one of the strongest vaccine laws in the country at a time when the national measles count has hit its highest in decades. The deal also kills a package of gun control bills that would have allowed businesses to raise the purchasing age to 21 and require gun owners to safely store their weapons. Backers say they will try again in a future session. Senate Republicans walked out May 6 to delay a vote on the multibillion dollar school funding tax. They said they refused to vote on any new funding for education without a solution to the state's increasing public pension debt. The protest occurred the week of a massive statewide teacher walkout over classroom funding. Oregon pays far less per student compared to other states despite the fact that school funding takes up the largest portion of the state budget. Education has been a major budgetary and legislative priority for Democrats this session. Opponents said the tax will be passed onto consumers and that the state shouldn't increase funding without first addressing Oregon's spiraling pension debt. Legislative leaders unveiled a pension plan last week that would shield employers from the impact of upcoming interest rate hikes, though it garnered significant opposition from unions. Educators cheered the funding boost, which they say is sorely needed to combat years of cuts that have forced schools to slash staff and programs like arts, music and P.E.; The Oregon House approved an almost 10% increase in the biennial budget for schools. Lawmaker sent the Senate a \$9 billion two-year school spending plan on Monday. That's \$100 million more than what Gov. Kate Brown recommended in her budget proposal. But legislative analysts say it's still not enough. Oregon pays far less per student compared to other states despite the fact that school funding takes up the largest portion of the state budget. The Quality Education Commission recommends the state invest at least \$10.7 billion to meet educational needs. Now, at least \$200 million of the state's school budget will be dependent on that new tax on the state's wealthiest businesses that was the focus of state senate lawmakers during the past week. / CRIME, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Officials say patients' health information might have been compromised after a phishing email was sent to an Oregon State Hospital employee earlier this month. The Statesman Journal

reports Oregon Health Authority officials said patient information was exposed after the employee opened the message on May 6. The information included first and last names, dates of birth, medical record numbers, diagnoses and treatment care plans. Officials cannot confirm, however, if the information was copied. The hospital will send an email to all patients whose information was potentially compromised. / AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The Oregon Department of Agriculture issued four dozen fines, citations and warnings to dairies and other confined animal feeding operations last year, many for unauthorized manure discharges. The agency regulates manure handling at the state's 500-plus confined animal feeding operations, including dairies and feedlots. The agency issues permits under the federal Clean Water Act that are supposed to prevent manure and wastewater from contaminating ground and surface water, which can impact recreation and harm fish and marine organisms. Agency staff members performed 741 inspections at those facilities in 2018, down from 880 in 2017 and 763 in 2016, a review by the Statesman Journal found. / EDUCATION, SAFETY: Classes are on schedule this week at the University of Oregon and officials with the U-of-O Police Department say there is no current, credible threat to the campus. Over the weekend, rumors spread on social media after a student made a lengthy post that some found worrying or threatening and was widely shared, leading to the cancellation of one Saturday event by an Oregon sorority. But contrary to the rumors, campus police say the post did not threaten any campus shooting. The family members of the student issued their own statement, saying the student was suffering a mental health crisis and is in the hospital this week under secure care and will be discharged to the family's home after receiving treatment. They add that their family member has no guns and no history of violence. They also apologized for any concern the post caused and asked that people respect their privacy. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: The captain of a crabbing vessel that sank in January in high waves, killing him and two other fishermen, had methamphetamine and alcohol in his system, according to testimony Monday at the opening of a five-day U.S. Coast Guard hearing in Newport. The first day of the hearing focused on 50-year-old Captain Stephen Biernacki and included remarks from local residents who had spoken with him before the accident, as well as lengthy testimony from an Oregon State Police trooper who talked to him at the docks sometime before the fateful trip. The man who sold Biernacki the boat testified that he had tried to explain the area's dangerous conditions to Biernacki, who had recently moved to Oregon from New Jersey. And an Oregon State Police Senior Trooper who spoke with Biernacki before he departed on the fateful voyage said he showed signs of "impaired" with slurred speech and bloodshot eyes — but she added it was common for fishermen to work to the point of exhaustion. Biernacki, along with two crew members, died Jan. 8 after their 42-foot crab boat, the Mary B II, faced waves of 14 to 16 feet, with some breakers as tall as 20 feet as it tried to cross the Yaquina Bar and enter the safety of Yaquina Bay near Newport during the lucrative but dangerous Dungeness crab season. 48-year-old James Lacey of South Toms River, New Jersey, and 50-year-old Joshua Porter of Toledo, Oregon, were the other two victims. Toxicology tests found cannabis in Lacey's system; Porter had no drugs or alcohol in his body when he died, according to results shared at the hearing. The accident happened as crabbers were rushing to try to catch up after the Dungeness crab season in Oregon was delayed more than a month. In

Oregon, last year's haul was worth more than \$74 million at the docks and pumped \$150 million into the state and local economy. Three-quarters of the harvest is typically brought in in the first eight weeks of the season, which usually runs from December to August. The bar — where the Yaquina River meets the ocean — can be so treacherous that the dangers of crossing it with a fully loaded crab boat were the premise of a spin-off of the "The Deadliest Catch," a reality TV show about commercial fishermen that aired on the Discovery channel. / HEALTH, OLDR ADULTS: If you want to save your brain, focus on keeping the rest of your body well with exercise and healthy habits rather than popping vitamin pills. That's according to new guidelines for preventing dementia. About 50 million people currently have some form of dementia, with Alzheimer's disease the most common type. Each year brings 10 million new cases, according to a report released today by the World Health Organization. Although age is the top risk factor, the report notes that "dementia is not a natural or inevitable consequence of aging." Many health conditions and behaviors affect the odds of developing it, and research suggests that one-third of cases are preventable. Much of the World Health Organization's advice is common sense, and echoes that of the U.S. National Institute on Aging. That includes getting enough exercise; treating other health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol: having an active social life, and avoiding or curbing harmful habits such as smoking, overeating and drinking too much alcohol. Eating well, and possibly following a Mediterranean-style diet, might help prevent dementia, the guidelines say. But they take a firm stance against vitamin B or E pills, fish oil or multicomplex supplements that are promoted for brain health because there now is strong research showing they do not work. The global health researchers also did not endorse games and other activities aimed at boosting thinking skills, noting that these can be considered for people with normal capacities or mild impairment, but there's low to very low evidence of benefit. There's not enough evidence to recommend antidepressants to reduce dementia risk although they may be used to treat depression, the report says. Hearing aids also may not reduce dementia risk, but older people should be screened for hearing loss and treated accordingly. /

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POLITICS, HEALTH, YOUTH, EDUCATION, FAMILY, RELIGION: Critics say Oregon senators jeopardized public health when they killed a bill aimed at getting more children vaccinated for measles and other preventable diseases in order pass a tax on large businesses. It was part of a compromise with Republicans in the state senate, which provided enough bodies on the legislative floor for Democrats to pass their new tax on Oregon's wealthiest businesses to support education. In exchange, Democratic leaders dropped their push for a package of gun control bills and the proposal for fewer vaccine exemptions. Under the vaccination measure children would be unable to attend public school unless they had a doctors' note allowing them to forgo state vaccine requirements. Backers of the proposal say abandoning the bill prevents the state from better protecting its citizens from a public health crisis. But Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick insists the trade-off was worth it. Democrats have a supermajority in the Senate but could not hold a quorum to vote on any measures without at least two Republicans present. Republicans had refused to show for five days. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: Three environmental advocacy groups are suing to block the restoration of grazing rights to two Oregon ranchers who were convicted of intentionally setting fires on public land. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Western Watersheds Project, the Center for Biological Diversity and WildEarth Guardians filed the federal lawsuit Monday against the Bureau of Land Management and an agency district manager. It comes after former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke in January ordered the renewal of a 10-year grazing permit for Dwight Hammond Jr. and his son Steven Hammond. The lawsuit claims the renewal violates administrative regulations because it failed to consider the ranchers' unsatisfactory record. President Trump pardoned the Hammonds last year for illegally setting fires on federal land. Their case prompted the weekslong standoff with anti-federal government protesters at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016. / SAFETY: You can find all sorts of items in modern stores, including aisles containing chemicals that pose a challenge for firefighters if they ever burst into flame. That was the situation yesterday at the Walmart superstore in Lebanon, where fire crews responded to a blaze inside the store on an aisle where pool chemicals were stored. The fire created a toxic smoke that filled the store, forcing its evacuation. Crews said the store's sprinkler system prevented the fire from spreading too far, and they were able to put it out, but the smoke was so thick they needed breathing apparatus and thermal imaging to finish dousing it. Several nearby businesses had to be evacuated. There were no

reported injuries. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation. Walmart managers in Lebanon are working to determine when they can reopen the store. / CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT: A Salem Police officer who was wounded during a traffic stop last night has been released from the hospital after being treated for multiple gunshot wounds. Salem Police are using K-9s and officers from nearby agencies to search for the suspect in the case. The incident occurred last night around 8:30 p.m. in Salem when the suspect in the traffic stop shot the officer, then sped away. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: This is National Police Week. In Washington, DC, the names of 371 fallen officers are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial; 158 of them died in 2018. The remaining 213 being added are those who died in prior years. The national monument now contains the names of 21,910 fallen law enforcement officers—from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, federal, corrections, railroad, and military police agencies. All died in the performance of duty throughout the U.S. The oldest historical death now engraved on the Memorial is that of Chesterfield County, Virginia, Sheriff Benjamin Branch whose end of watch was April 29, 1786. At the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem this week, 187 U.S. flags are flying adjacent to the Oregon Fallen Officer Memorial for each fallen officer from Oregon who died in the line of duty. At the foot of each flag a marker displays the name of the fallen officer, agency, and date they died, dating from officers in the 1880s to last year. This includes officers from city, county, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies who have served as law enforcement officers, corrections officers, and parole and probation officers. The Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Fund raised funds to build the state memorial more than 20 years ago and hosts the annual ceremony. / VETERANS, MILITARY: The Oregon National Guard honored all military members and veterans during the annual Armed Forces Day ceremony held at the State Capitol Mall in Salem on Tuesday. The ceremony included speeches, a display of military equipment, an F-15 flyover by the Oregon Air National Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing, and a howitzer salute by the Bravo Battery, 2-218th Field Artillery Battalion. The Oregon Army National Guard's 234th Army Band provided music during the ceremony. Two Salem residents Rita Hathaway, a 'Rosie the Riveter' during WWII and war bride, Joy Beebe, were also honored, along with families and other war-era veterans. This year's Armed Forces Day ceremony paid special acknowledgment to WWII veterans and families as well as those that support the war effort. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: They were cold from the unexpected overnight but otherwise okay. Members of a Coast Guard helicopter aircrew from Sector North Bend located two lost female hikers yesterday morning who were reported missing overnight near the Baker Beach Trail north of Florence. After the Coast Guard crew spotted the hikers, an aviation survival technician was lowered to them to evaluate their conditions and lead them to a nearby search and rescue ground party. Crewmembers from Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River assisted in search efforts as part of the ground party.; East of Roseburg, crews yesterday recovered the body of a man whom witnesses say slipped and fell Sunday afternoon into water at the base of Toketee Falls. Search and Rescue personnel as well as emergency crews from Douglas County Fire District #2 and its Technical Rescue Team responded on Sunday night and resumed their efforts Monday morning. The body of 59-year-old Brian Paul Nelson, a former Bandon resident, was recovered late Monday morning. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: A new analysis finds that

Oregon's 62 community hospitals accounted for \$20.9 billion in economic output in 2017. The report prepared by ECONorthwest for the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems finds the hospitals are major employers in the state and the largest employer in many communities. The analysis concludes that the hospitals support close to 138-thousand direct and secondary jobs, about one out of every 20 positions here in Oregon. In Lane County, hospitals employ close to 49-hundred people and are key contributors to 47-hundred secondary jobs. Backers of the study say Oregon's early embrace of the Medicaid expansion made possible by the Affordable Care Act produced significant economic benefits. With one in four Oregonians now covered by the Oregon Health Plan, patients often receive care at community hospitals, bringing Medicaid dollars from outside the state into the region. The analysis notes that from 2015 to 2017, Oregon's health care system experienced significantly higher job growth compared to other private sectors, with a net increase of 10% over that time. The study concludes that those jobs are a big source of tax revenue for the state, generating close to \$700 million in state and local taxes directly or indirectly.; State officials say a quick look at companies' proposed insurance rates for 2020 show a market that appears to be stabilizing, as carriers encounter growing competition in some markets and expand their offerings into additional counties and rural areas. Analysts with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services say in the individual market, seven companies recently submitted rate change requests averaging of 3.3 percent. Those ranged from ranging an average 3.2 percent decrease to an average 13.5 percent increase. The requested rates are for plans that comply with the Affordable Care Act for small businesses and for individuals who buy their own coverage rather than getting it through an employer. The report also notes that seven carriers are working to offer full or partial individual plans in Lane County, as a couple of carriers look to expand in this market. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon employers added 3,300 jobs in April, as the state's unemployment rate dipped to 4.3 percent from 4.4 percent the previous month. Analysts say Oregon's unemployment rate has held within a tight range between 4.0 percent and 4.4 percent for the past two and a half years, a prolonged stretch of economic recovery. Among the sectors adding the largest numbers of jobs: health care and social assistance, as well as leisure and hospitality. Modest gains were seen in manufacturing, government (+600), and construction. The only sector that lost jobs last month was professional and business services, which shed close to 1,000 workers. Still, in the past year Oregon's total payroll employment is up 48,200 jobs, an overall gain of 2.5 percent. The U.S. unemployment rate stands at 3.6 percent. The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the April county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, May 21st, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for May on Tuesday, June 18th. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE. BUSINESS: Oregon and Washington fishery managers recently announced seasons and regulations for 2019 summer and fall Columbia River fisheries. Although Coho returns are projected to be much better than recent runs, belowaverage projections for summer Chinook, Fall Chinook, Sockeye, and upriver summer steelhead will require another year of reduced seasons and bag limits, and in some cases closures for these runs. The fishery managers are working with a weak summer Chinook forecast of 35,900 fish returning to the Columbia River, which would be the lowest return since 2000 and too small to provide for

directed harvest in non-treaty fisheries. The fall seasons will start August 1, based on a projected return of 349,700 Fall Chinook, which is almost 20% higher than last year's actual return but still down from many recent years, resulting in shorter fall Chinook retention seasons. Due to the low projected returns for upriver summer steelhead, managers of the Columbia River fisheries say additional protective regulations are needed this fall including a one steelhead daily bag limit and area-specific steelhead retention closures on the mainstem Columbia and the lower reaches of specific tributaries.

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RECREATION: A new webcam from Lane County Parks offers a view of the Mt. Pisgah summit as seen from the North Bottomlands in the Howard Buford Recreation Area. "The main summit trail at Mt. Pisgah is the most used trail in the most visited park that Lane County operates,' said Lane County Parks Manager Brett Henry. "The new camera will be a great way for would-be hikers to check the weather conditions at the park before leaving home." The webcam is programmed to take a post one photo every 10 minutes. Viewers can access the most recent 8 hours of photos online. The Mt. Pisgah camera joins the Harbor Vista camera, which offers a view of the Pacific Ocean, and the Orchard Point camera on Fern Ridge Reservoir. All three cameras can be accessed by visiting lanecounty.org/parks and selecting the camera option under "Quick Links." / COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT: Today, thousands of people will flood the Roosevelt Yard as they return for the annual Eugene Public Works Day. They will walk between towering trucks, explore wild critters that roam our parks, watch as water scours pipes, and "tour" a tiny city while learning about bicycle safety. Many large groups are already registered and will arrive in the early hours of the event. The best time for small groups and families is between 1-2:30 p.m., with no registration needed. The demonstrations are intended to provide a glimpse of the many services provided by public works. "This is one of our favorite days of the year," said Kim Mast, Public Works Day coordinator. "There's a buzz around the Roosevelt Yard that is contagious as people learn what it takes to operate a city and about the variety of services we offer." There will be onsite parking for those who drive to the Roosevelt Yard. Lane Transit District will also run a shuttle service from its downtown station to and from the Yard every half hour. For more information on Public Works Day, visit Eugene-or.gov/pwday. The Roosevelt Yard is located at 1820 Roosevelt Blvd. The event is free and open to the public. Eugene Public Works Day is held in coordination with Public Works Week, a nationwide tribute to public works. Mayor Lucy Vinis proclaimed May 19-25 as Public Works Week in Eugene. Cities and states across the country band together for this annual event. This year's theme is "It Starts Here." The theme represents the many facets of modern civilization that grow out of the efforts put forth by the public works professionals across North America. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: You want a straw with that order? You'll need to ask for it in Eugene in another month or so. Members of the Eugene city council yesterday approved an ordinance that limits the availability of what are known as "single-use" plastic items at restaurants and bars, grocery and convenience stores, coffee

stands and food carts, hotels and motels. We're talking about things straws, utensils, stirrers and other single-use items at places where food is sold. They're not being banned but starting soon you'll need to ask for them or staff at the establishments will need to offer them. The idea is to reduce the number of discarded small plastic items that experts say are slowly littering the landscape and choking the world's oceans. The restriction goes into effect 30 days after the mayor signs the ordinance into law. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol Deputies are cautioning boaters and those recreating in Lane County Rivers of changes in the waterways after the flooding that occurred in early April. Many of the obstructions that had been in the river for multiple months were moved downstream by the high waters that our rivers experienced. Additionally, many downed trees and branches that were previously on riverbanks were swept into the river during the flooding, creating additional obstructions. Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol has received multiple calls from community members reporting new obstructions. Deputies are working to report that information to the Oregon State Marine Board so that it can be posted on their website. The rivers are constantly changing. Boaters and those recreating on the waterways should: Research the area you plan to float ahead of time for new obstructions and to ensure the area is passable with the watercraft you plan to use. Always wear a life jacket, even if you know how to swim. Tell someone where you are putting in, where you plan to take out, and when you plan to be home. Carry a fully charged cell phone with you and a noise making device. Know your skill level and avoid areas that are above your level of expertise. Boaters can view a list of reported obstructions on the Oregon State Marine Board website by visiting: https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/Pages/Reported-Obstructions-Alerts.aspx The list does not include all obstructions on our waterways. / SAFETY, EVENTS: The Lane County Sheriff's Office will be conducting traffic safety saturation patrols in the Florence area and the Highway 126-West area from Friday, May 17, through Sunday, May 19, during the Rhododendron Festival. The overtime patrols are paid for by a traffic safety grant. Deputies will focus on enforcing the speed limit, spotting and stopping DUII drivers, and checking that people are using their seat belts. According to state highway officials, Highway 126-West remains one of the deadliest highways in the state. Also, the Lane County Sheriff's Office is anticipating heavy traffic and congestion on Highways 101 and 126-West during the Rhody Fest. Expect delays, drive safely, drive sober, and always wear your seatbelt. / EVENTS, SPORTS, EDUCATION: Oregon's marquee season opener against SEC foe Auburn at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, will kick off ABC Saturday Night Football's 14th season at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 31. It will be the second meeting between the two programs and the first since the 2010 national championship game. The Ducks have not opened a season away from Autzen Stadium since 2011 when they took on LSU at AT&T Stadium. Highlighted by Heisman hopeful quarterback Justin Herbert, Oregon returns a combined 17 positional starters from the 2018 club that produced a 9-4 season under first-year head coach Mario Cristobal. The season was capped with three consecutive wins, including a victory over Michigan State in the Redbox Bowl. The Ducks will also usher in a consensus top 10 recruiting class. Both Oregon and Auburn were mainstays in 2019 preseason top 25 rankings distributed right after last season. Oregon found itself as high as No. 10 in the ESPN ranking. If the Ducks land in a preseason poll, it will mark the 10th time in

11 seasons that they have opened the season ranked. The game will also be Oregon's first against an SEC opponent since it defeated Tennessee, 59-14, at Autzen Stadium during the 2013 season. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Don't spend it all in one place. That's the approach being taken by state officials after yesterday's updated revenue forecast indicated Oregon is taking in some record tax payments. State economists say it's a short-term phenomenon and warn a recession might be just over the horizon. According to this month's revenue forecast, the state will take in nearly \$870 million more than what was initially estimated just three months ago. That gives lawmakers more than \$22 billion for the next two-year budget cycle. Mark McMullen, a state economist with the Office of Economic Analysis, said tax changes on the federal level brought in added revenue to states across the country, as many individual taxpayers saw smaller refunds. But he stressed lawmakers should not expect to rely on such revenues in the future. McMullen notes the added revenue is temporary and that Oregonians' personal incomes have actually fallen by one percent. State analysts suggest the economy will continue to slow as Baby Boomers continue to age and retire from the workforce. Governor Kate Brown yesterday suggested saving some of the funds while using some of the rest to pay for some of the Democrats' biggest priorities this legislative session including affordable housing, higher education, improved foster care and paying down the state's \$25 billion pension debt. Legislative leaders sounded a more conservative note, suggesting most of the money should be invested in the state's rainy day fund to prepare for any future economic downturn. They've already suggested a tighter state budget, calling for 5% cuts across nearly all state programs. At the same time, some of the revenue will be returned to the taxpayers, thanks to the state's unique "two percent kicker" law, which refunds excess revenue when the state's coffers are more than two percent higher than forecasted. This year's kicker is expected to be the largest in state history at \$1.4 billion, though \$108 million of that will be redirected to pay for education under a new law recently signed by the governor. State economists suggest the median taxpayer rebate to be around \$330, which comes in the form of a tax credit. The top 1% of income earners will receive a \$14,000 tax credit. / WILDLIFE, POLITICS: The debate over Oregon's growing wolf population increased yesterday, after Governor Kate Brown and Congressman Earl Blumenauer opposed the stance taken by the director of the Oregon Department of Wildlife. ODFW Director Curtis Melcher had written on May 9 to a federal agency in support of the proposal, saying that in the Lower 48 states and Mexico, the gray wolf no longer meets the definition of an endangered or threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. But Governor Brown declared Wednesday that the state and its agencies oppose the federal government's proposal to remove the gray wolf from the endangered species list. Conservation groups and Congressman Blumenauer also blasted Melcher's position after the wildlife agency director's letter came to light this week. The federal government has already delisted wolves in the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon. as well as in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming and contends that gray wolves no longer qualify for federal protection as an endangered or threatened species. The Interior Department's proposed delisting would cap a decades-long restoration effort that saw a turnaround for wolves, which were nearly exterminated across the Lower 48 states. Now more than 6,000 gray wolves live in portions of nine states. In his letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Melcher noted an

increase in Oregon's wolf population. ODFW reported in April there were 137 known wolves in Oregon at the end of 2018, a ten percent increase over 2017. At the same time, Melcher also said in his letter that Oregon is committed to gray wolf conservation, ensuring the species' progress while minimizing livestock losses. But members of conservation groups, including the Center for Biological Diversity, say lifting federal protections now would hamper further wolf recovery in Oregon and expose the animals to killing by the state. Officials with the state of Washington's wildlife agency also recently said wolves should be removed from the federal endangered species list throughout Washington state. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME: Investigators say it appears her police vest might have saved her life. They're talking about the Salem Policewoman who was shot multiple times at close range on Tuesday evening during a traffic stop. She was treated for multiple gunshot wounds and released from the hospital. A 38-year-old Woodburn man was arrested yesterday after a massive manhunt in a Salem neighborhood involving close to 100 law enforcement personnel, tactical experts, and police canines from multiple agencies. Video of the traffic stop shows chilling moments when the officer retreated after the first shots were fired. The video shows flashes from inside the suspect's vehicle and sparks as rounds appeared to strike the pavement as she moved away from the van.; The motorist who shot and wounded a Salem policewoman was arrested Wednesday at a nearby apartment in an operation assisted by close to 100 law enforcement officers from various agencies. The arrest capped a night of drama in a neighborhood of Oregon's capital city, during which streets were swarmed by officers, including members of a special weapons and tactics team and police from neighboring departments. Streets were cordoned off as officers using dogs searched the area and advised residents to stay inside and lock their doors. The policewoman had conducted a traffic stop at sunset Tuesday when the driver suddenly opened fire at close range, according to officials. The officer was struck multiple times. Security camera footage shows the police officer at the driver's window of a van when flashes appear inside. She retreats, with bullets creating sparks as they hit the pavement near her. The policewoman was able to leave the area on her own and then was taken to the hospital. She was treated for several gunshot wounds and released from the hospital. Officials say her builetproof vest might have helped save her. The shooter fled, abandoning the vehicle just a couple blocks away. Salem police say 38-year-old Jaime Lee Jimenez of Woodburn was arrested on multiple charges including attempted aggravated murder with a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm. / HEALTH: Four new measles cases have been diagnosed in western Washington, this time involving people who spent time at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Over the weekend, a fifth Washington state resident was diagnosed with measles. Health officials say four of the five new cases involved adults. The fifth occurred in a high school student. One person has been hospitalized. It was just a few weeks ago that public health officials declared the end of a Pacific Northwest measles outbreak that sickened more than 70 people. Those cases were concentrated in the Vancouver, Washington, area but there were also a handful of Oregon patients. That first outbreak spread quickly among unvaccinated children: 93 percent of the cases were in people under age 18. Eighty-six percent of the patients were unvaccinated, while 14 percent had had just one dose of a two-dose series of shots or didn't know their vaccination status. One person was hospitalized. That

outbreak cost nearly \$1 million and 19,000 hours of staffing time to contain and affected more than 50 public places including schools, hospitals, airports, stores and restaurants in Washington and Oregon. U.S. health officials said this week that this year's count of measles cases surpassed 800, a growing tally that is already the nation's highest in 25 years. Nearly two dozen states have reported cases this year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The vast majority of illnesses have been in New York — most of them among unvaccinated people in Orthodox Jewish communities. Measles was once common in the U.S. but gradually became rare after vaccination campaigns that started in the 1960s. / ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, SAFETY: A crew member on a doomed Oregon crabbing vessel that sank in rough seas, killing all three aboard, sent desperate texts to his wife just before his death saying the seas were "real big" and he was putting on his life vest, according to testimony at a U.S. Coast Guard hearing Wednesday. Denise Porter gave tearful testimony about a series of texts and two alarming phone calls from her husband Joshua during the third day of a weeklong hearing into the Jan. 8 shipwreck off the Oregon coast. The hearing was held in Newport, Oregon, and livestreamed. The Mary B II overturned in waves up to 20-feet as it tried to cross the Yaquina Bar near Newport, Oregon, after a trip to collect crabbing pots during the lucrative Dungeness crab season. Toxicology tests found the boat's skipper, Stephen Biernacki, of Barnegat Township, New Jersey, had amphetamine, methamphetamine and alcohol in his system, but the blood alcohol content fell below the legal limit for intoxication. A toxicology expert, Brian M. Bourgeois, testified the levels of methamphetamine indicate that the 50-year-old Biernacki was impaired. "I would call this mariner not fit for duty and certainly not what I would call seaworthy," Bourgeois said. Chris Reilly, an attorney for Biernacki's family, did not immediately return an e-mail, text or phone call seeking comment Wednesday while he was in the hearing proceedings. Biernacki's relatives have said they would not comment. Biernacki had recently moved to Oregon and had hired Porter, an experienced fisherman from Toledo, Oregon, to work on the Mary B II for about a week during the intense start of the Dungeness crab season. Denise Porter testified. Porter quickly noticed that Biernacki didn't seem to know what he was doing and wouldn't listen to Porter or take his advice, she testified. He didn't check the tides, for example, and didn't know how to use some equipment and kept alcohol on board, she said. Her husband was concerned about his safety but continued to go out because they had bills to pay and he was only supposed to work a few more days before taking a different job, she said. On the day of the shipwreck, Porter expected to be back in port by 2 p.m., she said, because bad weather was coming. He called her shortly after 2 p.m. to say he wouldn't be home until 4 p.m. Her husband told her that Biernacki wanted to "go and do two more strings," she said, referring to pulling up more crab pots. A short while later, Porter texted his wife again to say the Coast Guard was sending a boat to help the Mary B II as it tried to cross Yaquina Bar, a treacherous area where the Yaquina River flows into the ocean current. The Coast Guard had told the crew that the boat that crossed the bar before them had trouble, she said, referring to her husband's texts. "In the midst of the texting back in forth he called me and said, 'I'm scared, it's really big out here, I'm putting my life jacket on and I'm putting my phone and wallet in my pocket," she recalled. "And he said, 'I've got to go' and he hung up." Denise Porter, also an experienced fisherperson.

began to drive to the jetty, all while texting her husband. She saw flares over the water and the lights from three boats in the heavy surf. She took off her glasses in the fine drizzle, but still could make out lights in the water and hoped one was the Mary B II. / POLITICS, BUSINESS: Oregonians won't be smoking marijuana at legal cannabis lounges anytime soon. The Statesman Journal reports that a bill to legalize cannabis lounges is, quote, "100% dead," according to Sam Chapman, legislative director for the New Revenue Coalition, the group behind Senate Bill 639. The last major legislative action taken on the bill was a public hearing before the Senate Committee on Business and General Government at the end of February. Since then, the deadline to vote the bill out of committee has passed. Legal cannabis lounges are not unheard of in the U.S. The Las Vegas City Council this month OK'd marijuana consumption lounges, also known as social use venues, under certain conditions. An initiative petition submitted to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office in March may allow Oregon residents to vote on legalizing cannabis social consumption cafes in the November 2020 election. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: Health insurers in Oregon continue to request smaller annual increases in health insurance rates from year to year and are expanding into new service areas — both signs the market is stabilizing. Oregon Insurance Commissioner Andrew Stolfi on Tuesday released the rates Oregon insurance companies requested for plans sold to individuals and businesses with 50 or fewer employees. The rates do not apply to most Oregonians who are covered by large employer sponsored plans or public plans such as Medicare or Medicaid. Seven insurers requested 2020 premium changes ranging from a 3.2% decrease to a 13.5% increase from 2019 rates. "After net losses in 2015 and 2016, health insurers' financial statements have revealed over the past two years a return to profitability in 2017 and 2018," Stolfi said. "Those get reflected in the rates we've seen." Premiums increased by 23% in 2016 and 27% in 2017, followed by smaller increases of 13% in 2018 and 7% in 2019. The requested rates for 2020, which are likely to be adjusted by the state, represent an average increase of 3.3%. No insurer pulled out of any of the counties in which they offered plans in 2019, and four plans are entering new services areas in 2020. BridgeSpan Health and Regence are both expanding into Deschutes County, bringing the total number of plans serving Central Oregon to six. Under the proposed 2020 rates, a 40-year-old Portland resident would have a choice of seven plans with monthly premiums ranging from \$436 to \$552 per month for a silver level plan, designed to cover about 80% of health care costs. Premiums for the Central Oregon market were not yet available. Officials noted, however, that 74 percent of Oregonians who purchase individual plans on the health insurance exchange receive a federal subsidy that lowers their costs. The state will now accept public comment on the proposed rates, issuing its preliminary rate decision in late June, with final rates expected by the end of July. / CRIME, TERRORISM: An Oregon man has been found guilty of assaulting two officers by igniting an explosive as a federal terrorism task force attempted to arrest him. The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Wednesday that 27-year-old Jason P. Schaefer was convicted Wednesday in Portland of charges including assaulting officers, using and carrying a destructive device in relation to the assault, and using an explosive to commit a federal felony. Authorities say Schaefer used a lighter to ignite a cigarette pack filled with explosive material in his car on a Portland street in October 2017. The task force had an arrest warrant for Schaefer, who was already a felon, for possessing

explosives and chemicals used in explosives purchased through eBay. Schaefer faces up to 30 years to life in prison during an August sentencing hearing. / MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME< GOVERNMENT: The Oregonian/OregonLive reports an advocacy group for people with mental and physical conditions has filed in federal court to ask a judge to hold the state in contempt over its treatment of mentally ill defendants. Disability Rights Oregon on Tuesday joined law firm Metropolitan Public Defender in that request. Those backing the suit say it could be a costly legal decision for the state but one that forces mental health care and criminal justice reforms. At issue is defendants' timely access to treatment to enable them to assist in their own defense, a right guaranteed by the Constitution. A longstanding federal court order requires Oregon State Hospital officials to admit defendants who need competency evaluations within seven days of a court order. Officials have testified in state court that Oregon has failed to comply with this order in recent months because the hospital is full. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, YOUTH: A federal judge is ordering the Food and Drug Administration to begin reviewing the health effects of e-cigarettes. The ruling handed down Wednesday says the agency abdicated its legal duty when it postponed reviewing all U.S. vaping products by several years. The American Academy of Pediatrics, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and other groups filed the federal lawsuit in Maryland last year. The groups say the lack of FDA oversight has led to an explosion in underage vaping by teenagers, threatening to hook a generation of Americans on nicotine. The FDA gained authority to regulate ecigarettes in 2016, but it has allowed thousands of products to remain on the market without formal rules or safety standards. The agency has said government and industry need more time to prepare for regulation. / HEALTH: A large experiment suggests that trimming dietary fat and eating more fruits and vegetables may lower a woman's risk of dying from breast cancer. It involved 49,000 women and spanned two decades and is more reliable than many other studies that just observe how people eat and draw conclusions. At the start, women were getting one third of daily calories from fat. One group lowered that to 24% after one year and to about 30% after eight years. Two decades later, those who trimmed fat intake had a 21% lower risk of dying of breast cancer. The diet change did not affect the risk of developing the disease though. Results were reported Wednesday in a telephone news conference held by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. /

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EDUCATION, SPORTS: The 2019 OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union High School Track & Field State Championships take place today and tomorrow: Class 2A-1A at Western Oregon University in Monmouth; Class 4A-3A at @ Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. Next weekend there are more championships; Class 6A-5A at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. / ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Short Mountain Landfill experiences two fires in one weekend; improperly disposed of batteries likely to blame. While the cause of last weekend's landfill fires remain uncertain, Lane County Waste Management would like to remind community members of the fire danger posed by improperly disposing of flammable materials, including lithium batteries, charcoal briquettes, propane tanks, fireworks and chemicals. "We usually see an increase in landfill fires in the summertime as conditions get drier and more people are grilling and using fireworks," said Keith Hendrix, Lane County solid waste supervisor. "However, lithium batteries are the most frequent culprit and can cause fires yearround." At times, there have been as many as four fires per day at the Glenwood Transfer Station and Short Mountain Landfill due to improperly disposed of materials. "Taking a little bit of extra time to properly dispose of flammable materials can help save lives," said Hendrix. "It is extremely dangerous for Waste Management staff and fire personnel to fight fires in the active fill area of the landfill - there's a lot of fuel and it is not easy terrain to navigate on foot or with firefighting equipment." Most households have multiple electronics with rechargeable, lithium-ion or lithium-polymer batteries, including laptops, cell phones, tablets, digital cameras, power tools and more. The Lithium-ion and lithium polymer batteries in these items are often encased in a soft pouch that when punctured allows air to reach the battery - causing a chemical reaction that leads to sparks, fire and sometimes explosions. The fire produces toxic smoke. When batteries are improperly thrown away, they end up in our waste transfer stations and landfill. As waste is compacted and moved with heavy equipment, the pouch encasing the batteries can be punctured and start a fire. Charcoal briquettes remain hot for days if not cooled, soaked and disposed of properly. Briquettes that are still warm when disposed of may re-ignite in the landfill and cause a fire. Propane tanks are pressurized and could cause a fire or explosion when compacted with heavy equipment at the landfill. Fireworks remain hot and, if not disposed of properly, can cause fires in materials they come into contact with days later. Chemicals can combine with other chemicals in the landfill, or react with items in the landfill, causing them to heat up and start a fire. Proper Disposal

techniques: Lithium-ion and lithium-polymer batteries: Lane County Waste Management accepts most home electronics, including computers, for recycling at the Cottage Grove, Creswell, Florence, Glenwood, Marcola, Oakridge, Rattlesnake, Veneta and Vida transfer stations. All Lane County waste transfer stations accept rechargeable batteries for appropriate disposal. Other electronics that contain lithium batteries can be disposed of for free at Lane County's Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Glenwood Transfer Station (3100 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene). The Center accepts appointments for Thursdays and Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. To make an appointment, call 541-682-4120. Charcoal Briquettes: Close the lid and vents to your charcoal grill for 48 hours until ash has completely cooled. Ash may also be soaked with water to reduce potential for combustion. Wrap the completely cooled ash in aluminum foil and throw the packet in a non-combustible garbage bin for pickup. Propane Tanks: Call the retailer where you purchased your propane tank and inquire about "take back" or other recycling options. Tanks that are 5 gallons or smaller are accepted for recycling at all Lane County waste transfer stations. Fireworks: Submerge used fireworks in a bucket of water and soak overnight. Wrap soaked fireworks in plastic so they do not dry out and place in a non-combustible garbage bin for pickup. Unused fireworks cannot be thrown away. Unused fireworks can be disposed of for free at Lane County's Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Glenwood Transfer Station (3100 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene). The Center accepts appointments for Thursdays and Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. To make an appointment, call 541-682-4120. Chemicals: Many chemicals can be disposed of for free at Lane County's Hazardous Waste Collection Center. located at the Glenwood Transfer Station (3100 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene). The Center accepts appointments for Thursdays and Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. To make an appointment, call 541-682-4120.; The City of Springfield is holding its 31st Annual Spring Clean Up event from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday, May 18. This free event is exclusively for City of Springfield residents within city limits. Proof of residency will be required. No businesses please. This free event provides an opportunity for residents to recycle items such as old freezers, refrigerators, scrap lumber, metal and other large or hard-torecycle items. Items that cannot be accepted at the event are loads in enclosed vehicles, such as moving trucks, paint, household garbage, chemicals, fluorescent lights, car parts, or oversize items such as hot tubs and boats. For a full list of items accepted visit http://www.springfield-or.gov/city/development-publicworks/spring-clean-up/ Disabled residents who qualify for pick-up service of appliances only, please call 541.525.2658 prior to 5 pm on May 15. / EDUCATION: Big round of applause for Marcola School District teacher Renee Klein. She's been named Lane County's "2020 Regional Teacher of the Year." The honor comes with a \$500 cash prize and puts her in the running for Oregon's "2020 Teacher of the Year" award, which will be announced in September. Marcola Superintendent Bill Watkins say Renee Klein continues to be an inspiration to her peers, students, and community members as an excellent educator and an exceptional human being. Regional "Teachers of the Year" are nominated by students, colleagues, administrators, friends or family members and selected by a panel of regional representatives. The winner of the state "Teacher of the Year" competition receives a \$5,000 cash prize with a matching \$5,000 going to their school. They also serve as a spokesperson and representative for

all Oregon teachers. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, YOUTH: One in seven Oregon households is "food insecure," according to experts with the Oregon Center for Public Policy. That means families have trouble putting food on the table and often don't know where they'll get their next meal. At least 174,000 members of those households are children, a number that's larger than the population Eugene. That's why Oregon is preparing to spend \$40 million to dramatically expand its federal free breakfast and lunch program. The goal is to ensure that more than 60 percent of our state's 580,000 public school students will be included. The program will provide free meals to any child whose family lives at up to three times the poverty level, which is \$75,000 for a family of four that might be struggling to pay for housing and other essentials and have trouble putting nourishing meals on the table. The meals expansion program part of the new tax package for schools, a sweeping \$1 billion annual investment dedicated to boosting student performance. It will be paid for through a new half a percent tax on business. Oregon's expanded free breakfast and lunch program will be the largest statewide effort in the country, allowing 761 schools to provide free lunch and breakfast to approximately 345,000 students. Backers, including State Senator Arnie Roblan, a Coos Bay Democrat, say, "Hungry kids don't think about education nearly as much as having something in their stomach." At FOOD for Lane County, administrators of the summer Free Meals Program for Kids say children rely on good nutrition for proper brain development. As one official remarks, "You can't give a child a sandwich three years after they were chronically hungry and tell them, here, this will make up for it." / POLTIICS, ECONOMY: With a forecast that indicates Oregon is taking in historic amounts of tax revenue this year, the Speaker of the Oregon House is proposing setting aside half of the amount that's ordinarily returned to taxpayers in order to fund some big state projects. House Speaker Tina Kotek has introduced a plan to halve the unique "kicker" rebate that Oregon residents receive when state biennial revenue exceeds original projections by more than two percent. Kotek would like to see roughly half of the estimated \$1.4 billion tax rebate set aside for some big transportation projects. Under the plan, \$260 million would go toward seismic upgrades of the Interstate 205 bridge connecting East Portland to Vancouver, Washington. Another \$245 million would go toward an existing "Clean Diesel Engine Fund" to help freight carriers in Oregon transition to cleaner-burning diesel engines, cutting air pollution. Both California and Washington state already have implemented similar strict diesel standards, leading some companies to move higher-emissions diesel vehicles into Oregon, increasing pollution here. An additional \$245 million would go to a new "Zero Emission Fund," which would create the infrastructure to help the state transition to zero-emission vehicles, like electric cars. But getting passage of the overall plan might be a challenge. Oregon's personal income tax kicker has only been redirected once, as lawmakers grappled with a budget shortfall in 1991. Kotek would need two-thirds support in both the House and Senate. / YOUTH PROTECTION, GOVERNMENT: A lawsuit says Oregon child welfare officials ignored years of warnings when they moved a boy with a history of abusing younger children into the same foster home as two girls. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports new court documents say case workers labeled the boy a "risk" and wrote that they planned to move the young girls out as soon as possible. Yet the lawsuit contends they remained in the home for two months and that the boy sexually abused them. Documents say the abuse came to light in

2017. A lawyer sued the Department of Human Services on the girls' behalf in September, then filed an updated version of the lawsuit this month after the agency turned over its case files. State lawyers responded to the initial lawsuit by filing court papers that acknowledged they should never have placed the boy in the home. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has signed a sweeping tax package set to raise \$1 billion a year for schools. The governor says in a Tweet Thursday that "this is a big day for our kids, and their future." Schools will be required to use the funds to decrease class size and boost student performance. Oregon has some of the largest class sizes and lowest graduation rates in the nation. The funding will be dependent on a half a percent tax on less than 10% of all businesses in the state. Republicans sought to block the package by refusing to show up to the Senate to vote. They ended a weeklong walkout Monday at which point the measure was swiftly approved. It's still possible the tax package could be sent to the voters for approval under the state's referendum process. / CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT: That Salem Police officer who was shot multiple times during a Tuesday evening traffic stop sustained nonlife threatening wounds and is recovering at home. Officer Michelle Pratt is a seven-year veteran on the force who volunteered, then became a Community Service officer for close to a decade prior to becoming a sworn patrol officer. Investigators say Moore's police vest likely saved her life as the suspect, a 38year-old Woodburn man, fired from inside her vehicle, striking Pratt as she backed away to take cover and radio for assistance. Salem's police chief says Pratt was calm and composed on the radio, and able to create her tourniquet to control bleeding until other officers arrived. He also credits Pratt's advanced training in crisis intervention techniques and domestic violence investigations. She is also a member of the Salem Police Honor Guard. / VETERANS, OLDER ADULTS. CRIME: Every two minutes, someone in the United States becomes a victim of fraud. A disproportionate number of scams target the nation's most honorable and vulnerable -- veterans and the elderly. These victims are defrauded out of millions of dollars every year. In partnership with the Oregon Department of Justice, Department of Consumer and Business Services and AARP, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is hosting a first-of-its-kind event to educate veterans and their families about fraud and scams that target them. Operation Stop Scams will be hosted on Monday, May 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at World of Speed, 27490 SW 95th Ave. in Wilsonville. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum will speak at the event, which includes learning sessions by several state agencies focused on helping veterans understand how scams target them and how they can protect themselves. Organizations that provide direct services to veterans and Oregon's aging population will also be available throughout the event. "It is critically important that all veterans understand how to protect themselves from being defrauded. These scams are particularly despicable because the veterans involved are in the stage where they don't have the opportunity to recover financially, so these losses are devastating to them," said ODVA Director Kelly Fitzpatrick. "Moreover, the impacted veterans are often our nation's heroes who served during World War II, or the wars in Korea or Vietnam." "A 2017 AARP study found that U.S. military veterans are twice as likely as nonveterans to lose money to fraud. Fraudsters come at ex-service members from many angles, employing vet-focused twists on identity theft, phishing, impostor scams, and investment and loan deceptions," said Ruby Haughton-Pitts, AARP Oregon State

Director. "Getting this information, education and resources about potential fraud in front of veterans, military and their families is the best way to stop these con artists." Just this month, Multnomah County Circuit Court fined Future Income Payments LLC \$5.9 million for executing a scheme on approximately 240 Oregon veterans and retirees. The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services' Division of Financial Regulation and the Department of Justice sued Future Income for the scheme, which provided illegal loans to low-income Oregonians with interest up to 200 percent. "While scammers can lurk everywhere, and can target anybody, veterans can be an easy target because scammers know they may have access to pensions and other resources. Even though the scams keep changing, there are easy things we can do to protect ourselves and our families and neighbors. But, we must all work together in order to educate ourselves. I am looking forward to an informative and fun event," said Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. This event is open and free to the public. Veterans and family are encouraged to attend. A light breakfast and lunch is provided for all attendees as well as an opportunity to tour the museum following the event. Register to attend at https://aarp.cvent.com/StopScams2019 or call 1-877-926-8300. To learn more about protecting yourself from financial fraud visit https://dfr.oregon.gov/financial/protect/Pages/senior-safe.aspx. To learn about veteran benefits, please visit www.oregon.gov/odva or call 503-373-2085 to find a local Veteran Service Office, / CRIME, PETS: A kitten that was found encased in hardened spray foam is expected to make a full recovery after being rescued from a garbage can by an Oregon sanitation worker, authorities said Thursday. The sanitation worker was using a hydraulic arm to empty a trash can near Hillsboro, Oregon, but the can wouldn't empty, said Washington County sheriff's investigators. The worker peered inside and saw the kitten hanging from the can upside down by its back legs, he said. Its head and paws were covered in hard, white foam but it managed to meow. The sanitation worker took the kitten to his company offices and he and others used razors to cut off as much foam as they could and then took the animal to a veterinarian. Investigators say the cat is lucky that the worker took the time to check things out. The kitten's abuse is being treated as an animal cruelty case. It's not clear who covered the kitten in foam; there have been no arrests. The cleaned-up kitten is resting in an animal shelter until he makes a full recovery. He will be returned to his owners, who are not suspects. Investigators say the owners have several barn cats and the kitten was from a recent litter. / HEALTH: A study finds that teens who have obesity surgery lose as much weight as adults who have the operation and are more likely to have other health problems go away. Doctors compared results of gastric bypass surgery in 161 teens and 396 adults who had been obese since they were teens. Five years after their operations, both groups had lost 26% to 29% of their weight. Diabetes and high blood pressure went into remission in more of the teens than the adults. Some side effects were more common in teens, and they were more likely to need a second operation. The study was published Thursday by the New England Journal of Medicine and discussed at an obesity conference in Houston. / ECONOMY: U.S. home construction rose in April, led by an uptick in single-family homes. The Commerce Department says homebuilding rose 5.7% last month. While construction of single-family homes increased 6.2%, that's down 4.3% from a year earlier. Housing starts fell 2.5% from a year earlier, suggesting that wouldbe home buyers are facing a shortage of new houses. Building of apartments and

condominiums rose 2.3% and was up 1.4% from April 2018. From March to April, housing starts surged 84.6% in the Northeast and 42% in the Midwest but fell 5.7% in the South and 5.5% in the West. Housing permits, an indicator of future activity, rose 0.6%, the first uptick since December.

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: That was one heck of a series of lightning storms on Saturday afternoon—not to mention the downpours Saturday evening. A lightning bolt struck and set afire a large tree on the south end of River Road in Eugene, closing River Road between Northwest Expressway and Park Avenue because the tree was in danger of collapsing. Crews set up a detour and worked much of the day Sunday clearing the mess. The tree was big enough that the work required all sorts of equipment, including a crane. Meantime, a lightning bolt struck a Junction City home, causing significant damage to the roof. A neighbor spotted smoke and crews from Junction City Fire & Rescue assessed the damage, which included some of the shingles and siding, as well as hole in the attic. The force of the strike created enough pressure in the attic to dislodge some inset lighting fixtures from the home's ceiling. Fortunately, there were no injuries. / TRANSPORTATION: The 6th Avenue on-ramp to the Washington Street Bridge and eastbound I-105 in Eugene is closed for construction for the next four weeks. One lane of the 7th Avenue - Washington Street Bridge on-ramp is also closed for about 10 days. Travelers should expect delays on I-105 and use alternate routes, especially during commute hours. "Know before you go" at www.Tripcheck.com to see current road conditions. SALEM - Travelers should plan for delays of up to 30 minutes as a paving project gets under way on Interstate 5 between Woodburn and Salem. More than 12 miles of road will be paved, including six bridges. The work is scheduled to take place at night. May 13: Work started on the bridges, with nightly lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday nights through Friday mornings. The speed limit in the construction zone is 50 mph for work zone safety with Oregon State Police monitoring traffic. May 19: Paving started on the northbound I-5 lanes between Brooks and Woodburn, the first section of the project. Lane closures begin as early as 7 p.m. and continue as late as 9 a.m., Sunday night to Friday morning. The project is scheduled for completion by October. This stretch of Interstate 5 was last paved 11 years ago and is deteriorating. Paving now creates a smoother, quieter drive for thousands of daily travelers and avoids the greater expense caused by waiting until the highway deteriorates further. Stay alert and watch for construction signs and construction workers in the work zone. / ELECTIONS: Oh, you nutty procrastinators. Have you voted but still not returned your ballot to Lane County Elections? It's too late to drop it in the mail: It would never arrive in time to be counted tomorrow night, Instead, you need to hand-deliver your ballot to either the Lane County Elections office at 275 W. 10th Avenue in Eugene or one of the official drop sites listed on

that insert that was included with your ballot. It's also online at oregonvotes.org In order to be counted, all ballots must be received at the Elections Office or at an official drop site by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, which is tomorrow. Postmarks do not qualify ballots. And a reminder: Check the back of your ballot to make sure you don't miss any candidate races or money issues. And be sure to sign the back of your ballot return envelope that lists your name and address. Be sure to use the same name that's on the ballot envelope and the signature you used when you filled out your voter registration card.; Lane County is asking voters in Tuesday's election to approve \$154 million in bonds for a new courthouse. Backers say the money would combine with an expected \$94 million in state matching fund to construct the seven-story building on the former Eugene City Hall site. The current courthouse was built in 1959. County leaders say it is outdated and doesn't have enough space for operations including the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, courtrooms, victims' services, parole and probation and more. The design proposal calls for security and seismic upgrades. County officials say the existing courthouse is used by 600 people daily and handles more than 33,000 cases annually. Currently, officials say inmates share some of the same elevators or corridors used by judges, staff and the public. Other improvements would include upgraded HVAC and electrical systems with solid back-up features.; A handful of Lane County school districts have issues on the ballot Tuesday's election. Both the Eugene Schools and the Crow-Applegate-Lorane Schools are asking voters for renewal of their five-year local option levies. Both fund school education programs and staff. The Fern Ridge Schools are asking voters to approve a \$5 million bond issue to renovate and replace the district's track complex and develop property west of Elmira Elementary for baseball, softball and other youth sports uses. Voters are also electing members to eight local school boards and the board of the Lane Education Service District, as well as three spots on the Lane Community College Board of Directors. Two local fire districts, a couple of water districts, Willamalane Park and Recreation, and the Western Lane Ambulance District also have board elections on Tuesday's ballot. / POLITICS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS: She signed it into law Thursday but Governor Kate Brown holds a ceremonial signing today for that new tax on Oregon's wealthiest businesses, which will raise an estimated \$1 billion annually to shore up the state's public schools. Brown will be at a Salem elementary school for today's event, joined by students, educators, and lawmakers. It comes one week after legislators finalized the money, designed to improve student test scores and turn around sagging graduation rates. The new business tax goes into effect in January—maybe. Opponents have promised to challenge the matter and take it to the voters, perhaps in November of 2020. And some state lawmakers are considering referring the issue to the ballot even earlier next year. Oregon voters rejected a similar gross receipts tax three years ago. But some of the opponents last time around, including some of the state's biggest companies and a business lobbying group, either support this tax or have remained neutral on the issues. That's a big turnaround from three years ago, in part because this tax is dedicated specifically to education. Opponents need to collect nearly 75,000 signatures within 90 days after the end of the legislative session to put the tax to voters. Political observers consider that a relatively low bar and say it's all but certain business interests will succeed in their signature gathering. If opponents succeed, existing law would put the issue before voters in November 2020. And the tax

wouldn't take effect until voters have their say, instead of kicking in at the start of 2020 as scheduled. However, capitol insiders say Democratic leadership is preparing a bill that would direct any referendum on the tax to a special election next January. It's a similar strategy that Democratic lawmakers used in 2017 to avoid any delays with Ballot Measure 101, which attempted to block parts of another new tax. / SAFETY: She was driving a winding mountain road through the Siskiyous in southwest Oregon Saturday when she saw some skid marks, was concerned, and stopped to check things out. Oregon officials are crediting Laurie Bowers, the northern California woman, with saving a man's life after she spotted his red Jeep SUV about 50 feet down a cliff and called emergency crews. Rescuers say the man was hypothermic with a badly fractured leg and internal bleeding but was safely removed from the wreckage and airlifted to a Medford hospital. Illinois Valley Fire District investigators say a single tree was all that prevented the SUV from plunging another 1,000 feet down a steep ravine. The crash occurred off Grayback Road, which connects Cave Junction in Oregon to the town of Happy Camp in northern California. / ENVIRONMENT: The U.S. Geological Survey says a magnitude 3.7 earthquake hit along Oregon's Pacific coast. The agency says the earthquake struck a spot 1.3 miles southwest of Rose Lodge, a town of about 1,900 people, at 9:23 a.m. Sunday. The earthquake had a depth of 29 miles. The Oregonian/OregonLive.com reports that minor shaking was reported along the coast from Waldport to Cloverdale, with scattered reports further inland. No damage was reported. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: Investigators in Portland say quick thinking and fast action saved lives. Police this weekend said it was an 18-year-old student who brought a shotgun into a classroom at Parkrose High School in northeast Portland on Friday. And they are crediting a football and track coach at the school, Keanon Lowe, with tackling the student before anyone was hurt. Lowe is a former football standout at the University of Oregon. Lowe said he was in the classroom looking for another student on an unrelated matter when the suspect walked in carrying the shotgun. Lowe says after what he described as, quote, "the longest fraction of a second in my life," instinct kicked in and he lunged for the gun while students fled. In an interview on Sunday's "Good Morning America." Lowe said his main priority as he wrestled with the teen for control of the weapon was that the business end of the shotgun wasn't pointing at anyone, including himself. Ultimately, Lowe disarmed the student. No one was hurt. The suspect was been booked into the Multnomah County Detention Center on suspicion of possessing a firearm in a public building. attempting to shoot a gun at a school and reckless endangerment. Lowe told "Good Morning America" that he feels he was put in the classroom for a reason: to protect those kids. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: Wildlife authorities say they're planning to kill a mountain lion that's been deemed a threat to public safety in Bend. The Bend Bulletin reports cougar activity has been reported five times near homes and businesses in southwest Bend since February. The Department of Fish and Wildlife says that in the last two weeks, a cougar was spotted along a canal near a Fred Meyer store, and a deer kill was discovered along the Deschutes River canyon. That's worrisome, especially after a hiker was mauled to death in the Mt. Hood National Forest in September. Department spokeswoman Michelle Dennehy says authorities hoped the cougar would have moved on by now. The department says it's clear the cougar is hunting in the area and comfortable around humans, and the longer it stays the more likely an attack on people becomes. / BUSINESS,

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: The halt on China's imports of wastepaper and plastic that has disrupted U.S. recycling programs, leading to many oncerecyclable materials heading to landfills. But analysts say, long-term, it is spurring investment some in American new and expanded plants to process recyclables. But there is a lag between when expansion plans are improved and when the new and larger facilities go on-line. And not all are close to every urban area, so transportation costs might be prohibitive. Keith Ristau, CEO of Far West Recycling in Portland, Oregon, said most of the recyclable plastic his company collects used to go to China. Now most goes to processors in Canada or California. To meet their standards, Far West invested in better equipment and more workers at its material recovery facility to reduce contamination. The Northeast Recycling Council said in a report last fall that 17 North American paper mills had announced increased capacity to handle recyclable paper since the Chinese cutoff. And in a twist, the investors include Chinese companies that are still interested in having access to wastepaper or flattened bottles as raw material for manufacturing. China, which had long been the world's largest destination for paper, plastic and other recyclables, phased in import restrictions in January 2018. Global scrap prices plummeted, prompting waste-hauling companies to pass the cost of sorting and baling recyclables on to municipalities. With no market for the wastepaper and plastic in their blue bins, some communities scaled back or suspended curbside recycling programs. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Police say two motorcycle officers from Yakima, Washington, were injured when they crashed their motorcycles in Eugene, Oregon. KVAL-TV reports the officers crossed a bridge Friday afternoon before colliding and crashing into some grass. Eugene police say they were taken to a local hospital for treatment. The extent of their injuries wasn't known, but a police spokesperson said the officers are expected to survive. Police are investigating the possibility that one or both officers swerved to avoid something, causing the collision. Police declined to release the names of the officers. Officials say the officers are in Eugene for the North American Motor Officers Association training conference. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's attorney general has filed a new lawsuit against the maker of prescription opioid painkiller OxyContin, this time targeting the company's owners. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum alleges in a suit announced Thursday that Connecticut-based Purdue Pharma and eight members of the Sackler family took billions of dollars out of the company. Rosenblum says they transferred the money to their own accounts and continued to illegally market OxyContin. She says they have known for 20 years that OxyContin was addictive and deadly. In April, the Sackler family said that a lawsuit filed by the Massachusetts attorney general that accuses Purdue Pharma and the family of hiding the risks of opioids is riddled with inaccurate and misleading statements. The lawsuits are among some 2,000 filed in the past few years seeking to hold the drug industry responsible for a deadly national opioid crisis. /

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SAFETY: Oregon State Police are continuing their investigation into Friday morning's two-vehicle fatal crash on Territorial Highway and High Pass Road near Junction City. Yesterday, they released the names of those involved. The crash happened shortly after 10 a.m. Friday. Investigators say it appears a Chevy Cavalier, operated by 81-year-old Russell Lee Nickerson of Eugene was traveling westbound on High Pass Road when for unknown reasons he failed to stop at the intersection. Nickerson's vehicle was struck by a Ford Econoline Van, operated by 55-year-old Cary Allen Ramsay of Eugene. Nickerson died from his injuries. Ramsay was hospitalized with serious injuries. Territorial Highway was closed for approximately four hours Friday following the crash.; Oregon State Police are continuing their investigation into Saturday afternoon's multi-vehicle fatal crash on 126-W near Veneta. It happened around 3:30 p.m. Preliminary investigation revealed that several eastbound vehicles were stopped on 126 near the intersection of Lake Side Drive waiting for a vehicle to make a turn. State Police say it appears a Chevrolet pickup operated by 39-year-old Thomas Hill of Eugene was eastbound and failed to observe traffic coming to a stop. Hill's pickup rearended a Dodge pickup, operated by 29-year-old Christopher Stuart of Florence. Police say that impact caused the Dodge pickup to go into the westbound lane where it crashed into an oncoming Ford Focus operated by 37-year-old Jennifer Stephenson of Noti. Stephenson died of her injuries. Her passenger, 39-year-old Matthew Marcuergiaga of Noti, was hospitalized with serious injuries. Stuart was hospitalized with sustained critical injuries. Highway 126W was closed for about two hours during the investigation. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: An Oregon State University student died Sunday after slipping and falling about 100 feet at a northern Oregon coast viewpoint near the town of Manzanita. KPTV says family members confirmed 21-year-old Michelle Casey died after being rescued and flown to a Portland hospital. The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office said the accident occurred Sunday morning while the woman was taking pictures over a retaining wall. It came on the same day that a Coast Guard helicopter crew rescued two people near Cannon Beach who were trapped by high tide at Ecola State Park. The woman and man were uninjured after being stranded on rocks as the tide moved in. / BUSINESS, FAMILY: Owners of Roaring Rapids Pizza say Wednesday, May 22, will be the last day of operation for their antique merry-goround. It will make way for a new, 30-foot carousel that should be running in early June. The historic merry-go-round is a piece of Eugene-Springfield history that started life in the late 1920's. It has been on the Roaring Rapids property since the

mid-1960's. In recent weeks, adults and children have shared photos from their rides over the decades. Roaring Rapids is donating the historic merry-go-round to new carousel museum being developed in Hood River. The new carousel is being crafted by a San Francisco company, Barrango, which has also done work for Disney and other companies. / EVENTS, SPORTS, GOVERNMENT: Members of the Eugene City Council last night made last fall's temporary tailgating rules at Autzen Stadium permanent. Ducks football fans will be able to continue entering the parking lots six hours ahead of kick-off, which allows for added tailgating time. The council approved the University of Oregon's expanded Autzen Game Day parking hours in the spring of 2018 on a temporary basis and needed to approve the permanent rules before July for them to be in effect again this fall. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: Another loss for the Oregon men's basketball team as six-foot-nine forward Kenny Wooten posted on social media that he will not return next year. There's been plenty of speculation he would remain in the NBA Draft. The deadline for early entrants to the draft to sever ties with agents and retain their eligibility to return to school is May 29. Should Wooten depart he'll be the seventh player Oregon is losing this offseason. Two players are in the draft, two transferred, two completed their eligibility. Payton Pritchard has not yet announced whether he'll return or remain in the draft.; Representatives from the Pac-12 Conference and its member schools wrapped up their spring conference yesterday. Its university presidents had approved three measures: The Pac-12 is standardizing nonconference schedules in men's basketball to avoid weaker opponents. The scheduling change comes after a couple of poor seasons by the Pac-12 in men's basketball. The conference has placed only three teams in the NCAA Tournament field in each of the last two seasons, the fewest among Power Five leagues. The conference is eliminating the year of lost eligibility for athletes who transfer within the conference. But the elimination of the loss-of-eligibility for transfers does not affect the NCAA's year-in-residence rule for most transfers, meaning athletes who transfer within the Pac-12 will still be required to sit out a season in cases when the NCAA rule applies. The Pac-12 presidents also extended by five years the \$3.6 million in annual funding to the conference's Student-Athlete Health & Well-Being Initiative. The portion of funding that goes to on-campus mental health services will increase to \$1.1 million. / TRANSPORTATION, WILDLIFE, SAFETY: The Bend Bulletin is reporting that a campaign for a Highway 97 wildlife undercrossing near the Central Oregon city of Gilchrist has raised more than \$500,000 for fencing. That's half of what's needed for the project that would better protect drivers, mule deer and elk along an important migration route. The fencing project is designed to will funnel animals toward the undercrossing on both sides of a five-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 97. Construction is set to begin in spring 2020, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation. The highway at that location will also be widened. Wildlife crossings allow animals to follow natural migration patterns while also protecting motorists from dangerous animal strikes. The Bulletin story quotes highway analysts say a 10-mile stretch of Highway 97 near Gilchrist saw 267 reported deer and elk vehicle collisions between 2010 and 2017. On average, two people die annually in Oregon due to animal-vehicle collisions and more than 700 people are injured. Among the big contributors to the fundraising effort the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Hunters Association (\$110,000), Oregon Wildlife Foundation (\$75,000) and the Mule Deer Foundation (\$20,000). A wildlife

crossing south of Bend near Lava Butte has reduced collisions by 85% since it was completed in 2012, according to Suzanne Lindford, executive director of Protect Animal Migration, a nonprofit that works with environmental groups to provide the public with information about barriers to animal migration. The crossing is used by more than 40 species, including deer mule, black bears and squirrels. A second phase of the Lava Butte project is expected to start next year with a tunnel under the highway 2 miles south of Sunriver. The project is part of a widening of Highway 97 from two lanes to four. More than 1,000 deer are reportedly struck and killed in Deschutes County annually, according to ODOT. The actual number is believed to be closer to 5,000, as many animals injured by vehicles manage to crawl off the road but later die in the forest. Damage to vehicles can reach over \$44 million per year statewide. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: The U.S. Postal Service today hosts a dedication ceremony at Tumalo State Park, near Bend, as it releases it new Wild and Scenic Rivers "Forever" stamps, including one featuring the Deschutes River. The collection of new stamps highlights 12 rivers and river segments that were protected under the 1968 Wild and Scenic River Act, a federal law that limits development along portions of distinctive rivers. More than 200 rivers and river segments, covering 13,000 miles, are designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. About two percent of Oregon's rivers or sections of rivers are designated as "wild and scenic." including portions of the McKenzie, North Fork of the Willamette, North Umpqua, and others. Postal Service officials say the stamp depicting the Deschutes River features a photo of Steelhead Falls near Crooked River Ranch. The photo was taken by Bob Wick, a staff photographer for the Bureau of Land Management. The Wild and Scenic Rivers stamps will be available for most of the next year, until the postage stamps sell out. / AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, HEALTH: The Capital Press is reporting that the U.S. organic market hit a record \$52.5 billion in 2018. Not only is that up 6.3% from the previous year, it is the first time sales of organic foods and non-foods broke the \$50 billion sales mark. According to the 2019 Organic Industry Survey, close to 6 percent of all food sold in the U.S. is now organic, and growth in the organic sector continued to outpace gains in overall food and comparable nonfood sales in 2018. Authors of the report say that across the country organic is now considered mainstream, with products found in every aisle of the grocery store as well as in box stores, club warehouse and convenience stores and increasingly on the internet. One-third of organic sales are for fruits and vegetables, which now account for nearly 15% of all produce sold in the U.S. Sales of organic dairy and eggs ranked second in the report. The strongest growth in the organic nonfood sector came from fiber, which accounts for 40 percent of the organic nonfood market. Organic fiber sales in 2018 increased 12.5% to \$1.8 billion. / COMMUNITY, PETS, ENVIRONMENT. HEALTH: Do you live in Springfield? Do you pick up after your pet? Enter your dog in the contest for a chance to be featured in the City of Springfield's 2020 "Canines for Clean Water Calendar." The calendar contest runs from May 20 through June 3, 2019. To enter, dog owners must live in Springfield and pledge to pick up after their canine friend. Springfield residents can enter their favorite photo of their dog either via email or on the City of Springfield's Facebook page. The whole idea behind the calendar is, yes, to show a lot of photos of very good dogs. But coordinators also want to remind pet owners that if you don't pick up your pet's poop, you're leaving behind waste that contains bacteria and parasitic organisms.

That's a problem, not just for the landscape but when rain or sprinklers wash it into storm drains, streams and rivers, increasing the risk of contamination. The 2020 "Canines for Clean Water" Calendar will be available for free in November, while supplies last. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: As the weather continues to warm up, health officials say it's important for people to protect themselves from disease-carrying mosquitoes. One of the illnesses to avoid is the potentially deadly West Nile virus. West Nile is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. About one in five infected people may show signs of West Nile virus. People at risk of serious illness include individuals 50 and older, and people with immune-compromising conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. West Nile symptoms may include fever above 100 degrees and severe headache, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, shaking, paralysis or rash. People should contact their health care provider if experiencing any of these symptoms. To prevent the spread of West Nile virus: Eliminate sources of standing water that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes. This includes watering troughs, bird baths, clogged gutters and old tires. When engaged in outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, protect yourself by using mosquito repellants containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus or Picardin, and follow the directions on the container. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in mosquitoinfested areas. Make sure screen doors and windows are in good repair and fit tightly. In 2018, there were two human cases of West Nile virus in two Oregon counties: Harney and Clackamas. The virus was found in one bird, 58 mosquito pools — samples of about 50 mosquitoes each — and two horses. In 2017, seven humans, 92 mosquito pools, five horses and one bird tested positive for West Nile. The virus also can be found in chickens, squirrels and dogs. Climate change, particularly effects such as increased temperature and changes in rainfall, have led to longer mosquito seasons and are contributing to the spread of West Nile virus, health officials say. They agree these and other climate change indicators must be considered to help people better prepare for future transmission of the disease. Additional information about West Nile virus is available on the Oregon Health Authority website, and from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. / POLITICS, SAFETY: A multifaceted gun control bill pushed by Oregon Democrats may be dead this session, but advocates and opponents alike are confident it will return. The Senate bill (SB 978) was a casualty of the deal earlier this month that got Senate Republicans to end their four-day walkout and return to the Capitol, allowing Democrats to pass a multibillion-dollar education revenue bill. The gun control measure would have required safe gun storage; placed liability on gun owners if a gun is stolen, but not reported, and used to injure a person or property; outlawed untraceable and undetectable firearms; granted local authorities the power to regulate firearm access in public buildings; and allowed retailers to set higher minimum purchasing age restrictions. At the same time, a gun-related bill in the Oregon House remains alive (HB 2013). It would tighten a law passed last year closing the so-called "boyfriend loophole" in gun possession by people convicted of domestic violence. The original 2015 legislation barred people convicted of a domestic violence crime, or subject to a restraining order from possessing firearms, and this year's bill lays out exactly how that is supposed to happen. It passed out of the House one month ago with bipartisan support and is headed toward the Senate floor after a unanimous vote

Thursday in the Senate Judiciary Committee. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ELECTIONS, POLITICS, EDUCATION, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT: They say they'll review the results and figure out where to go from here. Lane County officials are considering how to move forward after voters yesterday strongly rejected a \$154 million measure to fund a new courthouse, with only 42 percent of the ballots in favor, 58 percent against. County officials hoped to combine local money with an expected \$94 million in state matching funds to pay for construction of the seven-story courthouse on the former Eugene City Hall site. Now, they say they need to determine whether the Legislature will continue to make the state money available before they consider whether to place an updated bond measure on a future ballot. The legislative funding is not enough to build the courthouse on its own. Lane County's current courthouse was built in 1959 and handles more than 38,000 hearings annually. But officials say it regularly experiences significant plumbing and elevator failures, and poses serious safety and security risks for victims, witnesses, visitors and others. Inmates, for example, share some of the same elevators or corridors used by judges, staff and the public. County leaders say a new courthouse would also provide desperately needed space for the sheriff's and district attorney's offices, courtrooms, victims' services, Oregon Public Defense Services, and Parole & Probation. The design proposal also calls for security and seismic upgrades. Other improvements would include upgraded HVAC and electrical systems with solid back-up features. County officials say the existing courthouse is used by 600 people daily and handles more than 33,000 cases annually. ; There were three Lane County school districts with money issues on yesterday's ballot. Two of them: The renewal of five-year local option levies for the Eugene Schools and the Crow-Applegate-Lorane Schools were approved. Both fund school education programs and staff. But voters in the Fern Ridge Schools rejected a \$5 million bond issue to renovate and replace the district's track complex and develop property west of Elmira Elementary for baseball, softball and other youth sports uses.; There were also a number of contested races for seats on local school boards, as well as various parks & recreation, rural fire and water districts. Among those garnering the most pre-election attention, two races for Eugene School Board. In one, Martina Shabram defeated incumbent Jim Torrey. In the other, Mary Walston retained her seat over challenger Deanna Chappell Belcher. There was one contested seat for the Lane Community College board. Lisa Fragala was the winner in LCC Zone 7. In contested races for the Springfield School Board, the winners were Todd Mann, Naomi Raven, and Karen Hunter. And in the four-way race for the Willamalane

Parks & Recreation District Board, Chris Wig is in the lead. : County clerks in Oregon would be required to audit results after each election under a bill that overwhelmingly passed the state Senate on election day. The bill requires county clerks to conduct hand-count or what are known as "risk-limiting" audits after every primary, general and special election. Risk-limiting audits are based on counts of statistical samples of paper ballots. Backers say the goal is to ensure election results are correct. The bill requires audits after every election, instead of just general elections. It now moves to the Oregon House for consideration. / UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENT: The Eugene Water & Electric Board has received a new 40-year operating license for its largest utility-owned generation facility - the Carmen-Smith Hydroelectric Project on the upper McKenzie River. The new license, issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will allow EWEB to operate the facility through at least May 2059. Utility The project generates enough electricity to power nearly 16,000 homes. In order to help secure the new federal operating license, EWEB in 2017 started a major rebuild of the Carmen Powerhouse, replacing and refurbishing much of the equipment first installed in 1963 when the project opened. Over the next several years, the utility plans to spend more than \$116 million on upgrading the powerhouse and substation. rebuilding the three campgrounds (Ice Cap, Trail Bridge and Lakes End) in addition to other recreational, environmental and habitat improvements. Carmen-Smith is a network of three dams and reservoirs and two power-generating units located 71 miles east of Eugene. The Carmen Diversion Reservoir, filled by the McKenzie River flowing from its headwaters at Clear Lake, has minimal storage capacity and is used to divert water into an 11,300-foot-long tunnel leading to Smith Reservoir. From Smith Reservoir, water is routed through a second, 7,325foot-long tunnel to the Carmen Power Plant, which discharges into Trail Bridge Reservoir, and then flows through the Trail Bridge power plant and back into the McKenzie River below Trail Bridge Dam. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH. COMMUNITY: These are heady days for Oregon Lottery players. Earlier this week, we learned about the Eugene man who won \$3.2 million in the Megabucks game and plans to use much of his slightly more than \$1 million lump-sum aftertaxes payment to start education funds for his grandchildren. And Oregon's lottery jackpots are climbing, with tonight's Powerball prize at \$288-million and Friday's MegaMillions drawing up to \$393 million. While there's plenty of excitement among casual lottery players about the larger lottery jackpots, this is a challenging time for problem gamblers and their families. Like other addictions, the craving to gamble can become the main priority in a person's life. When this happens the emotional and financial upheavals are devastating. Often, family and close friends are impacted. According to the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling, the addiction affects approximately 80,000 adult Oregonians, and about one in four problem gamblers think about suicide. For those entering treatment last year. the Oregon Health Authority estimates their combined debt related to gambling at over \$30 million. In Oregon, treatment for person with a gambling problem and their loved ones who are affected by their addiction is free and confidential and provided through Oregon Lottery revenues. Earlier this year, the Oregon Problem Gambling Resources website underwent a remodel to better connect you with their with services and resources. Need help? Go to the Oregon Problem Gambling program's website at www.opgr.org (en español: www.opgr.org/es) or call the state's 24-hour "Help Line" at 1-877-MY-LIMIT (877-695-4648), / CRIME:

It probably seemed like a good idea to him at the time. But a man who tried to elude police after an incident yesterday morning at the Hiron's store at 18th and Pearl Streets in Eugene wound up spending hours unable to get out of a steepwalled, concrete- and algae-lined Amazon Slough and ultimately wound up being arrested. Police were called around 10:45 yesterday morning after reports that the suspect, later identified as 29-year-old Lucas Martin Ryan, was taking items, had a long knife strapped to his hip, and was fighting with a loss prevention officer. Ryan was last spotted entering the Amazon Slough near E. 17th and Oak Street, where police tracked him for several blocks and close to an hour from up above before they lost sight of him. The slough in this part of town is contained by high concrete walls preventing easy entry and exit and filled with a number of storm drain access points. But shortly after three p.m. yesterday, someone called police to report a man was in the slough near East 17th and Oak Street and requesting help getting out. He mentioned the police had been chasing him earlier. Officers responded and set a perimeter and began a fresh pursuit, using a police K9 and an unmanned aerial vehicle to assist them. They say they finally located Ryan hiding 30-feet back in a 24-inch storm drain under the roadway at E. 17th and Pearl Street, leading to his surrender. Eugene Springfield Fire assisted with equipment that helped extricate Ryan. Paramedics checked him for injuries and hypothermia before he was lodged at the jail, charged with Theft in the Second Degree, Escape and two warrants. / HEALTH, YOUTH: Those working to reduce tobacco use and tobacco-related illness say if you want to make a real difference, discourage young people from ever taking up the habit. Most tobacco addiction starts in adolescence: 90 percent of adult smokers say they started before the age of 18. In 2017, a new law raised Oregon's age for purchasing tobacco and vaping products from 18 to 21. It went into effect at the start of 2018. Now, new numbers from the Oregon Health Authority indicate that raising the purchasing age significantly reduced the numbers of youth who are using tobacco. The OHA study found a significant decrease in youth ages 13-17, from 34 percent to 25 percent. Among young adults ages 18-20, 18 percent reported using tobacco, down from 23 percent two years ago. Fewer young adults said it was "easy" or "very easy" to obtain tobacco and vaping products. The effort, dubbed "Tobacco 21," came as Oregon became the fifth state to increase the age to purchase tobacco. To ensure compliance with the law, businesses that sell tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems such as e-cigarettes must post signs prohibiting sales of these products to persons under the age of 21. The report finds, however, that the state could do more by requiring licensing of places that sell tobacco products. Oregon is one of only nine states that does not have tobacco retail licensure. / POLITICS, HEALTH: People in the final weeks of their life could obtain deadly prescriptions more quickly under a bill moving forward in the Oregon Legislature. The Oregon Senate voted 16-11 on Monday to approve Senate Bill 579. If it passes the House and is signed into law, it would be one of the only changes to the state's landmark "Death With Dignity" law since it took effect in 1997. The bill would only apply to patients whose doctors have determined they have less than 15 days to live. It would allow them to bypass the normal 15-day waiting period between their first and second request for medication that would end their life. "This is merely helping a very small subset of Oregonians who want to have dignity and control in the last days of their life when they're facing a rapid, rapid demise," said Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Portland. Steiner Hayward, a physician, said sometimes

people with aggressive forms of cancer only find out their diagnosis with a very short time left to live. Other than the waiting period, the bill would not make any changes to the law allowing medication aid in dying. The patient would still have to receive a similar diagnosis from two different doctors and be mentally competent and free of coercion. Opponents questioned the need to give some people the ability to end their life more quickly, arguing it opens the door to what they called a "one-day suicide." Separately, another bill that would have expanded the ways that patients could self-administer their deadly prescription has been tabled for the session. House Bill 2217 was approved by the House in April. It would have allowed people to take medication to end their life through means other than oral ingestion, such as with an IV. Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said he canceled a possible vote in his Senate Judiciary Committee when it became clear that not enough lawmakers supported the bill for it to move forward. Oregon voters approved the Death with Dignity Act in 1994. It was the nation's first bill to allow medical aid in dying. Since it took effect in 1997, at least 1,459 people have ended their lives using the law, according to data from the Oregon Health Authority. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Federal safety investigators say a deadly 2017 Amtrak train derailment in Washington state happened because the engineer lost track of where he was on the route and was going more than twice the speed limit when he hit a curve. The National Transportation Safety Board announced the findings Tuesday at a meeting in Washington, D.C. The News Tribune reports investigators also blamed Sound Transit for not sufficiently mitigating the danger of the sharp bend. Amtrak for not better training the engineer, the Washington State Department of Transportation for not ensuring the route was safe before green-lighting a passenger train and the Federal Railroad Administration for using rail cars beneath regulatory standards. The train derailed in December 2017 near DuPont, Washington, killing three and injuring dozens on its inaugural run on a new route designed to save time between Tacoma and Olympia. The engine and some of the derailed cars plunged from an overpass onto Interstate Five. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Legislative leaders are moving quickly on a plan to rein in the growing costs of Oregon's public pension system. The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that the Democratic legislative leaders' plan to reduce public employers' pension costs moved out of committee Tuesday then sailed through the Ways and Means committee on a fast track to floor votes in the House and Senate. Reporter Ted Sickinger notes the bill included some significant amendments that reduced its impact on public employees, as well as one that would use sports betting revenues from the Oregon Lottery to generate further pension cost savings for employers. At its core, however, lawmakers' financial plan depends on postponing major action on the system's \$27 billion deficit by extending the minimum payment schedule for another eight to 10 years. That accounts for about three-quarters of the savings the Senate bill (Senate Bill 1049) is expected to generate. The Oregonian and OregonLive notes that public employers are already shortchanging their repayment of the Public Employees Retirement System's unfunded liability by roughly \$1.6 billion this biennium. That's because of the limits the pension board places on required contribution increases that may take place in any given biennium. The bill's proposed amortization schedule adds to the underfunding but generates short-term budget savings for employers. The plan also includes controversial employee cost-sharing provisions that would redirect a portion of the retirement contributions employees make today

to a supplemental 401K-like savings plan. Instead, some of those contributions -2.5 percent of pay for employee hired before August 28, 2003, and 0.75 percent of pay for employees hired after that date - would go into an account that would support pension benefits. Theoretically, the measure would trim a 30-year employee's overall retirement benefits by 1 percent to 2 percent of pay, according to an analysis by PERS Solutions for Public Services, a business-backed group advocating for money-saving changes to the retirement system. It doesn't apply to employees making less than \$30,000 a year, and the redirection would cease if the pension fund regains a funded status of more than 90 percent. Melissa Unger. executive director of the SEIU 503, which represents more than 72,000 Oregon public workers, said the union was glad to see the legislature dump the money match proposal. But she said the union still has deep concerns about the employee cost-sharing proposal and will have conversations with lawyers representing public employees after the session to determine whether a legal challenge is appropriate. Overall, the combined savings are expected to reduce employers' required contributions by \$1.2 billion to \$1.8 billion per two-year budget cycle beginning with the 2021-23 biennium, offsetting much of the cost increases expected in that budget period. Members of the Ways and Means committee spent some time before their vote Tuesday wringing their hands about the reduction in employee retirement benefits. Some said they would vote no on the floor of the Senate or House because voting for it would be breaking faith with teachers, firefighters and other public employees. Others said they were troubled but would vote in favor anyway. "It's something I thought I would never do." said Rep. Paul Holvey, D-Eugene. "It would be easy to sit back and vote no, but that would be doing nothing to fix the escalating costs...which would most assuredly result in reduced budgets, public services and jobs. Without being able to raise adequate revenues to stem these increases, we need to step up and try and solve this problem." Several committee members also repeated the myth that greedy Wall Street bankers and the 2008 recession are to blame for PERS problems. rather than misguided and financially self-interested decisions by earlier Legislatures and PERS Boards that actually created the system's structural deficit. Not a single lawmaker questioned or expressed any apprehension Tuesday about further underfunding the pension system and extending the deficit for another decade. That's the bill's main thrust - a strategy that could lead to further destabilization of the pension fund and land the issue back in lawmakers' laps if investment returns don't live up to expectations. And it's exactly what some lawmakers had said they wanted to avoid. The Ways and Means Capital Construction subcommittee also passed an amendment that would tap the state's net revenues from future sports betting for an employer incentive fund. That fund would provide a 25 percent match on lump sum payments that public employers make into pension side accounts. It's not clear how much profit sports betting will generate for the lottery, or how far the sin tax would go to cover legislators' past mistakes in structuring pension benefits. But it is expected to be a small fraction of the \$330 million that lottery officials estimate sports betting could bring in during the first year. In the meantime, lawmakers included a one-time, \$100 million contribution to the employee incentive fund in the amended bill. There was no mention in the amended bill of using excess revenues or diverting taxpayers' kicker rebates to the pension fund, though that could still be raised in other legislation. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: Environmental advocates in Oregon

have criticized a state plan to kill more than 1,000 ravens to help save the greater sage grouse. The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife applied for permits in 2018 to kill up to 500 ravens per year over a three-year period to reduce the number preying upon greater sage grouse eggs. Environmentalists say the strategy of putting poisoned chicken eggs in bait boxes in northeastern Oregon is flawed. A director at the Portland Audubon Society says the plan is part of an "unfortunate pattern" of agencies scapegoating a species without addressing primary causes of decline. The plan is opposed by numerous environmental groups including Oregon Wild, The Humane Society and the Center for Biological Diversity. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A federal jury in Oregon has awarded nearly \$27 million in damages against two trucking companies and their drivers who were involved in a road rage episode that killed a motorist. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the jury returned its verdict Friday after a trial in U.S. District Court in Pendleton. Sara Alison, of Idaho, was driving east on U.S. Highway 20, near Burns, Oregon, when she crashed head-on with a flat-bed semi driven by James Decou June 5, 2016. He had been trying to pass another truck that sped up faster and then slowed down to keep Decou from getting around him. Allison's estate reached a settlement with trucking company Smoot Brothers for 900,000 before the verdict, leaving Horizon Transport responsible for most of the damages. A Horizon Transport lawyer said the company is still reviewing the verdict and will have no comment. / GOVERNMENT, MENTAL HEALTH: Oregon will use ground-penetrating radar to search for bodies buried at the former Oregon State Insane Asylum in Salem. The campus of a now-defunct psychiatric hospital is where the 1975 Oscar-winning movie "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" was filmed. It which starred Jack Nicholson and was based on a novel by Oregon writer Ken Kesey. The Statesman Journal reports that the facility, which opened in 1883, once had a cemetery – and officials believe all of the 1,500 bodies buried there over the decades were exhumed in 1913. But after the discovery of a room filled with the cremated remains of thousands of people, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde is asking the state to make sure that all remains are off the property and out of the ground before a housing development goes up on the property. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services, which owns the land, is hiring a contractor to conduct the search. State employees will also research the history of exhumations and cremated remains at the facility. According to the Oregon Health Authority website, the remains and cremains belong to people who died while living or working at the Salem hospital and five other hospitals or state penitentiaries between 1914 and 1973. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, HEALTHCARE, WOMEN'S ISSUES: Two dozen states and municipalities, including Oregon, sued the federal government Tuesday to stop a new rule that lets health care clinicians decline to provide abortions and other services that conflict with their moral or religious beliefs. A federal lawsuit filed in New York asks a judge to declare the rule from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services unconstitutional and say it was passed in an arbitrary and capricious manner. In a separate federal lawsuit filed in San Francisco, the state of California sued as well, saying there was no evidence that the impact on patients was considered. The city of San Francisco sued over the regulation on May 2, just hours after President Trump announced it during a White House Rose Garden speech marking the National Day of Prayer. The rule is scheduled to take effect in

July. It requires hospitals, universities, clinics and other entities that receive federal funding to certify compliance with some 25 federal laws protecting conscience and religious rights. Most laws pertain to medical procedures such as abortion, sterilization and assisted suicide. The department has previously said that past administrations haven't done enough to protect such rights in the medical field. A spokesman for federal government lawyers declined to comment on the lawsuit. According to the New York lawsuit, the rule drastically expands the number of health providers who can refuse to provide services, allowing everyone from ambulance drivers to receptionists and customer service representatives at insurance companies to cite the rule. The lawsuit said the rule conflicts with various state laws requiring health care professionals to carry out certain actions even if they cannot comply with some health-care directives for reasons of conscience.

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RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Memorial Day is nearly here and for many Oregonians the holiday weekend is the start of their camping season in Oregon's natural places. However, dry conditions are already present in many areas and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department reminds visitors to enjoy their campfires responsibly. Regularly reviewing campfire safety practices, even if you're a seasoned camper, is a good habit to get into. It's especially important if you're camping with children or folks that are learning about responsible outdoor recreation. Follow these tips for a safe and enjoyable campfire: Know before you go: research conditions for the area surrounding your campground. Fire restrictions may be in place at the park, county or state level. Maintain campfire flames at knee height, or roughly two feet high. This helps prevent ash or embers from becoming airborne, especially during the dry summer months. If you see wind stirring up embers from your fire, play it safe and extinguish it. Only build campfires in the existing fire ring in your campsite. Fire ring locations are carefully picked and park rangers clear vegetation around rings to create a safe buffer zone. Always keep plenty of water nearby to extinguish your campfire. To put out your fire, drown the flames with water and stir the embers to make sure everything is wet. The stirring step is important: ash and wood debris often maintain heat and embers unless they are drowned out. Beach campfires should be started on open sand, away from driftwood or vegetation. Use water to extinguish your beach fire, not sand. Covering the fire with sand will insulate the coals, keeping them hot enough to burn unsuspecting beachgoers hours or even days later. For propane fire rings, follow the same safety precautions you would with a log-based campfire. Propane fire rings should be placed in, on or directly next to installed park fire rings. Make sure everyone in your campsite, even children, is familiar with campfire safety. Always keep an eye on your campfire; many accidental fires are started because campers left their fire unattended for "just a minute." To reserve your stay at an Oregon state park, head to oregonstateparks.org / LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, BUSINESS: Volunteers In Medicine, which provides free quality healthcare to working adults in our community who are underserved or uninsured. is opening a new thrift store to help fund its operations. It's called "Our Sister's Closet" and it's located at 4245 Franklin Boulevard, part of the Dari-Mart building right by the newer Glenwood traffic roundabout. The grand opening event gets underway today at 10:45 a.m. The Straube family, which operates Dari-Mart Stores, was instrumental in helping make the idea of the thrift store a reality. In

addition to selling donated clothing. Volunteers In Medicine Clinic coordinators say they'll be able to offer clothing vouchers to some of their clients, to help them assemble clothing for things like work or job interviews. Springfield Mayor, Christine Lundberg, Pat Straube, Dari Mart and DeLeesa Meashintubby, Executive Director, VIM, will say a few words and take part in the ribbon cutting ceremony. To learn more about Volunteers In Medicine go to www.vim-clinic.org / TRANSPORTATION: Quick Friday note for travelers between the mid-Willamette Valley and the Central Oregon Coast: Oregon Highway 34, the Alsea Highway, has one lane closed at milepost 53, six miles west of the junction with U.S. Highway 20, just west of Philomath. It comes after a semi-truck and trailer loaded with logging equipment crashed. Tomorrow (Friday, 5/24)), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the road will be completely closed to remove the equipment. Travelers should take U.S. 20 as a detour. There will be no through traffic on Highway 34 until things are cleared. Check Tripcheck.com or call 5-1-1 for current road conditions. / EDUCATION: Tuition and fee hikes are on the minds of members of the University of Oregon's Board of Trustees today. The panel began its session vesterday. The board set non-resident and graduate tuition at its winter meeting. Resident undergraduate tuition setting was delayed this year until May to provide the university with additional information about funding from the state legislature. In his tuition proposal to the Board of Trustees, U-of-O President Michael Schill is proposing a lower tuition schedule than what was recommended by the Tuition and Fee Advisory Board — a campus body made up of students, administrators, faculty and staff. He's recommending a graduated tuition schedule indexed to potential state funding levels. The increase would range from 4.45 percent to 9.68 percent based on the level of final funding from the state to the public universities. That's less than the original proposal to raise in-state tuition for undergraduate students by as much as 11 percent next academic year. Any tuition increase over 5 percent must be approved by the state's Higher Education Coordinating Commission. In his proposal, Schill adds that he remains worried about the impact on the University of Oregon's most financially vulnerable students. He notes that the UO allocates about \$44 million annually to help offset fees for some of those students. That includes support for the PathwayOregon program, which provides full tuition and fees to academically qualified, Pell Grant-eligible residents who start as first-year students on the Eugene campus. If the tuition rate increase exceeds 5 percent, however, Schill says he wants to set aside up to \$350,000 in new dollars for grants for low-income students who are not supported by Pathway. At the same time, Schill notes that the university still faces budget challenges and needs to move forward with plans to reduce general fund budgets and expenditures by \$11.6 million. That includes potential 1.8 percent cuts to various UO schools and colleges and potential layoffs. Other cuts would reduce funding for the Labor and Education Research Center, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and Oregon Bach Festival. For an undergrad taking 15 credits in the fall, winter and spring terms of the 2019-2020 school year, the UO website estimates a cost of \$12,825 in tuition and fees. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: Oregon State Police Trooper Nic Cederberg, who was shot 12 times in the line of duty on Christmas Day, 2016, and miraculously survived was honored yesterday at the White House. Cederberg was one of 14 law enforcement officers awarded a National Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Wednesday by President Trump. Cederberg suffered life-threatening wounds

while helping apprehend a man wanted for shooting his estranged wife eight times. The attacker rammed the patrol car and shot Cederberg in the right hip. As he lay on the ground, Cederberg was shot 12 more times. Five bullets were stopped by his armored vest, but seven penetrated his body. Cederberg underwent surgeries to repair a collapsed lung and two broken arms. The attacker took his life by shooting himself as other officers arrived. Cederberg, a U.S. Army veteran and a trooper for seven years, spent 48 days in the hospital. / RECREATION, HEALTH: Heading to the Oregon Coast this weekend? Yesterday, the Oregon Health Authority issued a public health advisory for Lincoln City's popular D River Beach after water samples indicated high levels of fecal bacteria. That's the beach you see from Highway 101 where all the kites are flying on a nice weather day. Neighboring beaches are not affected, and health officials say if you're not playing in the water, recreation on the beach itself is still safe. People should avoid coming into contact with water in the area while the advisory is in effect, officials said in a news release. The bacteria can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, rashes, respiratory infections and other illnesses. Health advisories are not uncommon at D River. The Oregon Health Authority most recently issued a warning in September, 2018, which lasted eight days. Increased bacteria levels can come from stormwater runoff, overflowing sewers and animal waste sources farther inland. / GROWTH, FAMILY, BUSINESS, IMMIGRATION: A new report from the state says that in future years, Oregon's population will mostly grow through people moving into the state rather than from new births. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports Wednesday that the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis predicts the state will see deaths outnumber births sometime in the next decade. Josh Lehner, a state economist, predicts the flip will happen around 2026 or 2027. It would be the first time in Oregon's history that deaths outnumber births. The trend is already affecting the state's more rural counties, but now is spreading statewide. As the trend continues, analysts say factors that negatively affect migration to Oregon from other states -- such as housing affordability -- will have a bigger impact on the economy and the size of public budgets. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT: U.S. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said Wednesday he has no plans for additional changes to national monuments that were recommended by his predecessor, but that it's ultimately up to President Trump. The comments at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee meeting are the latest indication that recommendations to shrink two monuments, Cascade Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon and the Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada, and change rules at six others remain relegated to backburner status as the White House deals with other issues. Trump acted in December 2017 to shrink two sprawling Utah monuments on the recommendations of then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who was tasked with reviewing 27 national monuments around the country. Since then, he has done nothing else with Zinke's recommendations. Some timber companies filed a lawsuit claiming the Obama administration's expansion of Cascade-Siskiyou during his last week in office was unlawful. They argue that not shrinking the monument means more timber stands lost to production and less grazing on summer grasses, both of which could lead to more wildfires. An attorney for environmental groups working to preserve the full size of Cascade-Siskiyou, called Interior Secretary Bernhardt's comments "good news" but said they continue to monitor the situation. / CRIME, BUSINESS: The former manager of a southeastern Oregon airport has been sentenced to four years of

probation for stealing surplus federal property. 45-year-old Jeffery Robert Cotton was sentenced Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Eugene. Officials say that while managing the Burns Municipal Airport between 2014 and 2016, Cotton obtained heavy equipment belonging to the city of Burns. Authorities say Cotton signed fake bills of sale suggesting his nonprofit corporation, Emergency Equipment Solutions Inc., purchased titles to \$1.3 million worth of property. Officials say Cotton acquired a heater/air conditioner, lighting, tractors, a firetruck and other trucks. Cotton pleaded guilty in April to two counts of theft from programs receiving federal funds. The sentence includes 300 hours of community service. / IMMIGRATION, POLITICS: Washington is joining Oregon and California as a sanctuary state, adding to a West Coast wall of states with such policies. Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill on Tuesday creating new rules. Police officers in the state will be restricted from asking about immigration status except in limited circumstances, and the state attorney general will draw up rules for courthouses, hospitals and other government facilities aimed at limiting their use as hunting grounds for federal immigration agents. The rules expand on a 2017 executive order from Inslee, which imposed similar requirements only on state agencies, a move advocates said stopped short of other sanctuary states, which include Oregon and California. / POLITICS, HEALTH: People in the final weeks of their life could obtain deadly prescriptions more quickly under a bill moving forward in the Oregon Legislature. The Oregon Senate voted 16-11 on Monday to approve Senate Bill 579. If it passes the House and is signed into law, it would be one of the only changes to the state's landmark "Death With Dignity" law since it took effect in 1997. The bill would only apply to patients whose doctors have determined they have less than 15 days to live. It would allow them to bypass the normal 15-day waiting period between their first and second request for medication that would end their life. "This is merely helping a very small subset of Oregonians who want to have dignity and control in the last days of their life when they're facing a rapid, rapid demise," said Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Portland. Steiner Hayward, a physician, said sometimes people with aggressive forms of cancer only find out their diagnosis with a very short time left to live. Other than the waiting period, the bill would not make any changes to the law allowing medication aid in dying. The patient would still have to receive a similar diagnosis from two different doctors and be mentally competent and free of coercion. Opponents questioned the need to give some people the ability to end their life more quickly, arguing it opens the door to what they called a "one-day suicide." Separately, another bill that would have expanded the ways that patients could self-administer their deadly prescription has been tabled for the session. House Bill 2217 was approved by the House in April. It would have allowed people to take medication to end their life through means other than oral ingestion, such as with an IV. Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said he canceled a possible vote in his Senate Judiciary Committee when it became clear that not enough lawmakers supported the bill for it to move forward. Oregon voters approved the Death with Dignity Act in 1994. It was the nation's first bill to allow medical aid in dying. Since it took effect in 1997, at least 1,459 people have ended their lives using the law, according to data from the Oregon Health Authority. / POLITICS, CRIME: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that a bill limiting the death penalty to a narrower category of murder cases sailed Tuesday through the Oregon Senate and now heads to the House for a floor vote. Senate Bill 1013

passed 18-9; the no votes came from Republican lawmakers and a lone Democrat, Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose. Reporter Noelle Crombie writes that the bill redefines aggravated murder, which is a crime eligible for the death penalty. Under the proposed legislation, aggravated murder would include crimes where two or more people are killed in an act of terror and the premeditated and intentional murder of victims under age 14. It also would include killings in jails or prisons by people with previous homicide convictions. Aggravated murder currently includes crimes such as killing a child under 12, killing more than one person, killing a police officer on duty or killing someone during a rape or robbery. Most crimes considered aggravated murder under current law would be reclassified under the bill as first-degree murder and would carry a maximum sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole. Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, a champion of the legislation, said the bill, if passed, would not apply to convicts currently on Oregon's death row. The bill also would change one of the four questions juries must decide when considering whether to impose a death sentence. Under Oregon's system, jurors must determine that a person guilty of aggravated murder is at risk of being a danger in the future. The bill removes that question. Proponents of the change say the question of someone's potential to be dangerous in the future isn't based on science. Legal experts say the provision in Oregon's law is based on the Texas death penalty statute. /

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VETERANS, MILITARY, COMMUNITY, RECREATION: For many Oregonians, Memorial Day is primarily the unofficial start of the summer recreation season, a chance to enjoy our amazing forests and beaches, rivers and lakes and mountain trails. But for veterans and their families, Memorial Day reminds us of our highest ideals -- and the price we must sometimes pay for them. In the past three-quarters of a century, Americans and Oregonians serving in the military gave their lives in Europe, the Pacific, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and in many other places across the globe. The United States lost more than 400,000 military personnel in World War II. Among those included in that total: 2,826 from Oregon. 54,246 American service members gave their lives in Korea, 287 of whom were Oregonians. 58,209 military personnel died in Vietnam, 791 from our state. In Iraq and Afghanistan, the toll stands at 6,713 American service members, including 142 Oregonians. Their names are read aloud every Memorial Day in an event at the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial in Salem. *Note: The Salem event begins at 3:00 p.m. Monday at the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial, located at 700 Summer Street NE in Salem, adjacent to the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs building. / EDUCATION: Tuition for in-state undergraduate students is going up this fall at the University of Oregon, by somewhere between roughly 4.4 and 9.6 percent. But the specific increase won't be finalized until state lawmakers wrap up their budget work and campus officials know how much public money they'll have in their overall budget. Any tuition increase over 5 percent must be approved by the state's Higher Education Coordinating Commission. Members of the U-of-O's Board of Trustees yesterday approved the tuition hikes recommended by President Michael Schill. The numbers are a bit lower than the original 11 percent proposed increase. In his proposal, Schill adds that he remains worried about the impact on the University of Oregon's most financially vulnerable students. He noted that the U-of-O allocates about \$44 million annually to help offset fees for some of those students. That includes support for the PathwayOregon program, which provides full tuition and fees to academically qualified, Pell Grant-eligible residents who start as first-year students on the Eugene campus. If the tuition rate increase exceeds 5 percent, however, Schill says he wants to set aside up to \$350,000 in new dollars for grants for low-income students who are not supported by Pathway. At the same time, Schill notes that the university still faces budget challenges and needs to move forward with plans to reduce general fund budgets and expenditures by \$11.6 million. That includes potential 1.8 percent cuts to various UO schools and colleges and potential layoffs. Other cuts would reduce

funding for the Labor and Education Research Center, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Museum of Natural and Cultural History, and Oregon Bach Festival. For an undergrad taking 15 credits in the fall, winter and spring terms of the 2019-2020 school year, the UO website estimates a cost of \$12,825 in tuition and fees. The board set non-resident and graduate tuition at its winter meeting. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT: It is fiercely opposed by Oregon's public employee unions. But political leaders say their backs are against the wall. The Oregon Senate sent the House a short-term pension fix Thursday cutting public employee retirement benefits, a politically difficult vote for Democrats who say they were forced to choose between slashing benefits or letting employer interest rates rise. Ultimately, some who were originally against the proposal reluctantly came around, saying that, otherwise, higher interest rates would eat into budgets and lead to layoffs in the public sector. The plan, which the Senate approved by a 16 to 12 vote Thursday, essentially refinances the \$25 billion in debt incurred from the Public Employee Retirement System, known as PERS. It extends the state's repayment period from 20 to 22 years, which is meant to shield employers from an impending interest rate hike in the upcoming years. More controversially, the measure also redirects 2.5% of employee salary toward PERS. That translates to a 7 to 12% cut to employees' secondary retirement account, which is a 401(k)type plan meant to supplement the public pension. Those who voted for the plan stressed it is not a permanent solution to PERS unfunded liabilities, which are now more than \$25 billion. Those who opposed the plan say PERS employees, including teachers, firefighters and child welfare workers, do not have a large enough salary to handle more cuts. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Democrats in the Oregon Legislature pushed through a gun control bill Thursday aimed at keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and stalkers. The bill closes a loophole that allowed domestic abusers to hold on to their firearms. Backers said a 2015 bill did not lay out exactly how courts would take away firearms., which meant some domestic abusers were able to hold on to their weapons by avoiding court hearings. The new bill prohibits a person subject to certain court protective orders from possessing firearms if the person did not request a hearing, failed to appear for one or withdrew a hearing request. Among the statistics shared with lawmakers: More than 45 women in the United States are shot and killed by intimate partners each month and many more say an intimate partner has threatened them with a gun. But not everyone is happy about how the bill was passed, since Democratic leaders sacrificed a larger package of gun-control bills to gain a deal with minority Republicans on an earlier education tax on business. One of the abandoned bills would have allowed businesses to raise firearms purchasing age from 18 to as high as 21 and require safe storage of firearms. Some students protested yesterday at the state capitol, complaining that lawmakers "used our safety like a bargaining chip." Concern about school shootings were heightened after a student walked into a Portland high school classroom with a shotgun on Friday. The school's football coach wrestled the weapon away as students fled. Brown on Thursday commended coach Keanon Lowe, a former University of Oregon star wide receiver, for his life-saving intervention. Lift Every Voice Oregon, an interfaith group that backs gun control, presented to a letter to lawmakers earlier this month signed by more than 150 faith leaders in Oregon supporting gun control measures, including the one that was abandoned. Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, who sponsored that bill

has vowed to work on gun reform in the future.; Gov. Kate Brown renewed her call to better fund the Oregon State Police Thursday, after a state trooper who was shot 12 times was awarded the national medal of valor. Nic Cederberg was awarded the nation's highest police honor at the White House Wednesday for being the sole state trooper to pursue a man who had shot and killed his wife in 2016. Cederberg was left in critical condition after the shooter opened fire. But the governor said that Cederberg wouldn't have been alone that night if the legislature properly funded the Oregon State Police, which has nation's second lowest number of state troopers per capita behind Florida. Decades of cuts have left Oregon with only 380 troopers to patrol more than 6,400 miles of highways. State troopers operate on shoestring budgets and don't have the funds to operate on a 24/7 schedule. Troopers patrol highways and can be the first to respond to crashes and emergencies. Lack of staffing means it takes longer to respond to deadly emergencies where every second counts. But it also exposes troopers to increased risk, said Capt. Tim Fox, a spokesperson for the Oregon State Police. Brown proposed a \$146 million investment through 2030 to double the number of state police officers. Despite drawing bipartisan support, the plan remains locked in committee though Fox remains "hopeful" about its passage. Budgeters have asked for a 5% cut across nearly all state agencies, though the governor asked for a significant funding increase in her proposed budget late last year. Fox says that this is the first time in recent memory that state police funding has been a legislative priority and says the potential funding boost would mean more boots on the ground to respond to crashes and other emergencies. / POLITICS: The Oregon House of Representatives will begin holding Saturday floor sessions next week. Speaker Tina Kotek made that announcement Wednesday in the latest sign lawmakers are ramping up with an eye toward the Constitutional session deadline five weeks away. The Statesman Journal reports that while legislative leadership hopes to end session by June 21, nine days ahead of their Constitutional deadline, the House is grappling with a massive backlog of bills ready to receive a vote. It's the byproduct of a slowdown tactic deployed by House Republicans for more than three weeks. Democrats control both the House and Senate. House Republican Leader Carl Wilson said Wednesday that Republicans will continue their tactic of requiring bills to be read in full. This was popularized during the 2016 session and slows down the legislative process considerable, particularly when lengthy bills come to the floor. The bill that sparked Republican protest was the \$2 billion education funding bill, which was engrossed at 40 pages. It took the clerk more than 2 hours to read it. Wilson said Republican and Democratic leadership have been in negotiations about the future of a number of bills that Republicans want to influence. At the top of their list are HB 2020 — the major greenhouse gas emissions cap-and-trade bill — and HB 2007 — which deals with reducing diesel emissions. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Quick note for travelers between the mid-Willamette Valley and the Central Oregon Coast: Oregon Highway 34, the Alsea Highway, has one lane closed at milepost 53, six miles west of the junction with U.S. Highway 20, just west of Philomath. It comes after a semi-truck and trailer loaded with logging equipment crashed. Today (Friday, 5/24)), from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the road will be completely closed to remove the equipment. Travelers should take U.S. 20 as a detour. There will be no through traffic on Highway 34 until things are cleared. Check Tripcheck.com or call 5-1-1 for current road conditions. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: The 2019 OSAA / OnPoint Community

Credit Union High School Track & Field State Championships, Friday-Saturday, May 24-25: Class 6A-5A at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham. Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A championship swere last weekend. / CRIME: Eugene Police are releasing more details about a fatal vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on Interstate 105 near Club Road late Tuesday night. They say the pedestrian was fleeing officers after allegedly being involved in a burglary at a nearby business—Holt International on Country Club Road—as well as destruction of property, assaulting an employee of the business, then stealing a bicycle and attempting to flee. Investigators say the man, whose identity will be released after relatives are notified, discarded the bike after a short distance and traveled onto I-105 and into the path of a vehicle. Police say the driver immediately pulled over to call police, was not speeding, was not impaired, and that no charges are forthcoming in the case. : What started as a traffic stop yesterday morning turned into a high-speed chase and ended with the suspect ramming occupied sheriff's patrol vehicles and deputies discharging their firearms. No one reported injured. But now a 34-yearold man is in custody and the Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team will review the incident, as is standard when law enforcement officials fire their service weapons. It all began at about 9:45 Thursday morning, when personnel with the Lane County Sheriff's Office attempted to pull over a Ford F-350 pickup truck on Hwy 99 near Milliron. The vehicle was reported stolen. But officials say the driver instead vehicle increased speed and headed southbound on Hwy 99, onto Greenhill Road, Clearlake, and Lawrence before the suspect fled on foot on Dalewood Drive. The suspect was taken into custody and identified as 34-year-old Keith Newsome. / CRIME, RELIGION: A 69-year-old man was sentenced yesterday to 15 months in federal prison and three years' supervised release for committing a hate crime targeting St. Mary Catholic Church in Eugene in September 2018 and illegally possessing ammunition. Investigators with the U.S. Department of Justice say Benjamin Jaramillo Hernandez of Eugene used intimidation and threats of violence to terrorize a single congregation. But prosecutors say the harm from hate crimes extends beyond the specific individuals or group targeted, threatening the security, freedom and well-being of entire communities. St. Mary Catholic Church staff and parishioners said Hernandez's threats left them physically injured, frightened, concerned about their own safety and unable to participate freely in the exercise of their religious beliefs. Multiple members of the St. Mary community have reported that the church has experienced a drop in attendance and in weekly collections after Hernandez's conduct. According to court documents, on Sept. 9, 2018, Hernandez was escorted from St. Mary property following an angry outburst during the sacrament of communion. Five days later, on September 14, a church employee reported to the Eugene Police Department that someone had dispensed pepper spray on the exterior door handles and through the mail slot of the St. Mary office front door. Employees reported burning sensations in their fingers and respiratory distress. A Eugene police officer and FBI agent identified Hernandez in church surveillance footage as the person responsible for both incidents. On Sept. 16, 2018, Hernandez was again spotted near St. Mary. A witness saw Hernandez across the street from the church when he stopped near the Eugene Public Library and shouted at the witness, "I've got something for you right here," while pointing to a bag he was carrying. A few days later, on Sept. 20, St. Mary employees reported finding a threatening note and seven 10 mm Sig hollow point bullets left in the

office. The note threatened the church with "2 MP5s w/ 50 rounds each," a type of submachine gun. The note concluded: "Eugene is going on the [expletive] map." Eugene Police arrested Hernandez the next day at the Eugene Public Library. During a search of Hernandez's person, officers located a partially empty can of pepper spray, three .410 shotgun shells, and thirteen 10 mm Sig hollow point bullets. The 10 mm bullets were the same brand and caliber as the bullets left at St. Mary with the threatening note. / COMMUNITY, SAFETY: It was an eyesore and a constant headache for neighbors. But this week, members of the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit and City of Eugene Code Compliance team came together to boarding up a residence at 810 W. 28th Avenue. Police say they've received numerous complaints and calls for service at the home. There were between eight and 10 people staying at the house without any water or electricity. Neighbors reported the occupants stealing water from their houses and complained about the noise from generators running for electricity. City Code Compliance officials say they tried to work with the individuals to resolve the problems for several months but that the occupants of the residence failed to accept responsibility for their lack of actions. So this week, the house was boarded up. Police say they'll continue to monitor the location to help prevent the problems from returning. / HEALTH, RECREATION: Heading to the Oregon Coast this weekend? Some good news if you're traveling to Lincoln City. On Wednesday, the Oregon Health Authority issued a public health advisory for Lincoln City's popular D River Beach after water samples indicated high levels of fecal bacteria. But yesterday, the agency lifted the advisory, saying the water quality had improved. However, officials recommend staying out of large pools on the beach that are frequented by birds, and runoff from those pools, because the water may contain increased bacteria from fecal matter. D River Beach is the one you see from Highway 101 where all the kites are flying on a nice weather day. Health advisories are not uncommon at D River. The Oregon Health Authority most recently issued a warning in September, 2018, which lasted eight days. Increased bacteria levels can come from stormwater runoff, overflowing sewers and animal waste sources farther inland. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: The Trump administration said Thursday it was withdrawing a proposal for freight trains to have at least two crew members, nullifying a safety measure drafted under President Obama in response to explosive fires involving crude oil trains in the U.S. and Canada, including a 2016 incident on the Columbia Gorge near the Oregon town of Mosier. Department of Transportation officials say a review of accident data did not support the notion that having one crew member is less safe than multi-person crews. The withdrawal also seeks to pre-empt states from regulating crew sizes. The original proposal came in the wake of oil train derailments including an incident in 2013 when a runaway train derailed, exploded and killed 47 people while levelling much of the town of Lac Megantic, Canada. Other derailments have involved trains carrying oil and ethanol. Under the original plan, regulators concluded that having two or more crew members would be worth the extra cost even if it prevented a single accident. Representatives for the rail industry have long maintained that crew requirements were unnecessary and cheered Thursday's move. But a representative for a rail workers union said it would put the public at greater risk by removing a safeguard against accidents. Most trains currently operate with at least two crew members but without a government regulation there's no guarantee that would continue indefinitely.

Thursday's withdrawal marks the latest rollback of Obama-era safety rules since President Trump took office. Transportation officials had earlier rescinded a requirement for more advanced electronic brakes for trains hauling crude and other hazardous fuels. And the administration this month eased inspection requirements for offshore oil and gas drilling put in place after the deadly 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. / POLITICS, YOUTH PROTECTION, GOVERNMENT: Oregon child care regulators will soon have the power to conduct more thorough investigations under legislation approved by the Senate on Wednesday, Lawmakers gave the Office of Child Care new authority to issue subpoenas, take depositions, compel witness statements and require the disclosure of records during investigations. House Bill 2027 also prohibits providers who are facing a suspension from being able to provide child-care of any kind, for a period of five years, except to children who are relatives. The legislation was introduced at the request of Gov. Kate Brown. It now heads to Brown for her signature to become law. This marks the second consecutive session where lawmakers and officials for the Office of Child Care have pushed to strengthen day care oversight in the wake of reporting from 2017 by The Oregonian/OregonLive. Another proposal, Senate Bill 490, is now under consideration by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. It would prohibit anyone from providing child care if that person is required to report as a sex offender in any state. It also would block anyone from child care if the person has been convicted of a crime that caused serious harm or led to the death of a child. / BUSINESS, CRIME, RECREATION: Looking to hunt or fish in Oregon this season? Here's a warning from the Better Business Bureau Northwest+Pacific about an online scam selling phony licenses: Oregon Department Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) contacted the Better Business Burean Northwest+Pacific to share that its employees have been made aware of at least two people who recently purchased items from the website fishinglicense-dot-org (Note: We're writing it out this way so you don't accidentally click on the scam site) after searching online for an Oregon fishing license. BBB has also confirmed two Oregonians filed a complaint and Scam Tracker report against the site within the last month. This is not the first time BBB has alerted consumers to this website, but concerningly, the page is still up and running. ODFW and other state fish and wildlife agencies have been hearing about customers mistakenly buying items from this website since 2017. "While it's not a widespread problem, it's unfortunate that even one person would be misled when trying to buy an Oregon fishing license," said Linda Lytle, ODFW License Services Manager. "This is not the first time we have heard about this and it isn't just happening in Oregon." The site, which claims to operate out of Coeur d'Alene, ID, has no office. The company operates under the umbrella organization, "Orange Grove LLC", which claims to help consumers with a variety of services including travel planning, registrations and drivers' licenses. In the past year there have been 20 complaints regarding the company, mostly related to false adverting and fraudulent sales. There have also been numerous negative reviews left on the company's BBB profile, which has garnered an F-rating. It appears representatives for the website have been responding to some recent complaints, though BBB cannot confirm at this time whether any refunds have been issued. BBB cautions consumers not to use any websites associated with Orange Grove LLC, including fishinglicense-dot-org.org or driverslicenseonlinedot-org. This issue has been brought to the attention of the Federal Trade

Commission. Oregon fishing or hunting licenses can be purchased via the ODFW landing page at https://myodfw.com/ Consumers can also purchase a license at one of the sale agents listed on the site. On the website, Oregonians will be guided to the proper licensing processes and procedures for fishing, crabbing, bird hunting and big-game hunting. For consumers who have purchased a fake license somewhere else, head to the ODFW website for help. Hunters, please note the deadline to apply for a valid license is June 1. For ODFW, combating this issue is imperative to protect consumers from losing money and to prevent them from going out with improper licenses, which can lead to further problems. "We would just like consumers to be aware of this issue and not get tricked into buying something when what they really want is an Oregon fishing, hunting or shellfish license," said Lytle. BBB NW+P offers the following tips for consumers to protect themselves from online scams: Check a site's security settings. If the site is secure, its URL should start with "https://" and include a lock icon on the purchase or shopping cart page. Shop with a credit card. In case of a fraudulent transaction, a credit card provides additional protections; it's easier to dispute charges. Debit cards, prepaid cards or gift cards don't have the same protections as a credit card. Think before your click. Be especially cautious about email solicitations and online ads on social media sites that take you to a website. Many sketchy retailers can easily "spoof" an existing website to make theirs appear legitimate, when really, it's a fake page. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL HEALTH, YOUTH, LOW-INCOME, VETERANS: Homeless numbers are climbing in Lane County, according to results from an annual one-night surveys of adults, teens and children who are considered unsheltered and staying in temporary locations. In 2018, 1,642 adults, teens and children were overnighting in less-than-permanent locations. For 2019, the numbers were up by more than 500, to 2,165 people. That's a jump of more than 31 percent. The county's "Point in Time" homeless count, which takes place every January, and is used year-round by federal, state and local planning boards, nonprofits, community organizations, and policy makers to better understand homeless trends as they work on updating their programs and policies. Who are they? According to the report, 426 individuals were staying in Emergency Shelter; 106 were in homeless Transitional Housing, which can shelter them for anywhere from a few weeks to up to 24 months; 411 of the unsheltered were staying in alternatives to shelter programs such as Dusk to Dawn, Dawn to Dawn Micro Tents, Opportunity Village, Rest Stops, Community Supported Shelters (Conestoga Huts), or sanctioned car camping. While these provide much-needed safe places to sleep, they do not meet the HUD definition of shelter; 1,633 men. women, and children were unsheltered. For the 2019 count, unsheltered count locations included the streets, under bridges, parks and other places not meant for human habitation, as well as food pantries, day access centers, schools, churches, emergency shelters, and transitional housing programs. The data also notes that 257 were family members in homeless households with children (84 households); 158 of those were sheltered (55 households); 99 of those were unsheltered (29 households); 197 were homeless veterans; 841 chronically homeless people: 150 sheltered; 691 unsheltered; 759 people told volunteers conducting the survey that they have a mental illness; 525 people self-report chronic alcohol/substance abuse that prevents them from stable housing; 26 unaccompanied homeless youth (under 18); 1,537 unduplicated individuals were served at St. Vincent De Paul's Egan Warming Center during 22 nights of activation during the winter season 2018-2019; 2,490 homeless students attended public school in Lane County during the 2017-2018 school year (Oregon Dept. of Education). This includes those doubled up or couch-surfing with relatives or friends; 546 homeless youth were served at the Looking Glass New Roads Access Center (ages 13-22) during calendar year 2018; 171 runaway and homeless youth stayed at the Station 7 emergency shelter (under age 18) during calendar year 2018; 2,070 people stayed at the Eugene Mission during Calendar

Year 2018; 1,990 adults and 80 children. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: No. threats identified, no injuries sustained, and all students, staff, and faculty are safe. It comes after Junction City Police responded to Laurel Elementary School vesterday afternoon after receiving an incomplete 9-1-1 call from a cellphone whose GPS signal indicated it was located at the school. The call lasted for only a short time and dispatchers were only able to hear kids screaming. Dispatch was unable to determine if it was kids that were in actual trouble, or if it was simply the sound of children at play. Attempts to call the phone back failed because the service for that device had been disconnected. But police note that even disconnected cell phones are capable of dialing 9-1-1, which they believe happened in this case. But after a thorough search, and the school going into a precautionary lockdown, police were unable to locate the caller or any ongoing threats and gave the all-clear. Junction City Police were joined by the Oregon State Police, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and the Lane County Parole and Probation Department in securing the school. But the investigation is continuing, in part, because shortly before the 9-1-1 center received its call, school personnel say they had become aware of a very suspicious circumstance that had them concerned. Police are not sharing those details at this time. Just hours before the lockdown, Laurel Elementary participated in an active-shooter drill where staff and students practiced safety skills that were used in the afternoon incident. Investigators say staff and the students should be commended for how well they handled the official lockdown.; On Tuesday evening, Roseburg Police responded to the report of a stolen vehicle in the 900 block of SE Pine Street. The owner of the vehicle also reported a .357 revolver was inside the vehicle when it was stolen. Yesterday morning. Roseburg Police received reports of a 14-year-old boy observed with a firearm who allegedly brandished it where a group of fellow middle school students were waiting near a bus stop. The students reported they ran from the area and the teen allegedly fired one round into the ground. It's believed no one was injured and there was no property damage. The boy was taken into custody while he was at school and the firearm was located near the bus stop, where Roseburg investigators suspect he hid it. Officials say it is the same weapon reported stolen from the vehicle and there is no evidence the firearm was ever taken to a school. The stolen vehicle was recovered separately. A second 14-year-old boy suspected in that theft also was taken into custody while at school. Roseburg Police say there is no evidence to suggest he was involved in the incident from the bus stop.; A teenage student who was tackled after reportedly bringing a shotgun into a Portland-area high school classroom has pleaded not guilty to multiple charges. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 19year-old Angel Granados-Diaz entered not guilty pleas Wednesday to possessing a firearm in a public building, discharging a firearm at a school, possessing a loaded firearm in public and reckless endangerment. Defense attorney Adam Thayne says depression played a role in the teen's decision to bring the gun to class. Police say Granados-Diaz had a single round in his shotgun while at Parkrose High School May 17 and wasn't carrying any other weapons or ammunition. He did not fire the gun while at the school. Under Oregon law, a person may be charged with discharge of a firearm if they're accused of firing or trying to fire a gun. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Oregon State junior catcher Adley Rutschman (RUTCH'-man) has been named Collegiate Baseball's National Player of the Year. This morning's announcement by Collegiate Baseball adds to a busy

week for the Sherwood, Oregon, native. He was named the Pac-12 Conference's Player of the Year and Co-Defensive Player of the Year. That was followed by the announcement that Rutschman was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Golden Spikes Award. The junior enters NCAA Regional play leading the nation with a .580 on-base percentage and 73 walks, which also ranks fifth in a singleseason in Pac-12 history. He's fourth with a .419 batting average, is slugging at a .765 clip and has a career-best 17 home runs. His 57 runs batted in are three shy of moving into a tie for 10th in Oregon State single-season history. Defensively, he has been as stellar, posting a .991 fielding percentage. Opposing teams have been successful on just 13-of-26 stolen-base attempts. With the honor also comes the first All-American selection for Rutschman, who was named first team by Collegiate Baseball. OSU Baseball takes on Cincinnati Friday at 7 p.m. in the Corvallis Regional, the opening round in the march to the College World Series. All-session tickets go on sale today at 2 p.m. / EDUCATION, BUSINESS: Hackers beware: Lane Community College is starting a new cybersecurity degree program that will train students for computer and network security jobs. Graduates will learn skills that might lead them into an expanding job market. Oregon currently has an estimated 300 cybersecurity-related job openings. Worldwide, it is estimated that 3.5 million jobs will be available in the field by 2021. Chris Rehn, the division dean for Computer Information Technology and Business at Lane, says one in 20 jobs is now tech-related. He says growing issues with email breaches, phishing, cyberransom, online spying, open source flaws, election tampering, and more are fueling the need for more cybersecurity experts. There are an estimated 400 technology-related companies in our area. LCC officials say they've has partnered with Amazon Web Services, Cisco Systems, VMWare, CompTIA, and Palo Alto Networks to train students on the same hardware and software used in the workplace. While on the degree path, students may also earn credentials as a Cisco Certified Entry Network Technician (CCENT), Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) in Cyber Operations, Amazon Web Services (AWS) Certified Solutions Architect, and Palo Alto Networks Certified Cybersecurity Associate. / TRANSPORTATION: Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation are reminding travelers of delays this week on northbound Interstate Five between Salem and Woodburn. The overnight lane closures begin each evening at 7 p.m. and continue as late as 9 a.m. Work continues nightly through tomorrow morning (Friday, May 31). Plan for delays of up to 30 minutes as the paving project continues. The overall project is scheduled for completion in October. / SAFETY, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: It's the stuff of horror movies—the villain chasing teenagers through the dark woods, brandishing a chainsaw. But nothing is scarier than the statistics on chainsaw use. While chainsaws can be a useful tool to trim, prune, or remove trees, 36,000 people are injured by them in the U.S. every year, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since 2014, SAIF—Oregon's not-for-profit workers' compensation insurance company—has had nearly 400 chainsaw-related injury claims. Many are considered preventable injuries. Of those claims, 34% resulted in time loss-with an average time loss of 45 days. SAIF has released a series of videos to reduce chainsaw injuries at work and at home. The videos are available in both English and Spanish. They were created in partnership with Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. It's timely: Oregonians are spending more time in their yards cleaning up damage from a long winter of rain and wind. While the videos provide

comprehensive guidelines for operating a chainsaw, there are three key points: Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including chaps. Inspect the tree or log to remove anything that could hang up the blade and cause kickback. Keep chainsaw teeth sharp and regularly adjust the chain tension. Also, review the manufacturer's instructions and recommendations for use-don't use the wrong tool for the job. More information can be found at saif.com/safetyandhealth / POLITICS, MINORITIES, WOMEN: Veteran Republican State Senator Jackie Winters, the first African-American Republican elected to Oregon's Legislature. died yesterday at the age of 82 after a battle with cancer. Winters first joined the Oregon House in 1998 and was elected to the state Senate in 2002. She was most recently re-elected in 2018 to represent the Salem area, but had been ill with lung cancer and absent from the Legislature for weeks. Winters was remembered for strongly backing a sweeping juvenile justice reform package that narrowly passed out of the Legislature last week. Among other things, the bill ensures young offenders are not automatically sentenced to life without parole and establishes pathways for early release and rehabilitation. It also changes sentencing provisions for juveniles ages 15 years and older convicted of serious crimes like rape and murder, easing some of the "tough on crime" rules voters approved during the 1990s. On Friday, in one of her last messages to the public, Winters thanked fellow lawmakers for passing the bill, saying it offers youthful offenders "hope and a chance for redemption." Winters was born in the Dust Bowl of Depression-era Kansas and moved to Portland when her father came west for shipyard work during World War II. One of her most cherished keepsakes was an 1891 receipt from Topeka, Kansas, for the two days her grandfather worked digging streets to pay his poll tax so he could vote. She became class president of her high school and tap-danced around the state as a member of Johnny Johnson's teen entertainment troupe. In the 1980s, Winters opened a restaurant, Jackie's Ribs, in Salem. / BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT: Amazon's packing and shipping center in Salem is expected to open in August, with about 1,000 jobs that are expected to pay at least \$15 an hour. The Statesman Journal reports that hiring for the one-million square-foot building begins in in June. Jobs will range from line workers to management positions. The Seattle-based e-commerce giant in 2018 announced it would adopt a \$15 an hour minimum wage at its facilities nationwide. Some speculate that might pressure other Salem businesses to increase wages in order to compete for workers. Oregon's minimum wage is \$10.75 an hour in Marion and Polk counties, although it will increase to \$11.25 on July 1 and to \$13.50 in 2022. Tax incentives helped lure Amazon to Salem. When plans for the warehouse were unveiled in 2017, economic development officials noted the site would be eligible for upwards of \$3.7 million in tax incentives over three years. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, BUSINESS: The controversial oil exploration tactic known as "fracking" will be temporarily banned in Oregon until 2025 under a bill approved yesterday by the state senate. The Senate vote was 17-11 to prohibit hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," a process which usually involves injecting water, sand and chemicals into a bedrock formation under high pressure to fracture the rock and release trapped hydrocarbons. Environmental advocates say the process can contaminate groundwater and pose other environmental risks. There are currently no fracking operations in Oregon and there are only a handful of ongoing exploration activities. The measure would still permit the more common methods of oil and gas exploration already used in the

state. The original legislative bill banned fracking for 10 years but the Senate version cuts that timespan half, so members of the Oregon House must now approve an amendment that brings its version in line with the Senate's before the reconciled bill heads to the governor's desk for her signature. / POLITICS: A GOP stalling tactic to delay progress on Oregon House Democrats' legislative agenda came to an end after two Republicans broke party lines. Representatives Bill Post and Mike Nearman joined House Democrats Wednesday in voting to suspend the requirement that all legislation be read in full. That gave the chamber, overwhelmingly controlled by Democrats, the votes needed to end a month-long stalling tactic that required that hundreds of pages of legislation be read aloud. In a statement, Post says that slowing down House business is not productive given there's only a month left this legislative session. Democrats have already implemented their main priorities, including a \$1 billion school funding package paid for through a new tax on business. Post says that "it's time to move on and face the music of a supermajority." /

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EDUCATION, SPORTS: The 2019 OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union Baseball and Softball State Championships are underway, The Girls' Softball Championships will be at Jane Sanders Stadium, University of Oregon, Eugene: Class 2A/1A Championship: North Douglas (Drain) meets Kennedy at 5:00 p.m. today. Class 6A Championships: Sheldon meets Tualatin. at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students (Cash, Visa and Mastercard only). The Boys' Baseball Championships are at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer: Umpqua Valley Christian-Melrose Christian (Roseburg) meet Kennedy at 1:30 p.m. today. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students (Cash, Visa and Mastercard only). / RECREATIONS, PETS, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: Starting Thursday (May 30), Eugene Public Works staff began highlighting the dog waste issue at Wayne Morse Ranch, off Crest Drive, using brightly colored cones to show all the dog poop left behind by dog owners. The public works crew will be on hand for several hours each day through Sunday, June 2, to answer any questions about the dog waste issue and sign up pet owners for the "Canines for Clean Water" program, which includes a free dog bandana. What's the worry with dog waste? Dog waste contains nitrogen, which causes algae and aquatic weeds to grow in streams and rivers. This reduces oxygen in water and damages plants and aquatic organisms along the way. Public Works officials know from taking water samples at 12 stream locations in Eugene that pollutants such as bacteria (especially from dog waste), metals, nutrients, pesticides and more end up in Amazon Creek and the Willamette River. Those are the same waterways where children play and people swim, fish and boat. As the river heads north, some communities draw from the Willamette River for their drinking water. The dog waste also can contaminate soil, which increases the risk of people picking up parasites such as hookworms and whipworms, cryptosporidium and a multitude of bacteria. Pets are also at risk. Some of these organisms are active (infectious) for up to one year. Dog owners, you can help by making sure to pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in a trash can. Remember, we all live downstream. Learn more at www.happyrivers.org / EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: On Saturday, June 1, hundreds of young racecar engineers from middle schools across Lane County will bring their hand-built miniature solarpowered vehicles to compete in the 22nd annual EWEB Solar Challenge. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with student registration, car inspection, concept car registration and team photos. Concept car demonstrations and judging begin at 10:40 a.m. and races begin at 11 a.m. The day is filled with activities until the

awards ceremony at about 2 p.m. This event is the culmination of an EWEB supported, in-depth STEM learning project implemented in local schools. Middle school students don't just design and build solar-powered vehicles, they learn about solar energy, photovoltaics, gearing, aerodynamics and friction. The monthlong solar car learning project also promotes teamwork, creativity and physical activity as students work together to design their cars and then compete in elimination races leading up to the annual EWEB Solar Challenge. This year's event is expected to attract roughly 250 students from middle schools in Eugene 4J. Bethel and Springfield school districts. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, TRANSPORTATION: the Function4Junction car show and events take place today and tomorrow in Junction City. On Friday night, newer vehicles cruise downtown from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and this year we are including 1974 and older classics to cruise Friday for an additional fee! Saturday morning, the show 'n shine begins at 8 a.m. open to all makes and models of vehicles in downtown Junction City. Come in on Greenwood where the registration and parking line begins on Greenwood St. between 5th and 8th Avenues. In addition to the show 'n shine and cruise, there will be a 50/50 raffle, a guilt raffle, food booths, and much more. Saturday night, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will be a "classics only" cruise. The Function 4 Junction raises money for the children, for the schools, and for the Junction City community through donations from local businesses, registration fees, and the work of volunteers. / RECREATION, SAFETY: Bigfoot wants you to be fire-safe in Oregon's woods. How do we that? Because Bigfoot, aka Sasquatch, is showing up on wildfire prevention posters, highway billboards, social media and websites courtesy of the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal. It makes sense, since wildfires threaten the big guy's home and could threaten yours, if you live at the edge of or in the woods. Backers of the wildfire prevention campaign hope Bigfoot will attract attention along with the social media hashtag, #BelieveInFireSafety. The images show Bigfoot hiking, fly fishing, four-wheeling, and putting out campfires responsibly. It's a reminder that if you're not vigilant, wildfires can easily be ignited by backyard burning, an unattended campfire, a hot car on tall, dry grass, or from dragging tow chains. And wildfires spread fast. So play it safe in the woods, whether you're at home, working on your property, playing outdoors, camping, or just visiting Oregon. Don't upset Bigfoot. / CRIME. LAW ENFORCEMENT: It's been a rough past few days for Eugene Police officers. In a series of responses to unrelated crimes, five officers have been injured while trying to take suspects into custody. The most recent was yesterday morning right before six a.m., when two officers were injured while trying to arrest a reported prowler in the 2900 block of Timberline Drive. It took back-up units and the application of spray and a Taser to get the suspect, identified as 23-year-old Wesley Traise Reynolds, into custody. Reynolds was hospitalized as a precaution after telling police he'd swallowed heroin. Junction City Police also told Eugene investigators they had warrants out for him for Possession of Heroin, Resisting Arrest and Harassment. But during the protracted struggle, two officers were injured and taken to a hospital for treatment. Police Chief Chris Skinner says the situation is intolerable. He says, quote, "We ask a lot of our police officers in the way of accountability and professionalism, courage and service. I'm proud of the way they uphold their oaths to serve this community when people call for service. Our officers showed great restraint and relied on their training during this incident. I hope this type of behavior within our community stops. It is expensive in terms of

our officer's wellbeing, our staffing levels and our city's reputation." Skinner says this most recent incident punctuates the need for greater attention on the opioid crisis and distribution of narcotics in our community. Our continued inability to properly investigate narcotics offenses is a growing concern. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon State Police are looking for witnesses to a fatal motorcycle crash Wednesday evening on Interstate 5 in Linn County. It happened shortly before 7:29 p.m. Wednesday when troopers received a report of a motorcycle crash southbound on Interstate 5 near milepost 216, the Brownsville-Halsey exit. Investigation say a black 2016 Harley Davidson motorcycle, operated by 56-year-old Vincent Wolford of Lebanon, was heading south when for unknown reasons it crashed and came to rest on the shoulder. Then, Wolford was struck by a passing vehicle, possibly a Commercial Motor Vehicle, that did not stop at the scene. Oregon State Police are asking any witnesses or anyone with information regarding this crash to contact the Oregon State Police Northern Command Center at 1-800-442-0776 or *OSP and refer to case #SP19-190533. OSP was assisted at the scene by the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Halsey Fire Department. / BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT: Looking for a job this summer in Oregon? Consider work as a personal care aide, truck driver, food preparation worker or restaurant cook, roofer, landscaper or groundskeeper. Those are some of the fields where Oregon businesses say they're struggling to fill vacancies. A new report finds those and other job categories contribute to the 58,000 job vacancies at any time last year—many of which employers say are increasingly difficult to fill. The numbers from the Oregon Employment Department highlight how our long economic expansion has left many openings without skilled applicants—or any applicants, at all. Business say they've also had challenges filling part-time, on-call, overnight, and occasional or inconsistent work shifts. In addition to the thousands of openings for personal care aides, truck drivers, food preparation workers, restaurant cooks, roofers and landscaping and groundskeeping workers, there are other jobs where employers are seeing few qualified applicants. They include positions for forest and conservation workers, plumbers, construction supervisors, printing press operators, and intercity and transit bus drivers. By industry, health care and social assistance reported the largest number of difficult-to-fill job vacancies (5,500). Construction had the second-largest number of challenging job vacancies (4,800), which also represented the highest share (85%) of hard-to-fill vacancies by sector. Construction grew the fastest of any industry in Oregon between early 2016 and 2018. Along with that outsized pace of job growth came a larger share (41%) of difficult-to-fill vacancies in the sector with a lack of applicants. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY: Supporters say the action is long past due. Opponents, including some large public employee unions, are saying, "See you in court." The Oregon House yesterday narrowly passed and sent to the governor a proposal that would rein in rising pension costs by trimming public employee retirement benefits. The measure aims to shield public employers from the effect of pension rate increases set to take effect in 2021, which many fear would lead to tens of millions of dollars in costs for the public sector. In an impassioned speech, Democratic Representative Paul Holvey, who carried the measure on the floor, blasted lawmakers for refusing to take earlier action on the rising costs of the Public Employee Retirement System, or PERS, which has racked up over \$25 billion in state debt. Holvey said that instead of raising taxes to invest in the public

sector, lawmakers have done nothing. He said the resulting rise public employer cost from that inaction has led to smaller budgets, layoffs and reduced services. Now, in order to mitigate the effect of rising pension costs set to hit employers in 2021, Holvey said legislators are left with two incredibly difficult choices: redirect retirement benefits or do nothing and let employer rates continue to increase, which could lead to even more lavoffs and reduced services. The plan essentially refinances the PERS debt, extending the state's repayment period from 20 to 22 years. More controversially, the measure also redirects 2.5% of employee salary toward PERS. That translates to a 7 to 12% cut to employees' secondary retirement account, which is a 401(k) type plan that supplements the public pension. The proposal is expected to save school districts tens of millions of dollars, according to data provided from the Speaker's Office. But public employees, who include teachers, firefighters and child welfare workers, fiercely oppose the idea, saving that the state is forcing workers to pay for a problem they didn't create. Opponents also said the measure does not make any meaningful efforts to pay down the debt, and that lawmakers will still have to return to the Capitol and confront this issue again in a few years.; She says it's a one-time investment in Oregon—to provide funds to reduce the state's growing public pension liability and invest in affordable rural housing. Gov. Kate Brown yesterday announced a plan to limit Oregon's unique tax rebate known as the kicker, saying she wants to divert \$500 million in tax credits away from the state's top income earners, although most Oregonians would still receive their full kicker. Excess revenue is automatically returned to taxpayers in the form of a tax rebate whenever the state takes in more revenue than what state economists forecast. Oregon's facing a historic year for state revenue, and the so-called "kicker" rebate is expected to be the highest in state history at \$1.4 billion. The governor is proposing to limit refunds at \$1,000, which would reduce expected payments for approximately 20% of all taxpayers. Brown said it's a way to provide most Oregonians their full refunds while retaining \$500 million in extra revenue for the state. Some Democrats have long criticized kicker payments for disproportionally favoring the wealthy. Under this year's historic kicker, the median taxpayer would be expected to receive \$330 dollars while the top 1% of income earners could enjoy rebates up to 40 times higher than that--nearly \$14,000. Under Brown's plan at least \$250 million of the kicker funds would go to help pay down the state's pension debt. The rest would be dedicated to rural housing and beefing up broadband infrastructure in more remote areas of the state. There's still no formal legislation for the proposal, and Brown said she's open to changes. She also said she's met with Republican leaders but didn't specify if they supported the move. Republicans have recoiled at any attempt to cut the kicker, saying the rebate is meant to be a safeguard against rampant government spending. Brown admitted that diverting any amount of the kicker is politically difficult, as it requires a twothirds vote from the House and Senate. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon will ban restaurants from automatically offering singleuse plastic straws under a measure passed by lawmakers, making it the second state after California to enact such restrictions. Under the bill, which will soon go to the governor for her signature, restaurants will only provide single-use plastic straws if a customer asks. Drive-thrus could still offer straws, as could health care facilities. Gov. Kate Brown told reporters Thursday the move is about raising public consciousness of plastic's effects on the environment and is meant to

encourage more environmentally friendly lifestyle changes. On the floor, lawmakers discussed a widely shared 2015 video showing a sea turtle in distress as scientists remove a plastic straw stuck up its nose. But the video, which has more than 35 million views on YouTube, didn't completely move House Republicans, who said that restricting straws makes little difference to the environment and will only cause bureaucratic headaches. Other Republicans said they were fine with the move, stressing it's not a total ban on straws and that customers can still request them. They were also won over by the proposal's preemption clause, which prohibits cities from approving future straw bans that go further than state law. That provision divided environmentalists and caused some groups to withdraw their support. The World Economic Forum projects that there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by 2050. More than 8 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean each year — though plastic straws make up less than 1 percent of ocean waste. The state is also weighing bans on single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam takeout containers, and those measures have received similar criticism for being inconvenient to consumers while not providing substantial benefits to the environment. Brown said these measures are not meant to be half-hearted attempts to simply make liberals "feel good" about addressing environmental issues. Instead, she said it's a first step to encouraging more comprehensive lifestyle changes. / POLITICS, BUSINESS: Five years after voters legalized recreational marijuana, lawmakers are moving to give the Oregon Liquor Control Commission more leeway to deny new cannabis-growing licenses based on supply and demand. The bill, which passed the state Senate and is now before the House, is aimed not just at reducing the huge surplus but at preventing diversion of unsold legal marijuana into the black market and forestalling a crackdown by federal prosecutors. Experts say Oregon is awash in pot, glutted with so much legal weed that if growing were to stop today, it could take more than six years by one state estimate to smoke or eat it all. Supply is running twice as high as demand, meaning that the surplus from last year's harvest alone could amount to roughly 2.3 million pounds of marijuana, by the liquor commission's figures. That's the equivalent of over 1 billion joints. Supporters of the plan say the legislation could be a lifeline to some cannabis businesses that are being squeezed by market forces. Retail prices in Oregon for legal marijuana have plummeted from more than \$10 per gram in October 2016 to less than \$5 last December. At the same time, smaller marijuana businesses are feeling competition from bigger, richer players, some from out of state. Officials worry that some license holders will become so desperate they will divert their product into the black market rather than see it go unsold. That's partly because growers cannot seek federal bankruptcy protection — marijuana is still illegal under federal law, and banks avoid the industry —many owners have taken out personal loans to finance their businesses. There are concerns some are considering the black market in order to avoid losing their homes and their savings. They are now all cultivating weed in a multitude of fields, greenhouses and converted factories, with 1,123 active producer licenses issued by the OLLC over the past three years. Opponents say the proposed law will drive growers who are denied licenses into the illegal market, if they're not there already. To prevent excess pot that is still in leaf form from spoiling, processors are converting some into concentrates and edible products, which have longer shelf life, OLLC spokesman Mark Pettinger said. U.S. Justice Department officials have said they won't interfere in states'

legal marijuana businesses as long as the pot isn't smuggled into other states and other standards are met. Oregon officials want to let federal authorities know they're doing everything they can to accomplish that. The bill to curtail production could "keep the feds off our back," Rob Boyett, legal counsel for the Association of Oregon Counties, told lawmakers. Oregon puts no cap on the number of licenses that can be issued. Last June, the OLCC stopped accepting applications so it could process a monthslong backlog. But under current law, it has no specific authority to say no to otherwise qualified applicants, Pettinger said. The longerterm hope is that the federal government will allow interstate commerce of marijuana, which would provide a major outlet for Oregon's renowned cannabis. "We will kind of be like what bourbon is to Kentucky," said state Sen. Floyd Prozanski.; CBD products have surged in popularity despite confusion around their legal status. Now U.S. regulators are exploring ways to officially allow the hemp ingredient in food, drinks and dietary supplements. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration held a hearing today to collect information about cannabis compounds such as CBD, which is already available in candy, syrups, oils, drinks, skin patches and dog food. Products containing CBD are already in stores and sold online. No decisions are expected immediately, but the hearing is seen as an important step toward clarifying regulations around the ingredient, Last month, the FDA issued warning letters to companies for making unapproved health claims about CBD products. CBD doesn't get people high. It often comes from a cannabis plant known as hemp, which is defined by the U.S. government as having less than 0.3% THC, the compound that causes marijuana's mind-altering effect. For now, the FDA has said CBD is not allowed in food, drinks and supplements but that it was exploring ways that might allow its use. Adding to the confusion, some states like Colorado allow it in food and drinks. In New York City. where officials have warned it's not allowed in food and drinks, restaurants and stores have continued selling products. "A state patchwork of different standards is difficult for everyone," said Shawn Hauser, an attorney who specializes in marijuana law and policy. / POLITICS, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION. ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: U.S. senators from Oregon and Idaho have introduced legislation to create an endowment that would replace lost revenue to rural counties because of declines in timber cutting on federal lands. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, joined with Idaho's two Republican senators yesterday in Boise to outline their support for the Forest Management for Rural Stability Act they introduced last week. The senators say the legislation would create an endowment to give at least \$300 million annually to rural counties in 40 states for schools, roads, law enforcement and other essential services. They might have an uphill battle: Similar legislation introduced last year died in the Senate Judiciary Committee without a hearing. A different program previously provided money to rural areas hit by reduced timber cutting, but it expired in September. Rural counties, particularly in the Pacific Northwest, have suffered economically as commercial timber cutting on federal land fell to about onequarter of what it was in the late 1980s. Many states in the West contain large amounts of federal land. Rural communities receive a share of the money from timber harvest on that land. But federal land is not subject to property taxes by counties. So when timber harvest declined, rural counties not only lost timber revenue, but they couldn't make that up with property taxes. The legislation calls for Congress to charter a nonprofit corporation to manage the endowment fund,

independent from the U.S. government. Money generated from interest and investments from the endowment would finance payments to counties. The endowment fund would be created with a one-time appropriation by Congress of \$7 billion. More money would be added with timber harvest on federal lands, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service money generated from timber sales and grazing leases at National Wildlife Refuges, and money from Bureau of Land Management lands in Oregon and California. Ultimately, the senators said, the fund would increase and pay out more than \$300 million annually. The plan includes an emergency clause that requires any shortfall to the counties to be made up from the U.S. Treasury. / ENVIRONMENT: An Oregon State University forester says dry winters and long periods of drought, combined with fire suppression, are affecting the health of Central Oregon trees. Nicole Strong, a forestry and natural resources extension agent for OSU, describes an increased amount of tree mortality including junipers — in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. The Bulletin reports that Strong says junipers on the High Desert have become more fragile in recent decades, thanks to fire suppression policy. Periodic fires thin forests and improve the health of existing trees. When fires do not occur, forest density increases, resulting in more competition for water and space to grow. The tree deaths have also been noticed by the Bureau of Land Management, which manages thousands of acres of juniper woodlands in Central Oregon, Deschutes Field Manager Jeff Kitchens described dying junipers in the High Desert between the Bend Airport and Powell Butte, as well as Crooked River Ranch.; A new study concludes land management agencies are underutilizing prescribed burns to reduce wildfire threats in the western U.S. The Lewiston Tribune reports the University of Idaho study shows that the use of prescribed burns has decreased over the last two decades in the West while it has ramped up in southeastern states. Professor Crystal Kolden, who authored the study, says there is less social acceptance for the practice in the western states because of the smoke, lack of funding and the occasional fire that escapes control. Kolden says the controlled burns reduce the buildup of hazardous fuel in forests and help restore fire-prone ecosystems. Kolden says the practice might gain better acceptance if people see its potential to improve big game habitat. / SAFETY: Authorities say an elderly couple has been found dead at a home east of Eugene near Leaburg. The Register-Guard reports Lane County Sheriff's deputies and McKenzie Fire and Rescue responded to a home just after 2:30 p.m. Thursday. The caller reported a gas leak and a deceased person, but Sheriff's Sgt. Carrie Carver said authorities found no evidence of a gas leak when they arrived. At this point, Carver said, there is no indication of foul play. It is unknown how long the couple has been dead. Their names have not yet been released. /

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EDUCATION, SPORTS: The Baltimore Orioles lead off the Major League Baseball Draft for the first time in 30 years and Oregon State catcher Adley Rutschman is a heavy favorite to be selected No. 1 tonight. If Baltimore doesn't select the OSU standout, Kansas City followed by the Chicago White Sox have the next opportunities. Rutchman was named Pac-12 Player of the Year and Co-Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named a finalist for the prestigious Golden Spikes Award. Last week, Collegiate Baseball named him its National Player of the Year and an All-America selection. Oregon State's time in the college baseball tournament was brief over the weekend. The Beavers were eliminated by Creighton on Saturday.; Oregon State was eliminated Saturday from the NCAA Baseball Tournament on Saturday. But OSU fans gave catcher Adley Rutschman a standing ovation after his deep fly out to center leading off the bottom of the eighth, acknowledging what was likely his last plate appearance in a Beavers uniform. Rutchman, the Pac-12 Player of the Year, was named Collegiate Baseball's Player of the Year last week. He has been projected as the No. 1 overall pick in today's Major League Baseball draft.; Congratulations to our state champions in high school softball and baseball. Then Sheldon Girls took the title Saturday in Class 6A Softball. Lots of celebration in Drain, as well, as the North Douglas girls won the Class 2A/1A Championship. And in Class 2A/1A baseball. the Umpqua Valley Christian-Melrose Christian boys out of Roseburg won their baseball tournament. / TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT: Have some thoughts on how to improve traffic flow and enhance neighborhoods along River Road? Lane Transit District and the City of Eugene are in the middle of a big planning effort to do just that, funded with a \$450-thousand grant from the Federal Transit Authority. LTD and city officials are working on the River Road Corridor Study to refine the vision for the neighborhoods by developing physical plans, financial strategies, possible land use code changes, and ways to improve transportation connections to better serve residents and workers in the area. This afternoon, the city and Lane Transit hold their second open house on the River Road Corridor study. It runs from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Emergency Services Training Center at 1705 West 2nd Avenue, just off the Chambers Connector. This is a drop-in open house, so no worries if you can't swing by until after work or school. You'll have a chance to get a closer look at some of the land use concepts developed at the first workshop, which was held in February 2019. And planners want to hear from you about how some of those ideas and examples fit with your vision and goals for the River Road Corridor. / CRIME,

GOVERNMENT: In honor of the victims of the tragedy in Virginia Beach, Va., Governor Kate Brown orders all flags at public institutions throughout Oregon be flown at half-staff beginning immediately until sunset, on Tuesday, June 4. "Words cannot express the sense of loss yet another tragic shooting brings to Dan and me," Governor Brown said. "No one should have to face the fear of gun violence anywhere, and especially not at work, at school, or at their place of worship." / WILDLIFE, CRIME, POLITICS: Maine's Republican senator is joining with one of Oregon's Democratic senators in wanting the federal government to offer rewards to people who provide information against illegal wildlife trafficking and poaching. Sen. Susan Collins says the Rescuing Animals With Rewards Act would authorize the State Department to offer such rewards. She's introducing a bill about the subject with Oregon Democratic U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley. Collins says the wildlife trade is a major threat to the survival of vulnerable species around the globe. Her office says in a statement authorizing rewards for people who provide information about traffickers would enable the feds to "do more to tackle this insidious and growing threat." There is a companion bill to the proposal in the U.S. House of Representatives. Several animal welfare and wildlife advocacy groups have endorsed the idea. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: Experts say anytime you're in an area where wildlife live and hunt, it's important to be vigilant. In Leavenworth, Washington, a young boy was attacked by a cougar Saturday night, but family dogs chased it away before it could inflict serious injuries. The Wenatchee World reports the boy was in a sprawling community park with sports fields, visiting with family members when the cougar attacked around 9:15 Saturday night. Family members say they reacted quickly, releasing the dogs and the dogs stopped the attack. The boy sustained minor injuries. Officials did not disclose the child's age. Washington state Fish and Wildlife officers and sheriff's deputies tracked the cougar with dogs of their own and then killed it in the Leavenworth park early Sunday morning. The cougar, a young adult male, was first reported in the area Saturday afternoon where it was seen exhibiting unusual behavior: moving toward a group of people, who scared it off by standing up and making noise. Officials closed the park and searched the area. They say the park was still closed when the cougar attacked the boy. Biologists examined the body of the cougar Sunday morning and did not find obvious signs of illness or injury. The cougar will be sent to a lab for more testing. In May of 2018, a cougar attacked a pair of bicyclists in Washington state, killing one. Four months later, in September, an Oregon hiker died when she was attacked by a cougar on a remote trail. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: The Portland Rose Festival is underway. The Grand Floral Parade takes place this weekend. But Saturday night was the Starlight Parade, But not for everyone. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports members of the Canby High School marching band had been preparing for weeks, making sure their timing was just right, their instruments tuned correctly and their marching steps perfectly in sync to appear in the weekend event. But reporter Kale Williams writes that when they showed up at Canby High School Saturday night to make their way to Portland to compete in the Starlight Parade, there was a problem. The bus that was supposed to take them there was nowhere to be found. With no other options to get the students and their instruments to Portland on time for the parade, they were stuck. What a heartbreaker. The band director says the students, who'd spent weeks practicing marching and had memorized their music, performed outside the school before heading home. Canby school officials are working to

figure out why the contracted bus transportation never showed. The good news: The band will still get its chance to march. The Portland Rose Festival Foundation said Sunday it would invite the band to play in the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade this Saturday. / HEALTH: U.S. health officials say they are working to make more experimental treatments available to cancer patients. Today at a cancer conference in Chicago, representatives with the Food and Drug Administration announced a project to have the agency handle requests for what are known as "compassionate use" treatments. Thousands of gravely ill cancer patients each year seek such access to treatments. They want to use cancer drugs that are not yet on the market but have shown some promise in early testing. Instead of making doctors plead their case first to companies and then to the FDA if the company agrees to provide the drug, FDA officials say they will act as the middleman in processing the requests and assign a staffer to quickly complete required paperwork. That way, they say, when a company gets a request, it knows the FDA already considers it appropriate. FDA leaders say it will also give them a better sense of demand for such treatments. Currently, the agency receives little information on how many requests are turned down and why. Backers of the plan say the current system also is cumbersome and sometimes unfair because patients in rural or inner-city areas or at community hospitals that lack staff to work on special requests might be at a disadvantage. For now, the project only involves drugs for cancer, not other diseases. It has nothing to do with the federal Right to Try law passed last year, which many have called "right to ask" because it only allows patients to request a drug from a company under certain circumstances and does not mandate that it be provided.; Newer drugs are improving survival for some people with hard-to-treat forms of cancer. One study in advanced lung cancer tested Keytruda (kee-TROO-dah), a drug that helps the immune system fight tumors. Five-year survival was 23% for people who got Keytruda as part of their initial therapy and 16% for those who tried other treatments first. In the past, only 5% of such patients lived that long. Another study found that adding the drug Kisqali (kiss-KALL-ee) to usual hormone therapy helped young women with the most common type of breast cancer. After about three years, 70% of women given Kisgali were alive versus versus 46% of others who only received hormone therapy. The results were featured Saturday and Sunday at a cancer conference in Chicago. /

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LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY: Law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the Eugene-Springfield area will begin running at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4th, 2019 in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics Oregon. Officers and Special Olympics athletes will be running through the streets of Springfield and Eugene carrying the torch with the Flame of Hope. The torch travels hundreds of miles throughout the state each year, this year culminating in the lighting of the cauldron at the Special Olympics Summer Soccer Invitational at Portland's Providence Park on Friday, June 7th at noon. The Torch will leave with Springfield Police relay from the Springfield Justice Center at 10:30 a.m. Eugene Police relay will receive the Torch handoff from Springfield Police at approximately 11:00 a.m. at the John Serbu Campus. The Torch arrives at 11:30 a.m. at Valley River Center. After a brief break, Eugene Police will run the torch north for a handoff to the Junction City Police. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is celebrating 33 years of supporting the participants of Special Olympics Oregon. As Guardians of the Flame, law enforcement officers and Special Olympics Oregon participants will carry the "Flame of Hope" across Oregon. There will be six separate legs of the Torch Run that will take place with more than 1,000 law enforcement officers and Special Olympics Oregon athletes running throughout the state. Special Olympics Oregon serves more than 13,000 participants with intellectual disabilities, the largest disability population in the state, year-round through the organization's signature sports programs. Athletes gain self-confidence, social competency and other life skills. They develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in Wichita, Kansas. Now a global event, all 50 states and more than 30 foreign countries participate in Law Enforcement Torch Run. In Oregon, more than 1,500 law enforcement personnel from federal, military, state, county, and local agencies participate in the year-round Torch Run campaign. / EDUCATION: Churchill High School's graduating seniors are going back to where it all started. On Tuesday morning, June 4, seniors clad in caps and gowns will visit neighboring elementary schools to celebrate their educational journeys and to excite younger students about their own future graduation. The seniors will visit Twin Oaks, Chávez and McCornack Elementaries. Churchill High School started the senior stroll in 2016 with graduating students visiting McCornack Elementary School. The elementary school students lined the halls and applauded the seniors as they paraded through

the school. / COMMUNITY, RECREATION: The Oregon Country Fair, a longstanding Oregon event, marks its upcoming 50th year with an Oregon Heritage Tradition designation by the Oregon Heritage Commission. Other Oregon Heritage Traditions include the Oregon State Fair, Medford's Pear Blossom Festival, the Pendleton Round-Up, and the Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana. "The designation recognizes those traditions that have helped define the character of the state," said Todd Kepple, the commission's chair. "The Oregon Country Fair helps us celebrate Oregon's counterculture, deeply rooted in the cultural and political movements of the 1960s and 70s." The Oregon Country Fair began in 1969 as a fundraiser for an alternative school. In 1970 the Fair relocated to its current site in Veneta, and in 1982 the OCF board of directors established a nonprofit organization. Over the years the Oregon Country Fair became a popular festival attended by tens of thousands of people annually, but still remains connected to its philanthropic history by raising and distributing funds to the community. Today the Oregon Country Fair continues to serve as a marketplace for an alternative hand-made economy, a "trade-show" of alternative energy and sustainable practices, and a networking opportunity for people interested in living alternative lifestyles and social justice. With over 300 juried craft booths, 50 food booths. 20 stages of varying sizes, and a variety of educational and artistic opportunities, the public is invited to participate and create. The event adds to the impact of heritage tourism in Oregon and is estimated to generate \$3 million a day for Lane County's economy. Data from 2018 shows tickets were sold in all 50 states as well as multiple international locations. The Oregon Country Fair will be held July 12, 13 & 14 this year. / YOUTH, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: A lawsuit by a group of young people who say U.S. energy policies are causing climate change and hurting their future faces a major hurdle today as lawyers for the Trump administration argue to stop the case from moving forward. Three judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals are hearing arguments from lawyers for 21 young people and the federal government in Portland but are not expected to rule right away. The Obama and Trump administrations have tried to get the lawsuit dismissed since it was filed in Oregon in 2015. The young people, some from this area, argue that government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels was causing climate change and that policies promoting oil and gas deprive them of life, liberty and property. The youth say said smoke from forest fires, diminished snowpack and acidification of the ocean have all increased because of climate change and affected their communities. Lawyers for the Trump administration argue that the lawsuit is trying to direct federal environmental and energy policies through the courts instead of through the political process. Justice Department lawyers also assert that the young people have not identified any "historical basis for a fundamental right to a stable climate system or any other constitutional right related to the environment." The lawsuit seeks action by U.S. District Court in Eugene, where the suit was filed, to declare that the U.S. government is violating the plaintiffs' constitutional rights to life, liberty and property by substantially causing or contributing to a dangerous concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. It asks the court to declare federal energy policy that contributes to global warming unconstitutional, order the government to quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and mandate a national climate recovery plan. The case has become a focal point for many youth activists, and the courtroom in Portland is

expected to be packed today with a video livestream being set up at a nearby park, where a rally will be held. The U.S. Supreme Court last November declined to stop the lawsuit but told the Trump administration it could still petition a lower court to dismiss the case. A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit granted the Trump administration's motion to put the case on hold while considering its merits. If the panel decides the lawsuit can move forward, it would go before the federal court in Eugene. The lawsuit says the young are more vulnerable to serious effects from climate change in the future. The American Academy of Pediatrics, 14 other health organizations and nearly 80 scientists and physicians agreed in a brief filed with the appeals court. The World Health Organization estimates that 88% of the global health burden of climate change falls on children younger than age five. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: Investigators are working to determine what caused Sunday's midday fire up the McKenzie River in the community of Rainbow that heavily damaged a garage and several nearby rooms at Harbick's Country Inn. The blaze also spread to nearby trees and caused several propane tanks to explode. Firefighters with the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District took the lead in battling the blaze but were joined by other departments and agencies as they worked to extinguish the fire in the attic space and elsewhere, turn off power lines and manage traffic on Highway 126 and nearby roads. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Investigators yesterday released the name of the 58-year-old Springfield man who drowned Saturday afternoon after falling from a raft near Hendricks Wayside on the McKenzie River. A companion told investigators it came after a raft in which Bryan Beyerlin was riding struck a partially submerged log. Investigators say Beyerlin had a life jacket in the raft but was not wearing it. Beyerlin's 47-year-old companion was wearing a life jacket and made it to shore. The boat struck a log, and the 47-year-old, who was wearing a life jacket, went back to the boat to dislodge it from the log but ended up getting stuck. He was able to call 911 while stuck on the log, Carver said. The Eugene Springfield Fire Department rescued the 47-year-old from the log, but Beyerlin was found underwater downstream. Carver said emergency crews attempted to revive him, but Beyerlin did not survive. The Lane County Sheriff's Office and the Lane County Medical Examiner's Office are investigating the death. / TRANSPORTATION: You know how when you're stuck in the backup at the Beltline-Delta interchange and you find yourself thinking, "When are they going to fix this thing?" Improvements are coming. Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation say they're holding an Open House on the Beltline Highway Projects—including safety and travel improvements to the Delta interchange. They'll explain how planning is progressing and what to expect when construction work begins late this year or early next year—as well as what we're looking at for some major detours while the work is underway. Built in the 1960's, the Randy Papé Beltline Highway from River Road to Delta Highway is one of the most congested places in the Eugene/Springfield area. The Beltline Facility Plan recommends several projects to improve safety and mobility in this area. Together, these projects would widen Beltline Highway to three lanes in each direction from River Road to Delta Highway, replace the River Avenue/Division Avenue interchange, and add a new local bridge north of the highway. These projects could be constructed in phases or as separate projects. The session takes place this evening in the Kelly Middle School Cafeteria, 850 Howard Avenue, off River Road. Tuesday evening's session runs from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If

you can't make the open house you may learn more about the project at oregondot.org/beltline / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Big news for Oregon State fans: Adley Rutschman was the first player taken yesterday in the Major League Baseball draft. The OSU junior catcher and Sherwood native was selected by the Baltimore Orioles. He is the first Oregon State player to be the nation's top overall baseball draft pick. The 21-year-old Rutschman was the Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year and the conference's Co-Defensive Player of the Year. He batted .411 this year with 17 home runs, 58 RBIs and a school-record 76 walks while also throwing out 13 of 27 base runners. He is a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award given to the country's top college player. The national sports media is describing him as perhaps the best position player prospect since Bryce Harper. Rutschman is the seventh catcher selected with the No. 1 pick, and the first since Minnesota took Joe Mauer in 2001. Interestingly, it is the second selection of Rutschman's career. In 2016, he was taken in the 40th round by the Seattle Mariners but elected to remain in school. Rutschman's teammate, Oregon State junior shortstop Beau Philip was selected in the second round, 60th overall by Atlanta. As for the University of Oregon, the Arizona Diamondbacks selected Oregon Pitcher Ryne Nelson in the second round. He was the 56th overall pick. Nelson is a first-team All-Pac-12 selection who led the conference in strikeouts. / POLITICS, RACISM: Oregon is responding to a number of widely shared videos around the nation showing white people call the police after spotting African Americans going about everyday activities. The Oregon Senate voted 27-1 Monday on a measure allowing victims of such 911 calls to take the caller to court for damages up to \$250. The House already approved the measure but still needs to sign off on an additional technical change before it goes to the governor. The bill follows a series of publicized incidents last year where black people encountered police asking why they were in stores or neighborhoods when they were simply going about their daily business. The incidents included a political candidate going door-to-door in Oregon. Critics say the proposal could discourage people from reporting crime and that it's difficult to determine whether a call was racially motivated. It comes after some nationwide businesses, including Starbucks, began closing stores for several hours for one-time "racial bias" training in the past year. In the case of Starbucks, it came after a Philadelphia employee called the police on two black men sitting in the store for a business meeting. Sephora stores are holding a similar training events for employees tomorrow. / EDUCATION: Oregon State University's Board of Trustees has approved a budget of more than \$1.3 billion for the next fiscal year, beginning in July. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the board, which approved the budget Friday, is asking university leaders to prioritize funding toward recruiting and retaining students and faculty and promoting diversity and inclusivity. Other key priorities include advancing construction on the OSU-Cascades campus in Bend. How the university will balance its budget remains unclear, while facing flattening student enrollment and a potential lack of additional funding from the state. Gov. Kate Brown's proposed 2019-21 budget noted no additional funding for the state's Public University Support Fund. OSU budget planners have projected a budget gap of about \$18 million at the Corvallis campus, despite an upcoming tuition increase of more than 4% for resident undergraduate students at both the university's Corvallis and Bend campuses. / CRIME: A Texas man who helped run an illegal pill mill in Portland, recruiting customers from Narcotics Anonymous

meetings and others from a homeless shelter, has been sentenced to nine years in federal prison. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 56-year-old Osasuyi Idumwonyi pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute or dispense Oxycodone and was sentenced Monday. Investigators say that in January of 2015, Idumwonyi and nurse practitioner Julie DeMille opened what they described as a wellness clinic across the street from the Multnomah County Parole and Probation Office. Prosecutors say the clinic had no business bank account and did not report wages to authorities. Both were arrested in July 2016. Prosecutors say Idumwonyi commuted from Houston to assist DeMille in running the Portland clinic. DeMille was sentenced in March to four years in prison. According to court records, she wrote thousands of prescriptions for opioids such as oxycodone and hydrocodone. In 2015 alone, investigators with the Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program determined DeMille wrote more than 1,940 prescriptions for controlled substances. Those prescriptions resulted in the distribution of more than 219,000 pills. About 96 percent of them were opioids, according to the drug monitoring data./

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CRIME, UTILITIES; Eugene Water & Electric Board customers should be on the lookout for a con man posing as a utility employee while trying to collect payment for a fictitious late bill. The brazen scam artist, wearing a blue polo shirt with some type of EWEB logo and orange vest, on Tuesday cut off the lock on a customer's front gate and knocked on the door of the residence. The man then demanded the customer pay the entire fictitious account balance immediately and would not give the customer time to call EWEB and pay by phone, according to the customer who reported the incident. The man left after the customer told him that he would instead come to the EWEB Customer Service office and pay in person. The man drove away in a white Ford F-150 pickup truck that had an "EWEB Contractor" magnetic sign on the side. While there are many EWEB employees out in the community every day, some of whom do knock on customers' doors, a legitimate EWEB representative would never try to collect payment at a home or business. No matter how "official" a person appears, if that person comes to your home or business and demands payment, it is not an EWEB employee. If any customer is ever in doubt, please call EWEB at 541-685-7000. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators have released security camera images of two suspects in January's theft from Mid-Valley Tractor off Highway 99 near Enid Road. We're shared the images on our BarrettFoxandBerry and TracyKKNU Facebook pages because officials hope you might recognize the suspects and share information with the Sheriff's Office that leads to their arrest. It happened on January 10, when two men broke into Mid Valley Tractor and attempted to steal a truck, which was pulling a trailer with a 2015 Polaris RZR 1000 loaded on it. The suspects used the stolen truck in an attempt to break down the security gate but were unsuccessful, so they went to another vehicle and used it to ram the gate and get away with the first vehicle, a 1995 Ford truck with the trailer and the 2015 Polaris. In the process, the thieves caused an estimated \$25,000 to the property. The stolen vehicles were recovered in the Cottage Grove area, but the case remains open as the Sheriff's Office works to identify the people responsible. Anyone who can help identify the suspects is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4141. / YOUTH, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: Another day in court yesterday for 21 young people, including some from our area, who are suing the federal government over whether climate change and the government's policy supporting the use of fossil fuels violates their constitutional rights. This time, they were in a Portland federal courtroom, before a three-judge panel from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. No word on when they might issue their decision. The young

peoples' attorneys argued that energy sources like coal and oil cause climate change and violate the plaintiffs' Fifth Amendment rights to life, liberty and property. But a Justice Department attorney warned that allowing the case to go to trial would be unprecedented and open the doors to more lawsuits. He says the young people are asking the courts to direct U.S. energy policy, rather than government officials. But Julia Olson, chief legal counsel for Our Children's Trust, told the judges that government-sanctioned climate destruction is the constitutional issue of this century. The lawsuit asks the courts to declare federal energy policy that contributes to climate change unconstitutional, order the government to quickly phase out carbon dioxide emissions to a certain level by 2100 and mandate a national climate recovery plan. Both the Obama and Trump administrations have tried to get the case dismissed since it was filed in Eugene federal court in 2015. The young people argue that government officials have known for more than 50 years that carbon pollution from fossil fuels causes climate change and that policies promoting oil and gas deprive them of their constitutional rights. But lawyers for the Trump administration say the young people don't have any "historical basis for a fundamental right to a stable climate system or any other constitutional right related to the environment." If the 9th Circuit judges decide the lawsuit can move forward, it would return to U.S. District Court in Eugene, where the case was filed. / SPORTS, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION: Still a ways to go until construction is done, but Hayward Field and the University of Oregon track and field program will host the 2020 Pac-12 Championships. The conference championships will be the first event hosted at Hayward Field since reconstruction started last summer. The 2020 Pac-12 Championships are set for May 15-16 in Eugene. The Combined Events meet will be hosted by Oregon State the previous weekend, May 8-9, in Corvallis. The 2020 Pac-12 Championships be the 10th time the conference meet has been held at Hayward Field. The meet was previously hosted in Eugene in 1967, 1973, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2017. Last August, Eugene was selected by the USA Track & Field Board of Directors as the site for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials, / SPORTS, EDUCATION: A U.S. appeals court has rejected an appeal brought by three University of Oregon basketball players who said they were discriminated against when they were kicked out of school over rape allegations. A female student accused Dominic Artis, Damyean Dotson and Brandon Austin of raping her at a party in 2014, allegations that prompted protests on campus. No criminal charges were filed and the three maintained the sexual contact was consensual, but the school dismissed them over code-of-conduct violations. The players sued in 2015, saying they suffered gender discrimination, among other claims. A federal judge threw out their lawsuit. On Tuesday, a threejudge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld that decision. The panel said the three failed to make a plausible claim of discrimination. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, CRIME< GOVERNMENT: A judge is holding Oregon's public psychiatric hospital in contempt of court, ruling that hospital leaders "willfully violated" court orders to swiftly admit defendants in need of mental health evaluations and treatment. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the contempt ruling was issued Tuesday by Judge D. Charles Bailey of Washington County Circuit Court. It's the sternest and most consequential rebuke vet of the state's lapses handling the rise in criminal cases with mentally ill defendants. At issue were orders Bailey handed down in four felony cases

instructing the Oregon State Hospital to admit the defendants for evaluations or treatment so they could stand trial. Those orders built upon a federal court ruling requiring the hospital admit defendants within seven days to avoid unconstitutionally long jail stays. Hospital administrators did not abide by Bailey's orders, saying that was because the hospital was full, among other limitations. / CRIME, COMMUNITY: Those with outdated marijuana convictions will be able to have their records expunged faster under an Oregon bill approved by the House. Lawmakers voted 42-15 Tuesday to ease some of the bureaucratic hurdles involved in setting aside marijuana convictions that occurred before the state legalized the drug in 2015. Those seeking expungement will no longer have to pay a fee nor will they have to provide fingerprints or undergo a background check. Rep. Janelle Bynum says those with outdated convictions have trouble securing housing and employment and that they are "still paying the price for actions that we have decriminalized." Bynum, the only black member of the House, adds that this issue disproportionally affects people of color. The ACLU reported in 2013 that blacks were 2 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession in Oregon than whites. The Senate already approved the measure but has to approve a technical change before it heads to the governor. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION: A bipartisan group of state lawmakers has proposed broadly exempting agricultural businesses from a new business tax. Democrats who pushed the new tax through the Legislature on party-line votes wanted to keep the 0.57 percent tax as simple as possible, with few exemptions or special rates for particular industries or businesses. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that the law already contains exemptions for groceries, gas, hospitals and long-term care businesses. The new agricultural carveout introduced on Monday is an example of the pressure lawmakers face going forward to create more industry-specific breaks. The tax is calculated on a business' annual sales above \$1 million and is expected to eventually raise more than \$1 billion a year. It takes effect in 2020. / POLITICS, CRIME: Texting sexually explicit images of another person without their consent will be illegal under an Oregon measure on its way to the governor. Lawmakers voted to close a loophole within the state's so-called 'revenge porn' law. The measure makes the nonconsensual spread of intimate images illegal in any medium. Previously Oregon only banned the spread of intimate pictures posted on internet websites. The Cyber Civil Rights Initiative reports that 45 states have laws cracking down on 'revenge porn,' or the practice of sharing intimate photos to get revenge on a former sexual partner. The group also reported in 2017 that nearly 16 percent of women and 10 percent of men said they had been threatened or victimized by nonconsensual pornography. / ENVIRONMENT: Some 70 whales have been found dead so far this year on the coasts of Oregon, Washington, California, and Alaska, the most since 2000. About five more have been discovered on British Columbia beaches. But that's a small fraction of the total number of whales believed to have died. And now, researchers say two gray whales were found washed ashore in western Washington over weekend, bringing the number of gray whales found dead along the Washington state shore this year to more than two dozen. U.S. scientists said Friday they will investigate why such an unusual number of gray whales are washing up dead on West Coast beaches. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: We keep talking about the growing risk of wildfires here in Oregon. Yesterday, crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry

responded to a 60-acre blaze in the coast range about ten miles southwest of Grande Ronde. It's burning on private land. No structures are threatened and there are no road closures. The cause is being investigated. But as ground and helicopter crews work to get it out, it's another reminder of the importance of doing everything you can to prevent wildfires, whether you're working or playing in the woods. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: The Trump administration wants to ease rules on mining and prospecting on federal lands — and even offshore — in the name of national security. The Commerce Department recommended sweeping changes Tuesday in mining policies. President Trump had asked for the proposals, saying the U.S. needs more mining to reduce imports of critical minerals. Those are nearly three dozen minerals, including uranium, that the administration calls crucial to national security. The proposals come as some fear that trade tensions with China could hit U.S. imports of key minerals. Recommendations include easing permitting, stepping up consideration of mining in the oceans, and prioritizing national security when it comes to mining public lands. House Natural Resources Chairman Raul Grijalva says the administration is handing over "treasured places" to industry. / OLDER ADULTS, SAFETY: New research shows fatal falls have nearly tripled in older Americans in recent years, rising to more than 25,000 annual deaths. The findings highlight the importance of fall prevention. A separate study bolsters evidence that programs focusing on improving muscle strength and balance can help achieve that goal. Both studies were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Circumstances weren't included in the data, but traumatic brain injuries and hip fractures leading to steep health declines are among causes of death in older adults who fall. Potential reasons for the trend include more older adults living longer into frail old age and rising use of medications affecting balance. /

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VETERANS, MILITARY: With the silence of remembrance and respect, nations today honored the memory of the fallen and the singular bravery of all Allied troops who sloshed through bloodied water to the landing beaches of Normandy. The tribute of thanks comes 75 years after the massive D-Day assault that doomed the Nazi occupation of France and portended the fall of Hitler's Third Reich, President Trump and French President Macron praised the soldiers and airmen, the survivors and those who lost their lives, in powerful speeches that credited the June 6, 1944 surprise air and sea operation that brought tens of thousands of men to Normandy, each not knowing whether he would survive the day. Macron expressed France's debt to the United States for freeing his country from the reign of the Nazis, awarding five American veterans with the Chevalier of Legion of Honor, France's highest award. Nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy on D-Day. Of those 73,000 were from the United States, 83,000 from Britain and Canada. The second day of ceremonies moved to France after spirited commemorations in Portsmouth, England, the main embarkation point for the transport boats. Leaders, veterans, their families and the grateful from France, Europe and elsewhere were present for the solemn day that began under a radiant sun. At dawn, hundreds of people, civilians and military alike, hailing from around the world, gathered at the water's edge, remembering the troops who stormed the fortified Normandy beaches to help turn the tide of the war and give birth to a new Europe. Up to 12,000 people gathered hours later at the ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery, where Macron and Trump spoke. U.S. veterans, their numbers fast diminishing as years pass, were the guests of honor. Rows of white crosses and Stars of David where more than 9,380 of the fallen are buried stretched before the guests on a bluff overlooking Omaha Beach. Passing on memories is especially urgent, with hundreds of World War II veterans now dying every day. A group of five Americans parachuted into Normandy on Wednesday as part of a commemorative jump, and showed up on the beach Thursday morning still wearing their jumpsuits, all World War II-era uniforms, and held an American flag. All five said they fear that the feats and sacrifices of D-Day are being forgotten. The biggest-ever air and seaborne invasion took place on D-Day, involving more than 150,000 troops that day itself and many more in the ensuing Battle of Normandy. Troops started landing overnight from the air, then were joined by a massive force by sea on the beaches code-named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold, carried by 7,000 boats. In that defining moment of military strategy confounded by unpredictable weather and human chaos, soldiers from

the U.S., Britain, Canada and other Allied nations applied relentless bravery to carve out a beachhead on ground that Nazi Germany had occupied for four years. The Battle of Normandy, codenamed Operation Overlord, hastened Germany's defeat less than a year later. Still, that single day cost the lives of 4,414 Allied troops, 2,501 of them Americans. More than 5,000 were injured. On the German side, several thousand were killed or wounded. The Soviet Union also fought valiantly against the Nazis — and lost more people than any other nation in World War II — but those final battles would divide Europe for decades between the West and the Soviet-controlled East, the face-off line of the Cold War. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY. TERRORISM: Some enhanced security for Eugene's airport. Congressman Peter DeFazio and Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced yesterday that the airport will receive a fourth explosives detection system machine. It comes after the three lawmakers wrote a joint letter last month to the Transportation Security Administration in support of the airport's request for the device, noting that it was needed to ensure airport security and efficiency after eight straight years of passenger growth. DeFazio, the Chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, wrote that sustained passenger growth has pushed the airport's security to its limits. In their letter to the TSA, Wyden, Merkley and DeFazio noted that Eugene's airport had more than 571,000 passengers last year, meaning security capacity struggled to keep pace. They say that was a challenge for passengers, and placed United, Delta and American at competitive disadvantages because of delayed bag screening and increased prospects for misdirected luggage. They added that such improvements are especially timely with the World Track & Field championships coming to Eugene in 2021. / EDUCATION, SAFETY, CRIME: There was no credible threat. Rather, Eugene Police say a juvenile playing a joke on a friend led to an investigation and the male being taken to the Serbu Justice Center on charges of Disorderly Conduct. It began Tuesday night, as Eugene Police School Resource officers worked to investigate a post that originated on Yolo, a Snapchat app that allows people to post anonymously. The post, which generically said not to go to school at South Eugene High School, was shared by a juvenile student on Snapchat. A parent contacted authorities to report the shared post and investigators spoke with the student who shared the threat. Police commend the student and parent for reporting this incident so that it could be investigated, as well as the male's parents for their cooperation. Police say they increased their presence at the school to provide a sense of safety to the students, staff and parents. Police say this is another reminder that parents should monitor their children's use of social media. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Oregon is about to become the 15th state willing to grant its electoral college votes to whomever wins the popular vote. Oregon lawmakers have finalized—and the governor says she will sign—a measure to join the National Vote Interstate Compact. It's a pledge between states to ignore the Electoral College and instead rely on results of the popular vote in presidential elections. Supporters say the current system encourages presidential candidates to focus their attention on only a handful of battleground states. They say a popular vote system would ensure that all votes are treated equally. The agreement would only take effect when enough states join to reach 270 electoral votes. That's the number needed to win the presidency. / GOVERNMENT, YOUTH PROTECTION: The secretary of state's office says "extensive work" is needed to improve child safety within

Oregon's troubled foster care system. The report released yesterday concludes that the Legislature will need to make a significant investment in the Department of Human Services to improve child welfare. The report says DHS has made some progress in improving workplace culture and training. But the department still needs to hire more caseworkers and address a lack of suitable foster homes. Gov. Kate Brown suggested using \$50 million of the state's surplus revenue to do just that. She also called on the Legislature to increase DHS' budget. Legislative leaders are working with a tight budget despite historic revenue. Budgeters say they're focused on investing the money in the state's rainy-day fund to prepare for an economic downtown. The DHS Child Welfare Director says there are 7,546 Oregon children in foster care today and that child welfare workers carry caseloads two times the national standard. They say the agency remains in the early stages of reforming a child safety system that's been struggling to care for Oregon's vulnerable children and families for years. They also reiterated a call for more Oregonians to become involved in supporting Oregon foster children and foster families, visit helpafosterchild.oregon.gov / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS, CRIME, AGRICULTURE: A federal judge has blocked the grazing permits issued to father and son ranchers who were the focus of a 2016 standoff in southeastern Oregon over control of federal public land. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that Judge Michael Simon issued a temporary restraining order this week, halting the permits granted to Dwight and Steven Hammond by then-Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke before Zinke stepped down his post in the Trump administration. Environmental groups had sued over the permits, arguing they were granted in violation of Bureau of Land Management policies. The Hammonds served jail time for setting fires on federal pastures in Eastern Oregon. Their case triggered intense public debate and the Hammonds attracted the support of brothers Ryan and Ammon Bundy when in 2015 a federal judge sent the Hammonds back to jail to serve a longer sentence. In early 2016, the Bundys led the takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oregon to a protest of federal landuse decisions and policies, attracting participants who were loosely affiliated with anti-government militias and the sovereign citizen movement. President Trump pardoned the Hammonds last year, And on Jan. 2, Zinke approved grazing permits for the father and son. In their complaint, environmental groups led by Western Watersheds Project said Zinke issued the permits on his last day in office and that granting the permits overrode environmental concerns with the land and the Hammonds' use of it. Government attorneys countered that the environmental groups were attempting to interrupt "longstanding practice" involving cattle permit management. In granting a temporary restraining order, Simon noted he will revisit the legal issues later this month. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A southern Oregon mother and her three children are safe after being stranded since Tuesday on a remote forest road. But it's a reminder of some basic precautions you may take as you prepare for your summer outings. Investigators with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department say Cameron Cutler and her three children left home Tuesday morning to go hiking. She used Apple Maps to navigate to a destination some distance from the city of Talent. But the suggested route included unpaved and unmaintained forest roads and after driving several miles, Cutler decided to go back. The family became stranded when her vehicle became wedged between a tree and a ditch as she tried to turn around on a spur road. There was no cell phone coverage in the area,

so the mom was unable to call for help. She spent the rest of the day entertaining her children with short walks in the area but stayed close to the vehicle to await rescuers. Cutler's husband called 9-1-1 that evening, triggering the search. Close to 150 search and rescue personnel and volunteers helped, locating the family early Wednesday morning. Nobody was injured. Officials say the mother did some things right: She was prepared with clothing, food, and water; she kept everyone in one location instead of wandering off; and she worked to keep her children in good spirits. But they say there are lessons we all may learn from the incident. For example: Let someone know where you're going and the route you will take; Don't rely on electronic navigation devices or apps; carry paper maps; Ensure you carry enough food and water for 48 hours; Carry warm clothing and blankets in your vehicle; Stick to familiar routes or research the route you plan to take. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Protect your child: NEVER leave them in hot cars. More than three dozen children die of in hot cars annually in the United States. Heatstroke can happen when the temperature is as low as 57 degrees, and car interiors can reach well over 110 degrees even when the outside temperature is in the 60s. Think it can't happen to you? This month, a Deschutes County deputy district attorney was been cited and put on administrative leave after police found his baby in the back seat of a car outside his office. Investigators say the man told them he forgot that his sleeping child was in the car when he went to work. The child was uninjured. The father called it the worst mistake of his life and that no matter the fallout on him, he's grateful that his son is happy and healthy. But not all "child in hot car cases" end well. To avoid accidental child deaths in hot cars: Never leave children alone in a vehicle to run even a short errand. Use drive-thru windows at banks, dry cleaners and restaurants whenever possible. Use a debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump. Put a purse, cellphone or other item you will need in the back seat of your car. This will ensure that you check the back seat before leaving the vehicle. Make a habit of opening the back door of your car and checking the back seat whenever you exit it. Keep a stuffed animal or toy in your child's unoccupied car seat. Put that item in the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a reminder that the child is in the back of the car. If a child is missing, immediately check the car, including the trunk. If you see a child alone in any vehicle for more than a few minutes, get the child out and call 911. Learn more at www.kidsandcars.org /

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POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION: Oregon wants to make daylight saving time permanent and end the twice-yearly time change. The House voted 37-20 Thursday to establish year-round Daylight Saving Time if other West Coast states follow suit - and the federal government approves. The measure now goes to the governor, who will sign it. California is considering the switch while the governor of Washington state already signed a bill approving permanent Daylight Saving Time. But the U.S. government still needs to give the OK. While states can opt into Standard Time permanently — which Hawaii and Arizona have done the reverse is prohibited and requires congressional action. Dozens of states are considering legislation to preserve that extra hour of daylight. In March, President Trump signaled his support on Twitter. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon is one of only five states to have no limits on how much money can be donate to political campaigns. But lawmakers took a step to change that Thursday. The House passed a measure approving the state's first campaign contribution limits in decades. The proposal caps contributions to House and Senate candidates at \$1,000 and \$1,500, respectively. Contributions to all other statewide candidates would be capped at \$2,800. The measure now goes to the Senate. Voters would have to approve the limits in the 2020 election. They'd also have to approve changing the state's constitution to allow for campaign finance reform in the first place. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: Health care provider Kaiser Permanente Northwest is expanding its presence in Lane County. Officials say they're relocating to a more than 18,000-square-foot office at Chase Gardens Medical Center in May of next year. Kaiser Permanente opened its downtown Eugene medical office, in the former Eugene Library building in 2016. But the Chase Gardens Medical Center will be home to all the coordinated care organization's primary care and lab services along with a new nurse treatment area, expanded imaging and pharmacy services, and additional on-site lab services. Kaiser Permanente Northwest says the new center also will allow its providers to expand their telehealth offering. Kaiser Permanente also has a dental office near Valley River Center. That facility will remain in its current location. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: United Airlines began nonstop air service between Eugene and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD) last night. The once-daily flight will be offered yearround. It features two-class service on an Embraer E-175 regional jet. Flights arrive from Chicago at 9:50 p.m. The plane turns around and departs for O'Hare at 11:40 p.m. The "red eye" flight allows travelers to arrive in the Windy City at 5:15 a.m., Chicago Time. Eugene Airport Director Tim Doll says travelers have

been asking for nonstop service to Chicago O'Hare and airport officials are pleased United has added the service. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: On May 27 while driving home from a trip, Benton County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Iverson suffered what officials believe was a fatal medical event and drove off a road south of Philomath. Brent Iverson was a dedicated deputy who started his career with the Oakridge police in 2002, transferred to the Junction City Police in 2005, and joined the Benton County Sheriff's Office 11 years ago, working as a patrol deputy and a forest patrol deputy. His family says he was a great dad who will be missed by his two sons and a daughter. The memorial service is set for this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis. Prior to the service, Emergency Responders will conduct a vehicle processional with representatives from a number of law enforcement and first responder agencies to escort the Iverson Family to the church. There is also a GoFundMe account set up through the Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation to assist the family. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, ENVIRONMENT: The FBI released a 22-page file from the 1970s this week. It contains the results of a test it had performed on a hair sample, sent in by the Bigfoot Information Center, that allegedly came from Sasquatch himself. The Los Angeles Times reports the 1976 request came from Peter Byrne, a self-styled adventurer who at the time ran The Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition in The Dalles, Oregon. Many believe Bigfoot roams the remote forests of the Pacific Northwest. Peter Byrne is now 93 and lives in Pacific City. He closed down his Bigfoot center in the late 1990s. But he remembers his request to the FBI. He says it was related to a Sasquatch sighting in the Coast Range by two men who were Forest Service employees. Byrne claimed the men found 14-inch barefoot prints and collected some hair samples from nearby vegetation. But in the analysis, the then-assistant director of the FBI's Scientific and Technical Services Division wrote that, quote, "The hairs are of deer family origin." Interestingly, this was not the first time the FBI had been asked to test possible Sasquatch samples. The agency had reportedly done that at least a year earlier. / RECREATION: The Portland Rose Festival's Grand Floral Parade is this Saturday, June 8. The day begins with the coronation of the festival queen at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade at 10 a.m. The parade begins at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, then winds its way across the Willamette River into downtown. The event features floats, marching bands and equestrian units, Learn more at rosefestival.org Also this weekend during the Rose Festival: The Dragon Boat Races. More than 60 teams compete on the Willamette River in colorful Chinese traditional Dragon boats. The races run Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. There's great viewing along the Willamette River at Tom McCall Waterfront Park and near the Hawthorne Bridge.; Cannon Beach will host its 55th annual Sandcastle Contest on Saturday, June 8. This is the oldest competition of its kind in the Pacific Northwest and the most popular event in Cannon Beach. Dozens of teams of professional sand sculpture artists, amateur groups and families will construct remarkable creations in the sand during the event. The Masters division teams compete for cash prizes and construct large, elaborate creations. Although the contest on Saturday is the highlight of the weekend, visitors will find plenty of other activities to keep them busy. Weekend activities include a Saturday night beach bonfire with live music and Sunday morning 5K fun run and walk. Scheduled judging times vary depending on the tide, which will also determine how long the sculptures last. Admission is free.

Learn more at cannonbeach.org; EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: North Eugene High School's entire ninth grade will spend next Friday morning, June 7, lending a hand in the community. The students are teaming up with various local organizations associated with United Way for a Day of Caring. Students have been learning about community issues as part of the school's ninth grade "Make A Difference" project, as well as the local organizations that work to address these issues and learn about summer volunteer opportunities. The students volunteering at several locations and with a number of local agencies: Shelton McMurphey Johnson House, Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum, Parenting Now!, Adventure! Children's Museum, Brattain House, Eugene Science Center, Unity School Eugene. Food for Lane County's Youth Farm and GrassRoots Garden. The students' final project is to make posters advertising the volunteer opportunities at their selected non-profit organizations to encourage their peers to get involved this summer.; Looking for some great activities for the kids this summer? Start with a 1Pass! This low-cost summer pass combines inexpensive summer fun for kids with accessible transportation. The pass allows youth 18 and under to ride Lane Transit District buses and access many local attractions at a discount or without paying fares or entry fees. 1PASS costs \$55 and is valid from May 27 through September 2, 2019. 1Pass is available for purchase now at Amazon Pool, Echo Hollow Pool and Sheldon Pool, Lane Transit District's Eugene station and Willamalane Center. Free Admission with 1PASS: Amazon Pool, admission to regularly scheduled rec swims only; Echo Hollow Pool, admission to regularly scheduled rec swims only; Sheldon Pool, admission to regularly scheduled rec swims only; Adventure Children's Museum, one admission per day; Camp Putt Adventure Golf Park, 12 & under must be with an adult, one game per day; Emerald Lanes, one game and one shoe rental per day per; Eugene Science Center, valid for one admission to exhibit hall per day. Children 12 under must be accompanied by an adult; Get Air Eugene, one admission per week ; Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art; Laurelwood Golf Course, one driving range token per day; River Road Pool, one admission to pool or wading pool/splash park per day; Splash! at Lively Park, valid on waterpark swims; Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation, drop in to age-appropriate sessions of tennis, basketball or volleyball. Ages 14-17 may also use the fitness center after required orientation. Valid on drop-in programs only; Willamalane Park Swim Center, admission to any regularly scheduled rec swim. 1PASS also is good for unlimited rides on Lane Transit District buses. 1PASS must be presented to the driver.; The 2019 Eugene Pro Rodeo kicks off in one month and tickets are on sale now. Wednesday, July 3, through Saturday, July 6, the rodeo is back with four nights of PRCA competition. Wednesday night, July 3, will be Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night. Purchase a pink ball (or more than one) to support Oregon Cancer Foundation and through it for your chance to win \$1000 gift card from Jerry's home improvements and some other great prizes! Back by popular demand the Metal Malisha motorcycles are performing before the show on July 5. July 5 is also Family Night, with two children getting in free with purchase of an adult general admission ticket. Also back is the Launch Site Parking for the nightly fireworks display and our nightly dance hosted by KKNU's Jon Michaels. New this year we're honoring Veterans and First Responders with a \$5 discount on Saturday night. Just show ID when purchasing your ticket. Don't miss out on all the fun the

2019 Eugene Pro Rodeo has to offer. Pick up your discount coupons for General Admission at any Papé location and get your tickets now at www.eugeneprorodeo.com Follow Eugene Pro Rodeo at www.facebook.com/EugeneProRodeo / LAW ENFORCEMENT, RECREATION: The Springfield Police K-9 Unit is hosting its 26th annual Police Dog Competition on Saturday, June 15th from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Silke Field, across from Springfield High School on 10th Street in Springfield. Police dogs from around the state will be participating. Dog teams scheduled to compete in this year's events are from Roseburg, Washington County, Douglas County, Corvallis, Lincoln County, and Springfield. The Springfield Police Department's narcotics detection dogs will also conduct demonstrations during the event. The competition involves timed events that include both the dog and the handler. Events include an agility course, area search, handler protection, fastest dog, and suspect apprehension. Retired news anchor Al Peterson will be the Master of Ceremonies again this year. The public is invited to attend free of charge. T-shirts, hats and other Springfield K-9 merchandise will be available for purchase and the crew from Addi's Diner will be on-site selling food. All proceeds from food and clothing sales go toward the purchase of the Springfield K-9 Unit's equipment and training. Come out and support the two- and four-legged officers that protect our communities. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, TRANSPORTATION: Autzen Stadium will host a record number of fans for the Garth Brooks Concert on Saturday, June 29. Because of the expected crowds, attendees are encouraged to arrive early and plan their transportation options for the show in advance. There will be limited number of parking spaces in the Autzen Stadium area for private vehicles, and fans are encouraged to take shuttles when they attend the show. Fans may avoid some traffic if they find parking near the University of Oregon campus and utilize the Frohnmayer Footbridge from campus to walk to the stadium. There will also be valet bike parking near the Canal footbridge on the south side of Autzen. Bus shuttles will run from four locations on the day of the show, beginning at 3 p.m., and will return following the show. Shuttle locations are: Valley River Center, Northwest parking lot behind Cross Fit, Eugene; RiverBend Annex, 123 International Way, Springfield, North and East parking lots. Shuttles will depart from the East lot; Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W 13th Ave, Eugene. Shuttles will depart from bus stop on 13th street adjacent to parking; Springfield Station, South A Street, Springfield. Shuttles will depart from "Events" Stop in Springfield Station. The round-trip cost for the shuttles are \$5 per person. Ticketmaster is selling them as concert add-ons. If you buy tickets at the shuttle lots, only cash will be accepted. Please bring exact change. Shuttles can accommodate fans with ADA needs at all locations. The Autzen Stadium parking lot is sold out. However, neighboring lots will be charging \$40 cash as a fundraiser to support their activities. Limited ADA parking for those with valid placards will be available in the East Autzen lot until sold out. / RECREATION, SAFETY, WILDLIFE: Authorities closed a popular Columbia Gorge trailhead after they say a cougar killed two goats nearby. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office says deputies responded Wednesday night to a report of a cougar that had killed the goats in the area of Angel's Rest Trailhead. The sheriff's office says on Tuesday a cougar entered a home across the street from where the goats were killed and showed little fear of humans. A deputy shot at the cougar Wednesday night but the sheriff's office said it ran away and was not hit. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has set a

live trap to capture the animal and remove it should it return. Angel's Rest Trailhead is closed until further notice. / HEALTH, YOUTH, GOVERNMENT: U.S. regulators are moving to discipline vaping companies for inappropriately promoting their flavored nicotine formulas through so-called influencers on Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites. The Food and Drug Administration sent warning letters today to four companies that used paid social media influencers to pitch nicotine solutions to their online followers, including flavors like Watermelon Patch and Strawberry Kiwi. The posts didn't include a mandatory warning that the vaping liquids contain nicotine, which is addictive. The FDA, joined by the Federal Trade Commission, sent the letters to Solace Vapor, Hype City Vapors, Humble Juice Co. and Artist Liquid Labs. The companies did not immediately return calls and emails seeking comment Friday morning. Facebook prohibits e-cigarette ads even with warnings and the FTC has been pressuring influencers — people with many social media followers who promote products and services — to disclose when they are being paid to endorse something. The action comes as the FDA and other government agencies struggle to reverse what they call an epidemic of underage e-cigarette use. Researchers have linked the trend to a surge in online videos, photos and other posts about vaping, some of generated by companies, advertising agencies and paid influencers. Government figures showed a nearly 80 percent jump in vaping by teens last year, with 1 in 5 high school students reported that they used the devices in the previous month. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Work on Interstate 105 and the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridges in downtown Eugene increases in the westbound (inbound) lanes this month (June) and continues through August. Travelers should expect extensive lane and ramp work starting Monday, June 10. Fewer open lanes and a ramp closure mean more delays on I-105. There's also the potential for increased traffic, especially during the evening commute hours, on other routes through Eugene such as Country Club Road, Coburg Road, and the Ferry Street Bridge area. Westbound I-105, beginning Monday, June 10: Two of the three westbound lanes close approaching the 6th Avenue off-ramp. Off-ramps to 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue/Jefferson Street are open. Beginning Monday, June 24: The westbound 6th Avenue off-ramp closes for about four weeks. Lane closures will continue and change. The off-ramp to 7th Avenue/Jefferson Street is open, with a lane closed. All lanes and ramps will be open during the Lane County Fair, July 24 - 28. Eastbound I-105: The 6th Avenue on-ramp to eastbound I-105 is scheduled to open on Saturday, June 15. Lane closures will continue and change. Give yourself extra time, slow down, pay attention, and keep your mind on your driving. Consider a different route, travel time, or way of getting where you are going. Expect delays, keep intersections open. Watch for work crews, bikes and pedestrians. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: A very warm air mass is settling over the Pacific Northwest and will bring the warmest temperatures of the year on Tuesday and Wednesday. With the warmer daytime temperatures come warmer nighttime temperatures: Tuesday night into Wednesday morning, as overnight minimum temperatures might only dip to the mid-60s, especially in the cities. We'll see a bit of cooling starting Wednesday evening, as a bit of marine air tries to work its way into the southern Willamette Valley. But the change in temperatures and offshore moisture might also feed possible thunderstorms late Wednesday along the Cascade crest, especially near Willamette Pass.; Hot weather is on the way and the official arrival of summer is coming. Oregon OSHA urges employers to prevent heat illness for workers by providing water, rest, and shade, gradually adapting workers to hot environments, and training employees to recognize the signs of heat illness and to raise concerns immediately. Workers in Oregon tend to be used to working in mild weather and are frequently not accustomed to high temperatures. That's why it's especially important for employers to put appropriate measures in place to guard against the potential impacts of on-the-job heat stress. Exposure to heat can lead to headaches,

cramps, dizziness, fatigue, nausea or vomiting, and even seizures or death. From 2012 to 2018, a total of 42 people received benefits through Oregon's workers' compensation system for heat-related illnesses. Oregon OSHA encourages employers and workers in especially labor-intensive industries, including construction and agriculture, to work together to prevent heat-related illness. The call to address the hazards of working in high heat is part of an emphasis program run by Oregon OSHA. Under the program, the agency's enforcement and consultation activities will include a review of employers' plans to deal with heat exposure, especially from June 15 through Oct. 1 of each year. The prevention program applies to both outdoor job sites and indoor workplaces where potential heat-related hazards may exist. Oregon OSHA urges employers to fill out a heat illness prevention plan. The plan outlines everything from risk factors and precautionary steps to locations of water and cooling areas. Perform the heaviest, most labor-intensive work during the coolest part of the day. Use the buddy system (work in pairs) to monitor the heat. Drink plenty of cool water (one small cup every 15 to 20 minutes). Wear light, loose-fitting, and breathable clothing (such as cotton). Take frequent short breaks in cool, shaded areas - allow your body to cool down. Avoid eating large meals before working in hot environments. Avoid caffeine and alcoholic beverages (these make the body lose water and increase the risk of heat illnesses). To help those suffering from heat exhaustion: Move them to a cool, shaded area. Do not leave them alone. Loosen and remove heavy clothing. Provide cool water to drink (a small cup every 15 minutes) if they are not feeling sick to their stomach. Try to cool them by fanning them. Cool the skin with a spray mist of cold water or a wet cloth. If they do not feel better in a few minutes, call 911 for emergency help. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The Kroger Co., parent company of Fred Meyer stores, is recalling its Private Selection Frozen Triple Berry Medley (48 oz), Private Selection Frozen Triple Berry Medley (16 oz), and Private Selection Frozen Blackberries (16 oz) manufactured by Townsend Farms due to possible Hepatitis A contamination. The products were distributed to all Kroger and Fred Meyer Stores nationwide. No customer illnesses have been reported to date. Kroger was informed by the FDA that a sample of the Private Selection frozen berries was tested by the FDA and found to be contaminated with Hepatitis A. The affected items are: PRIVATE SELECTION FROZEN TRIPLE BERRY MEDLEY, 48 OZ (BEST BY: 07-07-20; UPC: 0001111079120); PRIVATE SELECTION FROZEN TRIPLE BERRY MEDLEY, 16 OZ (BEST BY: 06-19-20; UPC: 0001111087808); PRIVATE SELECTION FROZEN BLACKBERRIES, 16 OZ (BEST BY: 06-19-20, 07-02-20; UPC: 0001111087809). Kroger has removed the potentially affected items from store shelves and initiated its customer recall notification system that alerts customers who may have purchased recalled products through register receipt tape messages and phone calls. Customers who have purchased the above products should not consume them and should return them to a store for a full refund or replacement. Customers who have questions may contact Kroger at 1-800-KROGERS Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to midnight EST, and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM EST. Hepatitis A is a contagious liver disease that results from exposure to the Hepatitis A virus, including from food. It can range from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a serious illness lasting several months. Illness generally occurs within 15 to 50 days of exposure and includes fatigue, abdominal pain, jaundice, abnormal liver tests, dark urine and pale stool. The Hepatitis A vaccination can prevent illness if

given within two weeks of exposure to a contaminated food. In rare cases, particularly consumers who have a pre-existing severe illness or are immune compromised, Hepatitis A infection can progress to liver failure. Persons who may have consumed affected product should consult with their health care professional or local health department to determine if a vaccination is appropriate, and consumers with symptoms of Hepatitis A should contact their health care professionals or the local health department immediately. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline dropped 9 cents per gallon over the past three weeks, to \$2.84. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey says Sunday that lower crude oil prices contributed to the drop at the pump. The price is 17 cents lower than what it was a year ago. Here in Oregon, the average price stands at \$3.33 per gallon, a bit cheaper at \$3.29 here in Lane County. That's about a dime less than it was last week and 15 cents less than this time last month. The highest average price in the nation is \$3.94 a gallon in the San Francisco Bay Area. The lowest average is \$2,27 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The average price of diesel fell by 4 cents since May 17, to \$3.12. / CRIME: On Saturday evening around 9:30 p.m., a Springfield Police Officer attempted to stop a motorcycle for a traffic violation near Centennial Boulevard and 5th Street. Police say the rider failed to stop and accelerated attempting to elude the officer. The chase continued onto I-5 where speeds reached in excess of 100 mph. The motorcyclist was able to create distance between the pursing officer and himself. Eventually the officer discontinued the pursuit after he lost sight of the motorcycle due to the darkness. But Linn County Sheriff's Office had been notified and deputies spotted the motorcycle as it took the Hwy 228 off-ramp. Investigators say the motorcyclist pulled into a lumber yard after running out of gas and that the driver was initially was not compliant with officers, refusing commands to get on the ground or show his hands while telling the officers to shoot him. But law enforcement officers were able to take the suspect, 57-year-old Timothy Dwayne Rice, into custody without using deadly force. Investigators say Rice had an outstanding Oregon State Parole Board warrant for his arrest stemming from a felon in possession of a restricted weapon charge. He's was lodged the Lane County Jail. / RECREATION, EDUCATION: It was a big weekend at the Portland Rose Festival, with the Grand Floral Parade winding its way across the Willamette River and into downtown Portland on Saturday. And The Oregonian and OregonLive reports members of the Canby High School marching band were there this time. Last week, we learned that the Canby kids, who'd spent months practicing for the earlier Starlight Parade, missed it when their chartered buses failed to arrive at the school to transport the students and their instruments. Officials blamed a paperwork issue with the charter company. It was a heartbreaker for the kids, who had been preparing for weeks, making sure their timing was just right, their instruments tuned correctly and their marching steps perfectly in sync to appear in the event. The good news: The band was invited to march in the Grand Floral Parade. The buses arrived on-time—I'm guessing they arrived extra early-and the kids had a great time. /

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ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, SAFETY: Expect hot weather the next couple of days. Temperatures this morning are running 5 to 9 degrees warmer than yesterday morning. The National Weather Service has issued heat advisories for the interior valleys—close to 95 her in Eugene-Springfield, 100 degrees in Roseburg—and even the central coast will see highs of close to 80 degrees. Overnight lows tonight are going to be quite uncomfortable and not just higher than normal for this date but perhaps be "record higher than normal." The phrase "record high low temperature" sounds a bit redundant, but it describes the overnight low forecasted for 65 degrees here in Eugene-Springfield. Hot temperatures and limited overnight relief will increase the chance for heat related illnesses, especially for those sensitive to heat. People most vulnerable include those who spend a lot of time outdoors, those without air conditioning, young children and the elderly. Heat stress is also possible for livestock and outdoor pets. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sunshine, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Take extra precautions, if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear light weight and loose-fitting clothing when possible and drink plenty of water. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency, call 9-1-1. We might start seeing some relief tomorrow afternoon, if cooler marine air is able to begin seeping into the southern Willamette Valley. But the change also might contribute to a chance of thunderstorms on Wednesday afternoon on the Cascade Crest near Willamette Pass. By the way, it's getting lighter outside these days, with sunrise around 5:30 a.m. and sunset around 9 p.m. / EDUCATION, ECONOMY: On Thursday, officials from the University of Oregon and three other state public universities go before members of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for approval of planned tuition increases for the 2019-2020 academic year. The panel's approval is needed for any tuition hikes of more than five percent and universities must demonstrate that those larger tuition and fees hikes are "appropriate." To do so, the higher ed commission will consider whether students were included in the process, the hikes' impacts on underrepresented students, and whether financial stability is dependent on a tuition hike. The University of Oregon is proposing recommending a combined resident

undergraduate tuition and fees increase of 7.18 percent, based on anticipated funding levels. As part of its proposal, U-of-O leaders say they are working to safeguard access for historically underrepresented students. Among other actions, officials say they have committed to the creation of a new Black Cultural Center, funding a new student disability advisor position, and adding additional student advising staff. They say they also have protected support services and the U-of-O's core educational mission from budget cuts. Currently, University of Oregon officials say one-quarter of all resident undergraduates pay no tuition and fees, because they qualify for grants and scholarships. Campus leaders say they are dedicating an additional \$350,000 to provide grants to support low-income students. The Higher Education Coordinating commission's staff has reviewed the proposal and recommends that panel members support it. The Oregon Institute of Technology, Portland State University and Southern Oregon University are also making tuition-increase presentations to the panel. Oregon State, along with Eastern and Western Oregon universities, will not need commission approval for their tuition increases because the hikes came in at below five percent. / HEALTH, BUSINESS, POLITICS: In Oregon, where the medical marijuana program shrank the most following recreational legalization, an Associated Press analysis finds that nearly two-thirds of patients gave up their medical cards. As patients exited, the market followed: The number of medical-only retail shops fell from 400 to just a handful, and hundreds of growers who contracted with individual patients to grow specific strains left the medical cannabis business. While recreational marijuana are high in THC—the chemical compound that gives users a "high" medical marijuana products focus instead on higher levels of the compound known as CBD, which does not produce a high. Now, the analysis finds that some of the roughly 28,000 medical patients remaining are struggling to find the affordable medical marijuana products they've relied on for years. While the state is awash in dry marijuana flower that's dirt cheap, the specialized oils, tinctures and potent edibles used to alleviate severe illnesses can be harder to find and more expensive to buy. In some cases, patients are trying to make products at home but struggle to do so. Ten states have both medical and recreational markets. Four of them — Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Alaska — have the combination of an established recreational marketplace and data on medical patients. The AP analysis found all four saw a drop in medical patients after broader legalization. The largest of all the legal markets, California, does not keep data on medical patients, but those who use it say their community has been in turmoil since recreational pot debuted last year. That's partly because California ended unlicensed cannabis cooperatives where patients shared homegrown pot for free. There is limited scientific data backing many of the health claims made by medical marijuana advocates, and the U.S. government still classifies cannabis in any form as a controlled substance like LSD and cocaine. Still, the popularity of medical cannabis is rising as more states legalize it. There are 33 such states, including politically conservative recent additions Oklahoma and Utah. Getting a precise nationwide count of medical patients is impossible because California, Washington and Maine don't keep data. However, absent those states, the AP found at the end of last year nearly 1.4 million people were active patients in a medical marijuana program. The AP estimates if those states were added the number would increase by about 1 million. / CRIME: Springfield Police say a 33year-old Texas woman is facing drug charges out of Texas and now additional

charges here in Oregon after a what started as a vehicle pursuit in Springfield ended with a crash in Glenwood. It happened around two a.m. The suspect, identified as Mistea Marie Maine-Osborne, allegedly fled in her vehicle when an officer attempted to pull her over in the Gateway area for running a red light. The vehicle, which displayed Texas plates, headed for the Glenwood area. The pursuit ended at the dead end of Henderson after it crashed through concrete barrier walls and onto the railroad tracks. Police say the vehicle caught fire momentarily and the engine fire was put out with officer's fire extinguishers. Investigators say the woman exited the vehicle upon impact. She was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Authorities say a 21-year-old Eugene man who planned to hike up and then ski down North Sister was near the summit when he fell, slid and was injured, prompting a rescue effort. He was taken to a Bend hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries. KTVZ-TV reports Robert Kalmbach called 911 around 10:20 vesterday morning to report he was hurt and needed help. It came after Kalmbach and Michael Martin of Eugene had set out from the Pole Creek Trailhead to summit the volcanic peak earlier Monday. Kalmbach told officials he made it almost to the 10,085-foot summit when he fell. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue leaders say an AirLink helicopter crew flew volunteers to a spot below the men's location and rescuers climbed to Kalmbach, placed him in a rescue sled and lowered him to the chopper for the flight to the hospital. / SAFETY, CRIME: The pilot and passenger of a private airplane that crashed into a Medford neighborhood over the weekend survived but have been jailed on marijuana trafficking charges. The Mail Tribune reports Monday that 34-year-old Zachary Wayne Moore and 38-year-old Matthew William Thompson, both from Boise, Idaho, were booked in the Jackson County Jail on felony charges of importing or exporting marijuana items and unlawful marijuana possession. The single-engine 1947 Beechcraft Bonanza crashed into a tree Saturday in Medford after experiencing mechanical problems. The aircraft had just taken off from Rogue Valley International Airport. No one on the ground was hurt and Moore and Thompson had only minor injuries. But based on evidence found at the scene, a federal drug investigation is now underway. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: The National Weather Service in Portland is keeping a Heat Advisory in effect through this evening. Hot temperatures and limited overnight relief will increase the chance for heat related illnesses, especially for those sensitive to heat. People most vulnerable include those who spend a lot of time outdoors, those without air conditioning, young children and the elderly. Heat stress is also possible for livestock and outdoor pets. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sunshine, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Take extra precautions, if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear light weight and loose-fitting clothing when possible and drink plenty of water. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency, call 9-1-1.; As the weather heats up, Greenhill Humane Society has some important tips to share on keeping pets safe. When it comes to furry family members please remember: Leave pets at home when running errands. Leaving your animal in a parked car, even for just a few minutes can easily cause heat stroke or brain damage. A car's interior temperature can increase in minutes, even with the windows slightly open. Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat stress because they do not sweat in the way that humans do; they release body heat by panting. Oregon's "Good Samaritan" law (dogs / kids in hot cars) states the following: Anyone - not just law enforcement - may enter a motor vehicle, "by force or otherwise," to remove an unattended child or domestic animal without fear of criminal or civil liability, as long as certain requirements are met. To fulfill these requirements, a person must: Have a reasonable belief that the animal or child is in imminent danger of suffering harm; Notify law enforcement or emergency services either before or soon after entering the vehicle; Use only the minimum force necessary to enter the vehicle; and stay with the animal or child until law enforcement, emergency services, or the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives. Keep pets inside during the heat of the day; do not leave them outside unattended. Make sure pets have access to water bowls full of cool, fresh water. When pets are outside, be sure there are shaded areas for them to rest in and invest in a misting hose or kiddle pool for a cool place for your pets to play. Limit or skip on exercise at the dog park during the heat of the day. Always test the pavement or sand with your hand before

stepping out (too hot to touch is too hot for your pet). Walk early in the morning or late at night when it's cooler, carry water and take frequent breaks in shady spots. If you suspect your pet's paws have been burned, contact your vet immediately. Dogs should not ride in uncovered pickup truck beds. The hot metal truck bed can burn your pet's paw pads. Heatstroke symptoms can include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite. dark tongue, vomiting and lack of coordination. If your animal is overcome by heat exhaustion, consult your veterinarian right away. To learn more about Greenhill or tips on keeping your pet safe in hot weather, visit www.green-hill.org / COMMUNITY, RECREATION: The flowers at the Owen Rose Garden are in full bloom from now until approximately the end of June. With more than 4,500 rose bushes, representing 400 varieties, it's the perfect time to stop and smell the roses. Visitors to the garden can enjoy the sights of the heritage roses in their recently renovated beds. Most heritage roses are known for blooming only once a year, while some "repeat bloomers" will provide a second chance late in the summer or early fall to appreciate their beauty. The Owen Rose Garden was created in 1951 when George E. Owen, former Eugene City councilor and lumberman, donated five acres with his house to the City. It was the first parcel in a series that now spans more than eight acres. Shortly after Owen's donation, the Eugene Rose Society donated the original 740 rose bushes. This original collection has expanded into a panorama of more than 4,500 roses. The rose garden also features the nationally recognized Oregon Heritage Cherry Tree, believed to have been planted in 1847 by Eugene Skinner. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: The battle lines are being drawn over Eugene's new payroll tax to fund public safety and related services. The tax on Eugene businesses and employees was approved by members of the city council on Monday but opponents are working to put a it to the ballot before the city has a chance to begin collecting revenues in July of 2020. Yesterday, Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner spoke about the issue, which he says would provide \$23.6 million in additional funding to improve public safety response and crime prevention. Skinner says the funding also would support more investigations and court services, add jail beds to reduce capacity-based releases, and help at-risk youth. Eugene Police would hire 40 patrol officers, five detectives, four sergeants, 10 community service officers, an additional staff to shore up 911, animal welfare and traffic safety operations, as well as evidence control and forensic analysts. Skinner says the payroll tax would also expand prevention and homelessness services including adding emergency shelters, a day center and funding after school programs at Title 1 schools. And he says it would open a third Municipal courtroom, expanding community court and mental health court programs. But opponents say the tax is regressive and only should be levied on businesses, not employees. The tax exempts minimum-wage workers. But employees who earn between \$12.01 and \$15 an hour would pay three-tenths of one percent tax on their gross annual wages-eight dollars per month for a person making \$15 per hour. Workers who earn more than \$15 an hour would pay slightly less than onehalf of one percent on their yearly gross wages. For someone making \$20 per hour, that would about \$15 monthly. Someone making \$30 per hour, would pay \$23 monthly. Small employers with two or fewer employees with an annual gross payroll of \$100,000 would pay \$13 per month. Larger employers with an annual gross of \$500,000 would pay \$88. In seven years, council members would ask

voters whether the tax should continue. If voters reject it or the council choose not to refer the issue, the payroll tax would sunset in 2028. / WOMEN, MILITARY, VETERANS: For the first time in Oregon history, there is a statewide observance this year recognizing women who served in our nation's armed forces. Today is Women Veterans Day. The date also marks the 71st anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which acknowledged the great contributions made by women in the military and finally enabled them to serve as regular members of the United States Armed Forces and Reserves. Women have served in our nation's wars and conflicts since the American Revolution, traditionally serving as nurses, cooks, spies and in administrative support roles: During World War I, women were allowed to enlist as yeomen in the Navy and reservists in the Marine Corps, filling in for men who were deployed to the battlefields of Europe. Special units were formed in World War II, such as the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), Women's Army Corps (WACs), Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARs), Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve (WRs), allowing women to begin serving in positions previously reserved for men. Today, represent more than 16 percent of the country's military forces, with more than 25,000 women veterans currently living in Oregon. They are also the fastest growing segment of the veteran population. Oregon joins three other states — California, New York and Texas — that have officially designated June 12 as Women Veterans Day. / CRIME, YOUTH: Investigators say it's been upsetting and aggravating for neighbors of Granada Park in Springfield's Gateway area for a long time. Now, police are asking anyone who might have additional information about Monday evening's incident—a report of shots fired, juveniles drinking alcohol and disorderly conduct—or related incidents involving the suspects contact Springfield Police at 541-726-3714. At about 7:45 Monday evening, Springfield Police received a report of shots fired at Granada Park. A nearby resident reported a group of 15-20 juveniles in the park were drinking alcohol, that one had a gun and that the caller heard two shots being fired. As officers were responding, the caller advised the male had shot at people in the area, then placed the gun in his waist band. Officers arrived and contacted the 15-year-old suspect as he was walking out of the park. While initially compliant, police say he began resisting the officer's attempts to take him into custody. During the struggle, police say a handgun fell out of the juvenile's waistband. The juvenile was taken into custody. The gun turned out to be an airsoft gun that police say looked identical to a Glock semi auto handgun. In all, police took six juveniles-four males and two females, ranging in age from 11 to 15—into custody for disorderly conduct. Another 13-year-old girl was taken into custody for being a Minor in Possession of Alcohol and later released to a parent. An 11-year-old boy was taken into custody for burglary and criminal mischief on an unrelated case, and for disorderly conduct and being a Minor in Possession of Alcohol in Monday's incident. Two 18-year-old males, Michael William Mullens and Lyle Allen Ordway, were taken into custody for disorderly conduct and a theft of beer from a local business the day before and lodged at Springfield's jail. Police note that five of the juveniles who were taken into custody Monday previously had been lodged at the Serbu Center for theft of beer but been released before Monday's incident occurred. Investigators say several of the same juveniles had been taken into custody on numerous other criminal cases in the past and lodged at the Serbu

youth facility. Police say this group of juveniles frequents Springfield's Gateway area.; A 27-year-old Colorado man is in custody after Eugene Police say he lost control of the vehicle he was driving shortly before 8:00 p.m. last night, skidded over a curb and through a yard and into the bedroom of a nearby apartment where a baby was sleeping in a crib. It happened at the intersection of Bailey Hill Road and 18th Avenue. Fortunately, the crib was pushed to one side and the baby was unhurt. So, too, were several other occupants of the apartment. Eugene Police say the vehicle's driver, Tyler Cole Eiman, fled but was captured a short time later, taken into custody, and then to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. There were two other occupants in the vehicle, and one had minor injuries. Investigators say alcohol is being investigated as a possible cause of the crash and that charges are pending while the Eugene Police Major Collision Team analyzes evidence. / EDUCATION, SPORTS: A familiar face is taking the helm of the Oregon Ducks Baseball program. Mark Wasikowski has been named the head baseball coach for the University of Oregon. Wasikowski was served as the head coach at Purdue the past three seasons (2017-2019) and was an assistant coach at Oregon the previous five seasons (2012-2016). University of Oregon Athletic Director Rob Mullens says Wasikowski has an outstanding work ethic, is an excellent recruiter, and that athletic officials expect the squad to compete for championships under his leadership. Wasikowski notes that Oregon Baseball is in a solid position to move forward and will not shy away from the goal of playing for and winning a National Championship. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon is on the verge of becoming the latest state in the nation to prohibit singleuse plastic shopping bags. The Senate voted 17-12 to prohibit grocery stores and restaurants from providing plastic checkout bags. Stores will still able to offer recyclable plastic and paper bags for a minimum 5-cent fee. The bill now goes to the governor. Plastic bags are one of the most common types of beach litter. The World Economic Forum reports 8 million metric tons of plastic enter the ocean each year. Republicans took issue with the fee saying it punished consumers. Some also said single-use bags are more sanitary. California was the first state to prohibit plastic bags with New York state following suit earlier this year. Hawaii bans all types of single-use bags, both paper and plastic. But an effort to ban the use of polystyrene "to go" containers fell short yesterday, when two Democrats crossed party lines to join Republicans who opposed the issue and it was rejected by the Oregon Senate. Supporters said that the bans were meant to reduce the ever-increasing amount of plastic pollution in the oceans, that Styrofoam food containers are nearly impossible to recycle, and that only one recycling facility in Oregon accepts them. But opponents argued that the bans would stifle technological innovation and said lawmakers should let the free market come up with solutions to the plastic problem. Maine and Maryland approved statewide bans on polystyrene containers last month, and a new ban will take effect in Hawaii on July 1. The city of Portland has banned Styrofoam takeout containers since the 1980s. / POLITICS, BUSINESS< TRANSPORTATION: Might a portion of Oregon's marijuana crop be heading to other states? On a 43-16 vote, members of the Oregon House passed a bill Tuesday that would empower the governor to enter agreements with other states for the transfer of marijuana. That follows action by the Oregon Senate and sends the bill to the governor for her signature. With its mild, moist climate and rich soil, Oregon has a long history of cannabis growing, but a limited market. The Oregon Health Authority estimates

about 800,000 of Oregon's four million residents are regular marijuana users. Supply is running twice as high as demand. State officials estimate there is a sixyear stockpile of dried marijuana flower and other cannabis products and that the surplus from last year's harvest alone could amount to roughly 2.3 million pounds. While the federal government still considers marijuana an illegal drug, this bill helps pave the way for Oregon to sell some of its surplus to other markets, should cannabis become legal nationwide. Supporters say it would also curb black market sales, which have flourished as the state's surplus has grown. Thirty-three states have legalized medical marijuana. And 11 now allow recreation cannabis use, the most recent being Illinois. Democratic Sen. Floyd Prozanski of Eugene, who sponsored the bill, is a former prosecutor but says he looks forward to a time when the federal government legalize interstate sales or is at least willing to tolerate the practice. He thinks high-quality Oregon cannabis could find a strong market in other states and, quote, "We will kind of be like what bourbon is to Kentucky." Another bill passed on May 30 gives the Oregon Liquor Control Commission more leeway to deny new pot-growing licenses, based on supply and demand. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, SAFETY: A man has been rescued after falling 800 feet down the sheer walls of Crater Lake National Park, the caldera of a dormant volcano in southern Oregon. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter from Sector North Bend hoisted the man to safety Monday afternoon, according to a release from the agency. The helicopter responded after a rope rescue team lowered 600 feet down the cliff face but was unable to reach the man, whom they could hear calling for help even further below. National Park Service officials requested helicopter assistance. The man was transported to a hospital in unknown condition, but was able to walk after the rescue, according to the Coast Guard. In a separate online message, the National Park Service warned of the danger of the steep caldera walls, in places rising nearly 2,000 feet above the lake surface. / WOMEN, SPORTS: The U.S. Women's Soccer Team routed Thailand 13-0 in its opening match of the Women's World Cup. Five members of the USA Women's World Cup Team have ties to Oregon: Lindsey Horan, midfielder, Portland Thorns; Tobin Heath, forward, Portland Thorns; Adrianna Franch, goalkeeper, Portland Thorns; Emily Sonnett, defender, Portland Thorns; and Megan Rapinoe, forward and team captain, who attended the University of Portland. /

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UTILITIES, ENVIRONMENT: Areas of Oregon and western Washington, including Eugene, Portland and Seattle, broke heat records yesterday. The National Weather Service says the temperature hit 98 degrees at Eugene's airport. shattering the old record of 89 degrees set in 2002. Portland hit 97 degrees Wednesday, breaking a previous record of 93. The National Weather Service says cooler weather is expected for the rest of the week. ; As the afternoon heat settled across South Eugene, a transformer failed at a substation, leaving close to 3,000 customers of the Eugene Water and Electric Board without power. That's bad news for those using air conditioners and heat pumps to keep cool. The outage stretched roughly across homes and businesses in the West Amazon, Fox Hollow, and East 40th Avenue area. It took a few hours to get everyone back online but most power was restored by late yesterday afternoon. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: It's been a busy week for U.S. Coast Guard crews based in Oregon. On Monday, a man has been rescued after falling 800 feet down the sheer walls of Crater Lake National Park, the caldera of a dormant volcano in southern Oregon. A Coast Guard helicopter from Sector North Bend hoisted the man to safety. And last night, a Coast Guard helicopter aircrew from Sector Columbia River airlifted a hiker stranded on a rock piling at Ecola State Park, near Cannon Beach. Officials say the hiker had become stranded on rock pilings and was surrounded by water and incoming waves. He was airlifted to safety around 10 p.m. and was uninjured. But the Coast Guard officials say these recent incidents are a reminder: Stay alert to your surroundings and pay attention to the tides when venturing along the Oregon coast. / EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT: A longtime University of Oregon biology professor is the campus new chief academic officer. Patrick Phillips this week was named the Uof-O's next provost and senior vice president. The announcement came from University of Oregon President Michael Schill, who said Phillips came from a strong pool of internal candidates. Phillips begins as provost July 1. In his announcement to the campus community, Schill notes that Phillips joined the university in 2000 and is an expert in ecology and evolution, the biology of aging, molecular biology, and the genetics of complex traits. He has served as the director of the U-of-O's Institute for Ecology and Evolution, the head of the Department of Biology, and associate vice president for research. And most recently, Phillips served from 2016-2018 as the acting executive director of the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, helping to lead the launch of the research initiative and construction project taking shape on the

north side of Franklin Boulevard. Schill says Phillips was responsible for leading the design and construction process for new facilities, establishing key policies, and shaping graduate internship and entrepreneurship programs that are a core part of the new science campus. The provost is the institution's chief academic officer, charged with working with campus leaders to set the academic priorities for campus. During the next year, Schill says the U-of-O will welcome dozens of new faculty; oversee the launch of an innovative approach to student success at Tykeson Hall; open the Knight Campus; create new academic offerings in biomedical engineering and data science; plan an interdisciplinary research and teaching initiative in resilience and climate change bringing together the humanities, arts, social and natural sciences, and professional schools; and begin searches for new academic leaders in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Design, and UO Libraries. / EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE: Oregon State University officials today launch their new Global Hemp Innovation Center. Officials say the center will draw on the expertise of more than 40 faculty members and other resources in Corvallis and Portland, and at OSU's North Willamette Research & Experiment Station in Aurora, north of Salem. Oregon State also plans to begin certifying hemp seed for planting in Oregon. Hemp is a fast-growing plant, a relative of marijuana. But it contains lower concentrations of the psychoactive drug THC and higher levels of cannabidiol or CBD, which does not make users "high" and is being added to a variety of health, medical and other products. Historically, hemp is grown for its fiber and is used in the manufacture of paper, textiles, clothing, biodegradable plastics, paint, insulation, biofuel, food, and animal feed. OSU officials say the program will be a hub of research, teaching and extension work to further understand the uses and marketability of hemp and hemp-derived products. The center will draw from the expertise of more than 40 Oregon State faculty members across 19 colleges, departments and academic disciplines. For example, many experts are affiliated with OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences, which is home to the new Global Hemp Innovation Center. OSU's Food Innovation Center in Portland is also involved and in recent years its specialists have worked with hemp growers and industry representatives to develop hemp-based food products. Oregon State's announcements follow federal adoption of the 2018 Farm Bill that legalized production of hemp as an agricultural commodity, while removing hemp from the federal government's list of controlled drug or chemical substances. Already in the state of Oregon, officials say there are more than 1,300 licensed hemp growers who have planted close to 50,000 acres of the crop. One of the major products derived from hemp: CBD oil, the non-intoxicating oil in hemp and marijuana. According to the Brightfield Group, a research analytics firm that monitors legal CBD and cannabis industries, the hemp-derived CBD market is expected to grow from \$618 million in 2018 to \$22 billion in 2022, and many in Oregon want a share of that business. The launch of the OSU research center is a return to Oregon State's roots. The campus was home to a hemp research center from 1880 to 1932. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Gov. Kate Brown has signed a measure granting Oregon's electoral college votes to whichever presidential candidate wins the national popular vote. Oregon on Wednesday became the 15th state to make such a pledge as part of the so-called National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. It's an agreement between states to essentially ignore the Electoral College, changing the way the nation elects its presidents. The law doesn't go into effect until enough states join to reach 270

electoral votes. That's the minimum amount needed for a candidate to win the presidency. With Oregon's seven electoral votes, the movement is now 74 electoral votes short of that goal. Maine is also considering joining the compact. Brown says the measure would increase voter turnout and make Oregon "part of the national conversation around presidential elections." She argues it would encourage presidential candidates to campaign in more non-battleground states like Oregon. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: They say Oregon is doing so much better than the rest of the country and the world that there's no need for such an ambitious approach to combatting climate change. Dozens of industrial trucks drove laps around the state Capitol Wednesday, blaring their horns and releasing plumes of diesel into the air as part of a demonstration against Oregon's climate policies that loggers and truckers say will devastate their businesses. It comes as a key legislative panel approved a capand-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, setting up the ambitious climate proposal for a full floor vote. The bill, along with another addressing diesel emissions from heavy-duty trucks, is meant to reduce the emissions behind global warming and stem the tide of climate change. The protesters say there's no reason for the state to move forward with such an ambitious climate platform since Oregon's emissions make up far less than one percent of the global problem. They say big restrictions in emissions would put them out of business, raising fuel and equipment costs for everyone. Some employers have welcomed the changes, saying cap and trade has been carefully negotiated for over a decade and will bring new, higher-paying jobs to some of the most remote parts of Oregon. Under a cap-and-trade program, the state puts an overall limit on emissions and auctions off pollution permits or "allowances" for each ton of carbon industries plan to emit. Only the largest polluters are targeted, and the idea is that as the emissions limit becomes stricter over time, it will be in industries' financial interest to switch to green technology. The state ultimately aims to reduce emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. The change is expected to raise gas prices by about 22 cents a gallon for the first year, with gas rising above \$3 dollars a gallon by 2050, according to the Legislative Revenue Office. Some of those costs would be returned to low-income drivers under a fuel rebate program written into the bill. The trucking industry is also likely to experience a reduction in tax rates, which state economists say will lower some of the financial impacts of the program. The program sets aside \$10 million every two years for investments in transitioning displaced workers to clean energy jobs, providing unemployment benefits plus career and technical training. There are also wage and labor standards built in to ensure these new jobs offer fair pay and other worker benefits. But truckers maintain that even with those caveats, the proposals only showcase how little lawmakers understand industry in rural Oregon. Truckers say they have to buy their own trucks and in many cases aren't reimbursed by employers for the price of fuel. They say that they're being punished double by lawmakers: cap and trade would raise fuel prices, while a proposed clean diesel bill would require some truckers to buy new engines or vehicles-upgrades that can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The diesel measure aims to phase out diesel engines produced before 2007, and the proposal only applies Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. /

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SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Hot weather drew people to the water this week. But Lane County Sheriff's officials are investigating an apparent drowning after witnesses said a 15-year-old Creswell boy went underwater in a Creswell pond and failed to resurface. It was reported yesterday afternoon, shortly after four p.m. Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine deputies, patrol deputies, Search and Rescue divers, Creswell contract deputies and South Lane Fire crews responded and located the youth after he'd been underwater for several minutes. The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Lane County Medical Examiner are determining the cause of death.; Authorities say a 29-year-old Bend man is presumed drowned after a canoe in which he and a friend were paddling capsized in Central Oregon's Wickiup Reservoir. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office the accident happened on the lake's Davis Arm. Investigators say the two men were camping and left on their canoe trip with a dog. The other canoeist and the dog made it to shore. Crews continue to search for the victim but so far only have recovered canoeing gear from the lakebed. Investigators believe alcohol was a factor and say neither man was wearing a lifejacket or floatation device.; The -Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue and the Eugene Emerald Valley Rotary Club will be holding the 9th Annual Life Jacket Exchange on June 15th and 16th at Cabela's at 2800 Gateway Street in Springfield, Oregon. The goal is to ensure every child playing in or near the water has a properly fitting life jacket. Bring your child's lightly used life jacket that they have outgrown to Cabela's on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Sunday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and exchange it for a properly fitting child's life jacket. The Lane County Sheriff's Office and local Rotarians will be there to help check jackets for form, fit, and function. Life jackets that are turned in for exchange are inspected for safety and given to others at the event. Help save a life! Donate! Organizers are in need of youth-sized life jackets in good condition. If you have a new or gently used life jacket you are no longer using, consider donating it to this worthy cause and you can help save a life. Donated life jackets are also accepted at the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 125 East 8th Avenue in downtown Eugene or may be dropped off at the Life Jacket Exchange event.; Yesterday afternoon, Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol deputies warned boaters about an obstruction on a popular stretch of the McKenzie River about halfway between the Bellinger and Hayden Bridge Boat Landings. A large cottonwood tree fell, spanning the entire width of the river and preventing boaters from safely navigating that section of the McKenzie. Marine Patrol deputies were out with chainsaws yesterday working to

clear the obstruction but said the area was still not passable. Signs have been posted at the boat landings and the obstruction was reported to the Oregon State Marine Board, but water safety experts are strongly encouraging boaters to avoid the area between Bellinger Landing and Hayden Bridge Boat Landing. Planning to float a river this summer? Always scout out the area ahead of time and check the Oregon State Marine Board's website for recently reported obstructions. Boaters may view a list of reported obstructions on the Oregon State Marine Board website.; Kimber Townsend told a KATU-TV reporter she didn't realize her 16year-old son was drowning after he went for a swim in hot weather. She said he was a strong swimmer, a quarterback on Central High School's football team in Independence, but after he went into cool water without a life jacket he died. A video entitled "This is What Drowning Looks Like," created by California State Parks' lifeguards, shows a drowning man being rescued in Southern California. In the video the man is quiet, flailing on the surface of the water as a lifeguard pulls him to safety in a boat. Townsend, the program coordinator for Polk County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), said she learned that's common among people who are drowning because they're not getting air. "It's not the movies," Townsend said. "They're not going to be splashing and they're not yelling and screaming for help." She knows that because she watched it happen to her son on the John Day River in 2016. "He called out once and went under, came back to the surface," Townsend explained. "At first I thought he was joking. He was just saying my name. He wasn't saying he was in danger or anything. You know, we didn't realize anything's wrong. The next thing, my other son was literally four to five feet away and was just fine. He thought that he was playing around too at first and once we realized that there was actually a situation going on, it takes a few minutes to process that because there was no crying for help. There was no appearance of struggling, no splashing or anything." Townsend said the current was too strong to get to her son after he got pulled under in a deep section of water. She said Cody had a lot of swimming experience but the cold water and the current were too much for him. Safe Kids Oregon says between 2012 and 2014 in Oregon, 38 young people ages 0-19 drowned and 37 were hospitalized.; Investigators with the Benton County Sheriff's Office are working to determine the identity of the man whose body was recovered this week from the Willamette River near Takena landing. Preliminary results the body is that of a white male of undetermined age who had been in the Willamette River for two to three months, making a visual identification difficult. The man had been wearing a "Batman" Tshirt and an Oregon State University shirt. An indistinguishable tattoo was visible on the lower right area of his abdomen. Initial examination of the body does not indicate obvious signs of trauma and the death does not appear to have been caused by observable homicidal violence. Toxicology results are pending but the results are not expected for several weeks or longer. Benton County Sheriff's Office is investigating missing person's reports but have no immediate leads as to the identity of the male. Anyone with information is asked to Contact Lt. Chris Duffitt of the Benton County Sheriff's Office at 541-766-6858.; Those lightning storms across Eastern Oregon on Wednesday afternoon and evening? Authorities say the heavy rains associated with the storms triggered mudslides that closed a road and stranded campers near the Lake Owyhee Dam. One vehicle was caught in a slide but the occupants escaped without injury, KTVB-TV quotes Malheur County Sheriff's officials who say about 120 campers were stranded, but crews

cleared the slide by yesterday and about 40 campers at Camp Highcliff were able to leave if they chose Thursday. As of yesterday Thursday afternoon, crews were still clearing slides farther up the road south of the Lake Owyhee dam. Eighty campers remained stranded in campgrounds on the other side of the blockage, but authorities were optimistic they'd have the road reopened overnight. In the meantime, officials with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department say Lake Owyhee State Park will be closed until crews can assess road conditions.; More aftermath from the winter and spring storms: Don't plan hiking the Fall Creek Trail #3455 anytime soon. According to officials with the Willamette National Forest, the trail is marred by landslides, downed trees and broken bridges. That prompted an extension of the trail's emergency closure order until crews can clear the mess and rebuild the trail and bridges.; The Old McKenzie Highway (OR 242) will be open to motor vehicle traffic by 8 a.m. Monday, June 17. This seasonal route runs from just east of McKenzie Bridge over the cascade crest to the Central Oregon town of Sisters. Its 23-mile scenic stretch that winds through forests and across lava beds with view of the Cascade peaks closes during the winter due to heavy snow. Snow removal on the Old McKenzie Highway began in March, followed by repair work to fix damage caused by the 2017 Milli Fire. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Spring Outdoor Burning Season is ending one day early this year because of this week's hot, dry weather. For most Lane County residents, that means no more burning after today until the season resumes in October. It comes after members of the Lane Fire Defense Board assessed the conditions and the risk for burns sparking grass fires and wildfires. During the closed season, yard debris may be disposed of at one of several local debris collection or recycling centers, including Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dump sites. Composting and chipping are always encouraged. Residents who burn during the closed season are subject to violations ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more. Remember you may check the status of the Outdoor Burning Season at www.lrapa.org You may also call L-RAPA's daily open burning advisory line at (541) 726-3976. Coastal residents may call (541) 997-1757. / CRIME, BUSINESS: He heavily vandalized windows at plumbing and supply shops, an appliance store and an insurance company, a bowling alley, paddle sports shop and many others. Investigators say the man who used a pellet gun last year to damage the windows of 15 Eugene businesses will serve five years in prison. 44-year-old Brian Lee Moe of Eugene was sentenced in connection with the incidents. Officials say security images showed him in a vehicle driving by the businesses after-hours and causing extensive vandalism. Moe was arrested last July and released from jail a few days later. But officials said he fled to the East Coast. Eugene Police Property Crimes detectives obtained a nationwide extradition warrant and Moe was located and taken into custody in North Carolina and returned to Lane County. This week, Moe pleaded guilty to the charges that resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage to businesses in West Eugene, the Bethel area and along Highway 99. Detectives want to thank the community for their assistance to help locate and ultimately arrest Moe. / OLDEER ADULTS, CRIME, SAFETY: Saturday is National Elder Abuse Awareness Day. The abuse of older adults and people with disabilities can take many forms: financial, physical, verbal, sexual, neglect or self-neglect, and abandonment. According to numbers from the Lane Council of Government's Senior and Disability Services and other sources, one in ten older adults will experience some sort of abuse. But

as few as one in 14 cases are ever reported to authorities. It's estimated the majority of abusers-60 percent-are family members, including adult children and spouses. Other abusers might be caregivers or acquaintances. And people with disabilities are three times more likely to experience abuse than the general population. Sunday at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, we'll speak to some local experts about how to spot and report Elder Abuse. We'll tell you about confidential local and statewide reporting hotlines, and where to go for resources to help a vulnerable person. / EDUCATION, FAMILY, ECONOMY: Members of Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission made it official yesterday, approving undergraduate in-state tuition and fee increases of 7.1 percent for the University of Oregon. That will push the 2019-2020 tuition and fees for a full-time in-state student to more than \$12,000 per academic year. The Boards of Trustees for Oregon's seven public universities generally set tuition for their students, but under Oregon law the Higher Education Coordinating Commission must weigh any increases that exceed five percent. Members also okayed tuition and fee hike proposals for the Oregon Institute of Technology and Southern Oregon University. Commission members acknowledge the hikes are unwelcome news for thousands of students. But they note the increases might have been higher, had state lawmakers not upped their higher education support. / BUSINESS, MINORITIES: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde plan to purchase the shuttered Blue Heron paper mill near Willamette Falls in Oregon City and more than one mile of land upstream along the Willamette River. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports purchasing the lands would give the tribes easy access to the river for ceremonial fishing and room for potential commercial development. Grand Ronde Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy says the purchase is still being finalized and that it's too early to say how the tribes will develop the land but that there are no plans to build a casino in Oregon City. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Oregon Highway 42, the Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, is now closed near Douglas High School at the west end of Winston due to the repairs on the Lower Lookingglass Creek Bridge (milepost 72.4). The closure is expected to continue until July 3. A three-and-a-half mile detour is available: Oregon 42 motorists are advised to travel through Dillard using Brockway Road and Old Highway 99. Flaggers will provide daily traffic control from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Dillard. Watch for congestion and delays at peak travel times. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Facing an ever-mounting caseload, dozens of public defenders in Oregon walked out of courthouses and into the Statehouse this week to lobby for a bill that would fix a staffing shortage and an outdated contract payment system that has some attorneys representing more than 200 clients at once. A national watchdog report deemed Oregon's fixed-fee contract system for paying its public defenders unconstitutional earlier this year, and the ACLU has threatened to sue. But sweeping legislation that would fix the problem has been stalled in a House committee since April — and now, two weeks remain before lawmakers go home for the year. Rep. Jennifer Williamson, a Democrat who sponsored legislation to overhaul Oregon's system, described the situation as an "absolute crisis." Public defenders play a vital role in U.S. democracy and are paid by the state to represent criminal defendants who can't afford a private lawyer. Yet in a mounting number of states, as in Oregon, they struggle with overwhelming caseloads, erratic funding and paltry pay compared with prosecutors and private attorneys. That leads to "massive turnover and burnout," said Ernie Lewis,

executive director of the National Association of Public Defenders, which was founded in part to address the issue. Under Oregon's system, the state contracts with a hodgepodge of nonprofit lawyer groups, individual attorneys and private law firms to work as public defenders and then pays a flat fee for each case. There are roughly 650 attorneys who work under 63 different contracts, although the state doesn't track which attorneys work which cases once contracts are awarded, according to the report from the nonpartisan Sixth Amendment Center. The amount paid to each contractor varies, and the amount paid varies by the type of case as well, from \$565 to \$626 for a domestic violence case, for example, to \$221 to \$255 for a probation violation. The Sixth Amendment Center report, which was commissioned by the state and released this year, found the system involved a "complex bureaucracy" with a "stunning lack of oversight." The center concluded the system's complicated flat-fee payment structure threatens criminal defendants' right to due process because contractors have a financial incentive to take as many cases as they can and pick plea deals over trials to churn through cases more quickly. One proposal would drop fixed-fee contracting and replace it with a statewide division staffed by full-time state employees, with technological infrastructure for tracking staffing levels and case outcomes. It would roll out a network of county-based public defender offices to handle 60 percent of all cases, with the rest going to private contractors who would be paid an hourly rate in cases of conflicts of interest. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Oregon State catcher Adley Rutschman has won the Golden Spikes Award as the nation's outstanding college baseball player. The No. 1 overall draft pick by the Baltimore Orioles was the Pac-12 player of the year after batting .411 with 17 home runs and 58 RBIs and an NCAA-leading .575 on-base percentage. Last year, he was the College World Series Most Outstanding Player for the national champion Beavers. Rutschman is the first Oregon State player and ninth from the Pac-12 to win the award. California's Andrew Vaughn won last year, making this the first time the Pac-12 has had back-to-back winners.; Mitch Canham, an All-America catcher and two-time national champion, has been selected Oregon State's 21st head baseball coach in the 112-year history of the program. Canham was the captain for Oregon State's 2006 and 2007 College World Series champions and was a part of the 2005 Beaver club that started the most significant 15-year stretch in program history that has included five Pac-12 Conference titles and 13 postseason appearances. Canham returns to OSU serving half a season as the manager of the Arkansas Travelers, the Seattle Mariners' Double-A affiliate in the Texas League. The club clinched a first-half division title on June 9. He has the endorsement of former OSU head baseball coach and current senior associate athletic director Pat Casey, who says that Canham represents OSU's baseball culture and was a tremendous leader as a student-athlete on and off the field. /

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EDUCATION: The University of Oregon's 143rd commencement ceremony, which takes place today, will include 5,276 freshly-minted graduates ranging in age from 19 to 76 and hailing from 49 states and 53 countries. The day begins with the Duck Grad Parade through the heart of campus. Regalia-clad graduates, administrators and faculty members will gather at East 13th Avenue and University Street around 8:15 a.m. and make their way to Matthew Knight Arena under the banners of their schools and colleges at 8:45 a.m. University staff members are encouraged to come out to 13th Avenue to support the graduates. The main ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. inside Matthew Knight Arena. Ticketed guests should enter through the north and east entrances and be seated by 9 a.m. To enhance public safety and make access to the arena more efficient, the UO has adopted a clear bag policy: Guests may carry one clear bag no larger than 12 inches by 6 inches by 12 inches or a one-gallon plastic storage bag. Avoid campus and park at Autzen Stadium, then grab a free shuttle to campus. Or better yet, take a stroll through Alton Baker Park and across the Willamette River to campus. Can't be there in person? You can watch a livestream of the ceremony on Facebook and the UO YouTube channel. In addition to the main ceremony at Matthew Knight Arena, schools, departments and colleges have their own ceremonies. Some take place in the week before the main ceremony; most happen Monday afternoon. The School of Law celebrated its 133rd graduating class last month. / TRANSPORTTION, RECREATION: The North Entrance Road and West Rim Drive in Crater Lake National Park opened to travel Saturday morning. That's in addition to the South Entrance, which is open year-round. Visitors now can drive to and from the park along Highway 138, via the North Umpqua and Diamond Lake areas, as well as access spectacular views of the lake from West Rim Drive. Most park facilities also are open for the season. National Park Service snow removal crews now focus on opening East Rim Drive, Pinnacles Road and Lost Creek Campground. Planning to visit Crater Lake late this spring and early this summer? Remember to use caution as patches of snow remain on the ground in most locations throughout the park. Snow amounts are greater at higher elevations along Rim Drive. Most trails, including Garfield and Watchman Peaks, remain closed because of snow. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: Supporters say it's a chance to cut emissions that contribute to climate change while providing a more stable business environment in Oregon that will attract new investors. Opponents say it will lead to job losses and won't make that much of a difference. Oregon Democratic lawmakers are

poised to make our state the second in the nation, behind California, to adopt what's known as a cap-and-trade program. It is a market-based approach to lowering the greenhouse gas emissions behind global warming. Supporters call the plan cuts emissions and invests in efforts to better prepare the state's economy and infrastructure for more intense weather events as climate change worsens. Cap and trade has been a top priority this year for Oregon's majority Democrats, and Gov. Kate Brown has said she would sign the measure. But while the program's approval is shaping up to be a sure bet, a decade's worth of reaction to California's cap-and-trade program has divided support for the policy among environmental groups. Some question whether Oregon can meet its lofty emission goals and keep its promise to prioritize investments to low-income communities and Native American tribes. Under a cap-and-trade program, the state puts an overall limit on emissions and auctions off pollution permits or "allowances" for each ton of carbon industries plan to emit. Only the largest polluters are targeted, and the idea is that as the emissions limit becomes stricter over time, it will be in industries' financial interest to switch to green technology. Oregon's program would begin in 2021, and the state wants to reduce emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. Most of the money raised — estimated to total \$550 million in the first year — would be used to fund a sweeping progressive platform that encourages further emission cuts and prioritizes investments in lowincome and tribal communities' ability to respond to climate change. The proposal also contains a \$10 million investment to protect workers adversely affected by climate change policy, as some in transportation or manufacturing sector could face layoffs. The legislation provides unemployment benefits and pathways to clean energy jobs that, under the law, must provide competitive wages and benefits. For the program's first few years, the state will cover a majority of pollution allowances for some industries, including natural gas and utilities companies. The plan gets mixed reviews from industries. While some, including Nike and Uber, have come out in favor of cap and trade, others from the logging and agricultural sector say it will lead to increased fuel prices, mass layoffs and shuttered businesses. Stimson Lumber, west of Portland, laid off 60 sawmill workers, blaming the planned legislation and trade and other new taxes pursued by Democrats. And opponents from both parties note cap and trade likely won't radically reduce emissions. While California's emissions have noticeably dropped since the state implemented its program less than a decade ago, analysts say only 20% of those reductions can be tied to cap and trade. Supporters of Oregon's bill say the program is less about solving the global climate crisis and more about raising the money needed to prepare for the increased challenges of a warming planet. / WOMEN, SPORTS: Carli Lloyd made her minutes with USA Women's Soccer count with a pair of goals to lead the defending champions to a 3-0 victory over Chile yesterday. The win pushed the United States into the round of 16. Lloyd became the first player to score in six straight World Cup matches with her goal in the 11th minute. She added another on a header off a corner in the 35th for her 10th career World Cup goal, which moved her into third on the U.S. list behind Abby Wambach (14) and Michelle Akers (12). At 36, she became the oldest player to have a multi-goal game in the tournament. Lloyd was the hero of the World Cup in Canada four years ago when she scored three goals in the final against Japan that gave the Americans their third World Cup title. But she was on the bench when the U.S. opened the tournament, even though she scored later as a

substitute in the 13-0 victory over Thailand. The United States plays Sweden on Thursday to wrap up the group stage. It is the first meeting between the two teams since Sweden ousted the Americans from the quarterfinals at the 2016 Olympics. The U.S. Team includes five players with Oregon ties: Megan Rapinoe played for the University of Portland. Lindsey Horan, Tobin Heath, Adrianna franch and Emily Sonnett are members of the Portland Thorns. / EDUCATION, CRIME: Oregon State University officials say a cyberattack exposed the data of 636 students, prospective students and family members to hackers. The Gazette-Times reports university spokesman Steve Clark says a university employee's email account was hacked in early May. He says the purpose of the initial attack appears to have been to phish for information from people by sending them emails that appeared to be from the university. He says a forensic review revealed that the names, birthdates, Social Security numbers and other personal information for students, prospective students and their family members also were accessible through the university employee's account. Clarks says the university is continuing to investigate to determine whether the cyberattacker viewed or copied documents with personal information. The university has notified those affected and has offered information about available support services. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED HEALTH, SAFETY: If you purchased frozen red raspberries from a WinCo store in Oregon or nine other Western states, it's time to check your freezer to make sure they're not part of a recall. WinCo Foods says it sold frozen red raspberries grown by Rader Farms of Bellingham, Washington, that might be contaminated with norovirus. The 12-ounce packages with a "Best By" date of February 13, 2021. The Food and Drug Administration found contamination in a sample test. No one has reported falling ill but WinCo officials are is urging you to throw away or return the product for a full refund. The highly contagious norovirus can cause vomiting and diarrhea. Its symptoms are especially severe for the elderly, young children and people with health issues. / ENVIRONMENT: Did you see it or hear it? A lot of people in Western Oregon and Southwest Washington say they saw a meteor streak across part of the sky shortly after 7:15 Monday evening. One witness in Monmouth said it traveled from the northwest to the southeast, had a white flare and a fireball tail. Others say they spotted it from Springfield, out at Cottage Grove Lake and Dorena. Multiple people reported hearing a boom—some at first thought it was a military jet. The American Meteor Society, which collects reports from the public, received two dozen reports about the meteor from as far north as Washington state's Mercer Island to as far south as Medford, Oregon. No reports of it making it to the ground. Most meteors burn up as they enter Earth's atmosphere. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: Oregon is another step closer to implementing a cap-and-trade program, a market-based approach to lowering the greenhouse gas emissions behind global warming. The Oregon House approved the plan 36-24 Monday after nearly six hours of debate, with supporters calling it the United States' most progressive climate policy. Backers say it not only cuts emissions but invests in transitioning the state economy and infrastructure to better prepare for more intense weather events tied to climate change. "Cap and trade" has been a top priority this year for Democrats, who hold a majority in the Legislature. Gov. Kate Brown has said she will sign the bill into law once it passes the Senate. It would make Oregon the second state, behind California, to implement such a program. But a decade's worth of baggage from California's cap-and-trade program has fractured support for the policy among environmental groups. Some question whether Oregon can meet its emission goals and keep its promise to prioritize investments in low-income communities and Native American tribes' ability to prepare for a changing climate. Under a cap-and-trade program, the state puts an overall limit on emissions and auctions off pollution permits or "allowances" for each ton of carbon industries

plan to emit. Only the largest polluters are targeted, and the idea is that as the emissions limit becomes stricter over time, it will be in industries' financial interest to switch to green technology. Oregon's program would begin in 2021, and the state wants to reduce emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050. Most of the money raised — estimated to total \$550 million in the first year — would be used to fund a sweeping progressive platform that encourages further emission cuts and prioritizes investments in low-income and tribal communities' ability to respond to climate change. The proposal also contains a \$10 million investment to protect workers adversely affected by climate change policy, as some in transportation or manufacturing sector could face layoffs. The legislation provides unemployment benefits and pathways to clean energy jobs that, under the law, must provide competitive wages and benefits. Detractors complain that Oregon's program, like California's, offers concessions to nearly every industry to dampen the potential financial impact. For the program's first few years, the state will cover a majority of pollution allowances for some industries, including natural gas and utilities companies. The fossil fuel industry is essentially the only one on the hook for paying the full price. The plan gets mixed reviews from industries. While some, including Nike and Uber, have come out in favor of cap and trade, others from the logging and agricultural sector say it will lead to increased fuel prices, mass layoffs and shuttered businesses. Stimson Lumber, west of Portland, laid off 60 sawmill workers in anticipation of cap and trade and other new taxes pursued by Democrats. CEO Andrew Miller said in a statement that rural and agricultural communities are paying the price for "Oregon's assault on businesses." / POLITICS, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The Oregon House of Representatives Monday passed a bill that would create new fees on oil train cars to pay for spill prevention and planning in the state. The House approved the issue on a 55-3 vote, sending it to the state Senate for consideration. The fees would help fund spill cleanup efforts by the state fire marshal's office and Department of Environmental Quality. The fees would go into effect Jan. 1, 2020, and would raise about \$1 million every two years before sunsetting in 2027. The bill also requires railroads to carry enough insurance to pay to clean up a worst-case spill, defined as 15 percent of a train's load -- less than spilled in the worst spill to date. The push to implement the new fees and insurance requirements come after several high-profile oil train crashes, spills and fires, including the 2013 runaway train that derailed in a small town in Quebec, killing 47 people and spilling oil from 63 of its 72 tank cars. Just three years ago, a Union Pacific train carrying Bakken crude oil derailed in Mosier, Oregon, a town on the Columbia River. Sixteen cars derailed, with three catching fire and four discharging oil, prompting a large interstate response and the evacuation of 147 residents. Federal figures indicate the Mosier derailment released 47,000 gallons of oil. An estimated 16,000 gallons burned or vaporized, and 18,000 gallons were absorbed by soil. Mile-long crude oil trains began traveling across Oregon in 2012, turning railroad tracks on both sides of the Columbia River Gorge into a passageway for oil being shipped from North Dakota oil fields to refineries in Washington and California. Despite the increased traffic, critics say many rail lines have no or inadequate plans for responding to a catastrophic oil spill. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Oregon wildlife officials have killed a young black bear that people have been feeding and taking photos with, Wildlife biologists found the bear eating trail mix and other snacks left for him near Henry Hagg Lake west of Portland. Oregon wildlife biologists

determined last week that the 100-pound male bear could not be relocated because it had grown too accustomed to people and posed a risk to human safety. They say it's another reminder not to feed wild animals. / LQBTQ. COURTS, BUSINESS: The U.S. Supreme Court decided Monday against a highstakes, election-year case out of Oregon about the competing rights of gay and lesbian couples and merchants who refuse to provide services for same-sex weddings. The justices handed bakers in the Portland area a small victory by throwing out a state court ruling against them and ordering judges to take a new look at their refusal to make a wedding cake for a lesbian couple. The high court's brief order directs appellate judges in Oregon to consider last term's Supreme Court ruling in favor of a baker from Colorado who would not make a cake for a same-sex wedding. In that case, the court ruled the baker was subjected to antireligious bias in the Colorado Civil Rights Commission's determination that he violated state anti-discrimination in refusing to bake the couple's wedding cake. The Oregon appellate ruling came before the court's decision in the Colorado case. But the other effect of yesterday's order is that it keeps the case off the docket for a term that will end in June 2020 amid the presidential election campaign. The justices already have agreed to decide in their election-year session whether federal civil rights law protects people from job discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The larger issue weighing the rights of LGBT people against the religious objections of merchants remains unresolved. Another dispute involving a florist from Washington state who would not create flower arrangements for a same-sex wedding is headed back to the high court. The U.S. Supreme Court took the same tack last year in the florist's case. Taking a second look at the case, the Washington Supreme Court concluded earlier in June that there was no animosity toward religion in court rulings that florist Barronelle Stutzman broke the state's anti-discrimination laws by refusing on religious grounds to provide flowers for the wedding of a gay couple. Stutzman owns Arlene's Flowers in Richland, Washington. The justices could consider Stutzman's appeal in the fall. The Oregon case had been in Supreme Court limbo for months, sometimes signaling behind-the-scenes negotiation over what to do. There were no noted dissents or other explanation for the delay in Monday's order. / EDUCATION, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME: All seven of Oregon's public universities will raise tuition for the 2019-2020 school year, with officials citing increased costs and less money than expected from legislators. The hikes range from 2.33% at Western Oregon University in Monmouth to 9.9% at Ashland's Southern Oregon University. Gov. Kate Brown had made education a priority of this session, repeatedly saying that she wanted to create a "seamless system of education from cradle to career." The Democrat expressed disappointment that higher education wasn't involved in a \$2 billion increase for K-12 schools that legislators approved earlier this year, and she has continued to push the Legislature to increase university budgets to avoid tuition increases higher than 5%. Legislators recommended a two-year higher education budget of \$836.9 million. That is \$100 million more than last biennium, though schools like the University of Oregon said they needed at least \$120 million more to keep tuition increases below 5%. The University of Oregon, one of the state's largest public universities, will raise tuition 6.91% next school year. State universities can raise tuition on their own if it's an increase of 5% or less. Any tuition hike above 5% requires a review by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, which

met last week and approved the increases. "None of us are happy that we will have to raise tuition by over 5 percent this year," Jamie Moffitt, vice president for finance and administration and chief financial officer, said in a statement. "Unfortunately, we had little choice given the current financial situation." Molly Blanchett, a spokeswoman for the University of Oregon, said the school has to address a \$34 million recurring budget gap and that they're "facing a very challenging budget situation" because of declining international enrollment and increases in employee health care and retirement costs. Schools that were able to contain tuition increases are doing so at a major cost. Portland State University was bracing for an 11% increase in tuition, though the school reduced that increase to 4.97% at the last minute, thanks in part to the legislative increase in funding. But the school still has to bridge an \$18.6 million shortfall next year and is pursuing 2% cuts across the university, according to a statement. Western Oregon University, which will have the smallest tuition increase among the state's seven universities, said it will operate on a deficit budget to avoid larger tuition hikes. The Legislature is expected to approve the final public university budget this week, / IMMIGRATION, POLITICS: President Trump is threatening to remove millions of people living in the United States illegally on the eve of formally announcing his re-election bid. In a pair of Monday night tweets, Trump said the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement next week will begin the process of removing the millions of people who have made their way into the United States illegally. An administration official said the effort would focus on the more than one million people who have been issued final deportation orders by federal judges but remain at large in the U.S. Other U.S. officials with knowledge of the preparations have said the operation was not imminent, and that ICE officials were not aware the president would announce publicly sensitive law enforcement plans on Twitter. It is unusual for law enforcement agencies to announce raids before they take place. Some in Trump's administration believe that decisive shows of force - like mass arrests — can serve as effective deterrents, sending a message to those considering making the journey to the U.S. that it's not worth coming. Trump has threatened a series of increasingly drastic actions as he has tried to stem the flow of Central American migrants crossing the southern border, which has risen dramatically on his watch. He recently dropped a threat to slap tariffs on Mexico after the country agreed to dispatch its national guard and step-up coordination and enforcement efforts. A senior Mexican official said Monday that, three weeks ago, about 4,200 migrants were arriving at the U.S. border daily. Now that number has dropped to about 2,600. Immigration was a central theme of Trump's 2016 campaign and he is expected to hammer it as he tries to fire up his base heading into the 2020 campaign. Trump will formally launch his re-election bid tonight at a rally in Orlando, Florida — a state that is crucial to his path back to the White House. / SAFETY, FAMILY, YOUTH: A consumer advocacy group is reminding parents of the dangers of classic summertime toys like baby pools, high-powered water guns and inflatable pool rings. Boston-based World Against Toys Causing Harm issued its annual list of 10 "summer safety traps" today. Other toys on the list include water balloon slingshots, on-ground water slides such as the Slip 'N Slide, and projectile-firing toy guns. Nonmotorized scooters also earned a spot because the organization says they're responsible for most toy-related injuries. Trampoline parks, all-terrain vehicles, pool covers and defective pool drain covers were other child safety risks included on the list. The organization says July and

August account for more preventable, accidental deaths than any other two-month period of the year. /

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BUSINESS, FAMILY: The new carousel is operating at Roaring Rapids Pizza. The former carousel was retired and donated to a museum being developed in Hood River. The new carousel, crafted the Barrango company—which also does work for Disney—is expected to delight generations of children. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Officials say a 23-year-old Roseburg man who became lost for days along the Pacific Crest Trail in Southern Oregon has been rescued. It came after the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was notified of a distress signal received from what's known as a SPOT locator device midday Monday. The distress beacon indicated the hiker was in the area of Mt. Thielsen. Douglas County Search and Rescue crews joined with Oregon State Police and horseback riders from the Diamond Lake Horse Corrals to locate 23-year-old Colton Cosby late Monday afternoon. He said he'd been hiking for several days but struggled to stay on the trail in deep snow covering the popular hiking route. Cosby was taken to a trailhead, evaluated by medical personnel and taken to a nearby hospital for evaluation. Experts say the incident underscores the importance of researching your route and the conditions. Many higher-elevation trails remain under deep snow, even after the recent hot weather. Consider investing in a distress beacon for your trek and take extra precautions if you're hiking alone. Let someone know where you're going, the route you expect to take and when you plan to return. That way, they can call for help for you if you're overdue. And make sure you always backpack with plenty of food and water and cold weather gear. Conditions can change on the trail and it's still getting fairly cold at night in the mountains. / CRIME: Give it up for Eugene Police K-9 Officer Cwyk (pronounced "quick"), who helped capture a pair of suspects in a burglary at an occupied home—including tracking one of the men more than seven blocks. It started at 10:30 Monday night, when police were called to the home on the 600 block of East 14th Avenue where a homeowner had confronted the suspects. 22-year-old Cody James Trafton was taken into custody at the residence. The other suspect fled on foot and was tracked to 17th and High Streets, where he jumped a fence and continued south until he was apprehended near 18th and Pearl with the help off the police dog, Cwyk. That suspect is identified as 23-year-old Corey Wormus. Police say Wormus and Trafton were taken to a local hospital for possible heroin ingestion and Wormus was also treated for a K-9 bite. Wormus was charged with Burglary in the First Degree and Interfering with Peace Officer. Trafton was charged with Burglary in the First Degree. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon's jobless rate ticked down from 4.3 percent in April to 4.2 percent in May. State

officials say this is the 31st consecutive month the unemployment rate has remained between four and 4.4 percent—another sign of the strong economy. Some of the most robust hiring came in the health care and social assistance sectors, along with job gains in construction and government. There were losses in private educational services and retail trade. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: There's a new showdown brewing in the state capitol, as Republicans in the Oregon Senate yesterday indicated they're prepared to block a vote on the state's proposed "cap and trade" program. Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr., said in a statement that Republicans are "prepared to take action to stop" Democrats' sweeping climate plan which passed the House earlier this week after nearly six hours of debate. In May, Senate Republicans staged a walkout for close to one week over a proposed tax on business, a political gambit that brought all business in the chamber to a grinding halt. At the time, Baertschiger said a walkout was the only tool conservatives had to make their voices heard. When asked if conservatives were pursuing a second walkout to protest cap and trade, a Senate Republican spokeswoman said lawmakers "are discussing all options." Under a cap and trade program, the state would put an overall limit on greenhouse gas emissions and auction off pollution "allowances" for each ton of carbon that industries plan to emit. Democrats have presented the proposal as an efficient way to lower emissions while investing in low-income and rural communities' ability to adapt to climate change. Conservatives oppose "cap and trade," saying it would hurt business and do little to stem the tide of climate change. A second walkout might come with higher political stakes. Republicans ended their first walkout after Gov. Kate Brown agreed to table two controversial bills on gun control and vaccination requirements. Shortly after those negotiations, Brown told reporters she didn't anticipate Republicans would repeat the tactic during the remainder of the legislative session. When asked if a second walkout would mean the revival of the tabled bills, she was not specific but said there would be consequences. / POLITICS, IMMIGRATION, TRANSPORTATION: Undocumented immigrants might soon be able to drive legally in Oregon after lawmakers in the state House voted 39-21 Tuesday to remove proof of legal status as a requirement for obtaining a driver's license. The measure would expand driving privileges to all Oregon residents regardless of their immigration status. But applicants would still have to show they live in Oregon and pass the driver's test to get a license. Supporters said the move would make roads safer, result in fewer hit-and-run accidents and encourage more drivers to purchase auto insurance. Backers add that many undocumented immigrants without licenses cannot find work and are unable to perform everyday activities out of fear of deportation over a traffic stop. Opponents say people who are here illegally should not be able to take advantage of services offered to legal residents and citizens. The plan now goes to the Oregon Senate. If approved, Oregon would join more than one dozen other states and the District of Columbia in allowing undocumented immigrants to drive. The move comes as Oregon prepares to implement the 2005 federal Real ID Act. which will overhaul the state's identification system. Beginning in July of next year, in addition to standard driver's licenses. Oregon will begin rolling out new securityenhanced identification cards that will be required to enter federal buildings or board a domestic flight without a passport. Proof of legal status is required for Real IDs, and Department of Homeland Security officials have said they would

allow states to issue non-compliant driver's licenses to applicants for whom, quote, "lawful presence is not determined." Providing licenses for undocumented immigrants is not a new concept for Oregon. For years, the state was only one of eight in the nation to grant licenses to those who could not prove legal status. Lawmakers initially reversed the practice in 2008 to comply with federal ID laws, then backtracked and voted to reinstate licenses for undocumented immigrants in 2013. But that 2013 law never took effect, because opponents were able to put the issue to the ballot. Oregon voters overwhelmingly repealed the measure 66 percent to 34 percent. Repealing the bill this time will be much harder because the bill contains an emergency clause that would make it law immediately upon passage and signing, something Republicans oppose. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Department of Human Services officials say they are notifying about 645,000 clients whose personal information is at risk from a January data breach. State officials announced the notifications yesterday and will start mailing them today. The breach occurred during an email "phishing" attempt that targeted the department Jan. 8. Nine employees opened the email and clicked on a link that gave the perpetrator access to their email accounts. People affected were enrolled in the department's welfare and children services programs at the time of the breach. Officials said the compromised data includes personal health information, but it's unknown if was viewed or inappropriately used. The state is also providing 12 months of identity theft monitoring and recovery services, which includes a \$1 million insurance reimbursement policy to impacted individuals. / POLITICS, HEALTH: The Oregon House sent the governor a measure Tuesday amending the state's assisted suicide law by removing the waiting period for people who have fewer than 15 days to live. Supporters say it gives terminal patients an option to shorten their pain and the effect on those they love. Opponents say it amounts to a dangerous expansion of Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, arguing the measure removes critical safeguards in current law meant to ensure people are confident in their decision. Currently, those seeking lifeending medications under the law must make a verbal request for physicianassisted suicide, wait 15 days and then make a written request. Then, they must wait an additional 48 hours before obtaining the prescription. Under the new amendment, those with fewer than 15 days to live would only be subject to the 48hour waiting period. Opponents said they were concerned that shortening the waiting period leaves terminally ill and elderly patients open to manipulation and coercion. Supporters said assisted suicide decisions are not made lightly and that patients are closely evaluated by medical personnel to ensure they are mentally fit to make such a decision. More than 1.450 assisted suicides have occurred in Oregon since the state implemented the law in 1997. Last week, Maine became the eighth state to allow terminally ill patients to obtain life-ending drugs. / POLITICS, YOUTH, SAFETY: A Montana children's psychiatric treatment center will close in the aftermath of reports that it used chemicals to control the behavior of a 9-year-old girl from Oregon in foster care. The Montana Standard reports Acadia Montana informed officials this week of the impending closure later this summer. Acadia officials say it is their parent company's decision but did not provide additional details. In April, Oregon authorities removed the 9-year-old girl from Acadia's care after officials injected her with Benadryl to restrain her and placed her in seclusion. The 108-bed residential facility has operated in Butte, Montana, under different owners for 31 years. It accepted patients ages 5-18 from

several Western states and Native American tribes. State officials recently completed reviews of the facility. The results haven't been released. / ENVIRONMENT: Officials with Seaside Aquarium say they still don't know what killed a female gray whale found dead on Friday on a beach on the north coast. Biologists at the aquarium performed a necropsy on the 23-foot whale, but in a Facebook post noted, quote, "nothing too telling was found." Officials say there will be additional testing on the whale's heart, lung and stomach content. About 70 whales have been found dead this year along the coasts of Oregon, California, Washington and Alaska, the most since 2000. Officials say that's probably a fraction of the total number because most dead whales sink or wash up in remote areas and are unrecorded. Scientists with NOAA Fisheries late last month declared the die-off an "unusual mortality event," and is providing additional resources to respond to the deaths. Still, experts say the overall gray whale population remains strong at about 27,000. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: President Trump criticized the media and the political establishment as he kicked off his reelection campaign last night in Florida. Calling Democrats "radical," Trump painted a picture of what life would look like if he loses in 2020, saying Democrats. quote, "want to destroy you and they want to destroy our country as we know it." The president addressed a crowd of thousands at Orlando's Amway Center on Tuesday night. This morning, the Republican Party chairwoman tweeted that Trump had raised \$24.8 million in less than 24 hours for his reelection campaign. In his speech, Trump spent considerably more time focused on former Democratic rival Hillary Clinton than on his current 2020 challengers, even though Clinton is not on the ballot. Trump also spoke fondly of his 2016 race, calling it "a defining moment in American history." Trump filed for reelection on Jan. 20, 2017, the day of his inauguration, and held his first 2020 election rally in February of 2017 in Florida. Near the end of the rally, Trump highlighted his promises for a second term, pledging a new immigration system, new trade deals, a health care overhaul and a cure for cancer and "many diseases," including the eradication of AIDS in America. His new campaign slogan, "Keep America Great," was greeted with boisterous cheers. / COMMUNITY, ECONOMY: Charitable giving by individual Americans in 2018 suffered its biggest drop since the Great Recession of 2008-09, in part because of Republican-backed changes in tax policy, according to the latest comprehensive report on Americans' giving patterns. The Giving USA report, released Tuesday, said individual giving fell by 1.1%, from \$295 billion in 2017 to \$292 billion last year. It ended a four-year streak of increases and was the largest decline since a 6.1% drop in 2009. Experts involved with the report said 2018 was a complex year for charitable giving, with a relatively strong economy overall and a volatile stock market. Giving by corporations and foundations increased, so that total giving — including donations from individuals - edged up by 0.7 percent to \$427.7 billion. Among various factors affecting charitable giving was a federal tax policy change that doubled the standard deduction. More than 45 million households itemized deductions in 2016, according to Giving USA, and that number likely dropped sharply in 2018. reducing an incentive for charitable giving. Among the nine charitable sectors identified by Giving USA, there were mixed results, Donations were up for nonprofits involved in international affairs and environmental or animal-welfare issues. Giving to foundations was down, as was giving to education, to religion and to public-society benefit organizations — groups which work on such issues

as voter education, civil rights, civil liberties and consumer rights. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: The southbound vellow traffic control lights at the intersection of Green Hill and Clear Lake roads west of Eugene are out. The traffic control lights will operate as red lights - meaning an all-way stop intersection - until the yellow lights can be repaired Thursday morning. It appears a mouse or other small rodent chewed through some of the wiring that controlled the yellow light function.; Neighbors and community members are invited to an informational meeting to learn more about upcoming improvements to Territorial Highway between Gillespie Corners and the town of Lorane. The meeting is Thursday, June 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lorane Grange (80342 Old Lorane Road). Planned improvements to the 5.7 miles between Gillespie Corners and Lorane include providing shoulders, realigning four curves to improve sight distance, replacing deficient culverts and widening bridges, and stabilizing a landslide at Stony Point. The improvement plan reflects community and neighbor input gathered in 2014. Safety improvements to this section of Territorial have historically had widespread community support. In 2006, a tragic accident took the life of a woman bicycling the scenic roadway. Since then, officials have stepped up their efforts to improve safety and address the overly sharp curves, steep grades and narrow shoulders in the Gillespie Corners area. After years of careful planning, they say they are ready to begin the first phase of construction next year. Jurisdiction over the 42-mile stretch of Territorial Highway located within Lane County's boundaries, with the exception of the portion that is also Highway 36, was transferred to Lane County by the Oregon Department of Transportation earlier this year. While Lane County takes on immediate jurisdiction for Territorial when it comes to ownership and permitting authority, maintenance of the highway will transfer in three phases over the next five years. A detailed map that includes the maintenance transfer phases is available at www.lanecounty.org/territorialhighway The transfer comes with a funding agreement, the bulk of which will help improve the section at Gillespie Corners. The State will provide a total of \$30 million over the next five years. Additionally, the State will make a one-time payment of \$2.3 million to assist with the ongoing maintenance of the highway.; It's been an informal cut-across for decades. But this week, work begins to improve 20th Avenue between Willamette Street and Amazon Parkway, across the north end of the Eugene Civic Park project. The improvements will extend 20th Avenue to allow two-way traffic to flow between Amazon and Willamette. It will include two lanes for automobile traffic, and curbs and sidewalks for pedestrians. It comes as the first building begins to

take shape at Civic Park, the former site of Civic Stadium, Since Civic Stadium was built in 1938, 20th Avenue primarily existed as a line on a map. Practically speaking, it was part of the stadium parking lot. When the project wraps up, it will be a formal street, with stop signs at the intersection with Oak Street and the intersection with Amazon Parkway to help improve traffic flow during periods of high use. The new 20th Avenue also will serve as a connecting point for pedestrian, bicycle and transit. Planners hope to see a "bike share" station be installed on 20th Avenue, as well. Other road work will add new pedestrian crossings with flashing safety lights across Amazon Parkway and Willamette Street. The crossings will connect to a pedestrian and bicycle path that links the east and west sides of the site. Once completed, these improvements will provide a safer route for students to reach South Eugene High School and Roosevelt Middle School and create a safer commute for all pedestrians and bicyclists who use the Amazon and Willamette corridors daily.; School is out all over Oregon, and our streets are coming alive with walkers, bicyclists, skaters, skateboarders and more. If you needed an excuse to put down the distraction, you've got one: It could save a young person's life. For those ready to walk safely: Use intersections to cross streets. Wait for the signal that says it's okay to walk. Look left, right, left. Make it a habit, signal or no! Make eye contact with the driver. On two wheels this summer?: Wear your helmet. Ride with traffic; follow all traffic laws. Watch out for hazards, like car doors opening or broken glass on the road. Make eye contact with drivers. It takes each of us - working together - to stay safe when we're out and about on the transportation system. Make smart choices and have a fun, safe summer. Remember: Together, we roll!; We talk about how critical it is to pay attention to road construction signs and slow down. This week: a tragic reason why. Police say a road construction flagger was killed in Klamath County when a motorist struck him in a highway construction zone. Oregon State Police say 45year-old Daniel Wessel died at the scene along Highway 140 East on Tuesday evening. Preliminary investigation indicates the 38-year-old driver, Zahara Gonzales of Klamath Falls, was driving a Mazda west on the highway when she entered the construction zone and the vehicle struck the flagger. The circumstances of the crash — including whether Gonzales was speeding, impaired or distracted — are being investigation. ; Travelers should plan to take alternate routes to U.S. 20 Santiam Highway from northbound Interstate 5 on Thursday night, June 20. The I-5 off-ramp to U.S. 20, Exit 233, will close from 9 p.m. until 3 a.m. for a hazmat cleanup. The northbound I-5 on-ramp from U.S. 20 will be open. Crews will finish cleanup of fuel remaining in the soil following a semi crash on June 8. The slow lane will also be closed around the exit for repair of a damaged attenuator. Where traffic is routed through or around a work zone, pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will also be provided routes through or around the work zone. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, AGRICULTURE: For many farmers in the Willamette Valley, summer is the busiest time of year. The harvest of vegetables, berries, tree fruits, grass seed, clover, and wheat, among other crops, is in full swing with farmers spending long hours in their tractors. Summer harvest means that sometimes large, slow-moving equipment must travel on public roads to move between fields or from farm to field. Driving a tractor on a highway is a legal and often necessary part of harvest — but it can pose a serious safety risk for both motorists and farmers without caution. courtesy, and patience. Drivers: When you see farm equipment on the roads, slow down, be patient, and use caution. Give our farmers the attention and respect they deserve. The Oregon Legislature is also poised to pass HB 3213, which will create a pilot program to allow local governments to establish safety corridors on county roads. The bill was passed unanimously by both the House and Senate and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

Safety advocates say it comes as more motorists use rural roads for day-to-day travel. More people are taking advantage of the growing number of farm stands and u-pick fields and taking part in agritourism events. Summer is also the time when major construction occurs on interstate highways, like I-5, which can prompt drivers to seek alternate routes. But as the number of cars on rural roads increases, so does the risk of serious accidents involving tractors. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), in 2017 there were a total of 42 crashes statewide involving farm equipment, resulting in one fatality and 32 non-fatal injuries. This is a significant increase from only four years ago; in 2013, there was a total of 26 crashes involving farm equipment, with no fatalities and 11 non-fatal injuries. Farmers say they do their best to avoid moving tractors during times of high traffic. However, during peak harvest, when the fruit is ripe or the hay is at the optimum level of dryness, they may have no choice.

Most farm equipment is designed to travel at speeds of no more than 25 miles per hour (mph), and must display a triangular, orange-and-red, reflective, slowmoving-vehicle sign if going out on public roads. It takes only about 5 seconds for a car driving 55 mph to travel the length of a football field. A tractor driving 25 mph that looks far away can be directly in front of a fast-moving car within seconds. In low light, it can be even more difficult to judge the distance. Safety tips for drivers include: If you decide to pass farm equipment on the road, please do so with caution. Be watchful of vehicles behind you that may also try to pass. If you must enter the oncoming lane of traffic, do not proceed unless you can see clearly ahead of both your vehicle and the vehicle you will pass. If there are any curves or hills ahead that may block your view or the view of oncoming vehicles, do not pass. Do not pass if you are in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure, or tunnel. Do not assume that a farm vehicle that pulls to the right side of the road is going to turn right or is letting you pass. Due to the size of some farm implements, the farmer must make wide left-hand turns. If you are unsure, check the operator's hand signals and look at the left side of the road for gates, driveways, or a place the vehicle might turn. Safety tips for farmers include: Oregon law requires a slowmoving vehicle reflector on any machine that travels the road slower than 25 mph. Always point the triangle up, keep the SMV emblem clean to maximize reflectivity, and replace the emblem when it fades, normally every two to three years. Mark the edges of tractors and machines with reflective tape and reflectors. Consider installing retrofit lighting to increase visibility. Turn on your lights, but turn off rear spotlights when going onto the road. From a distance, spotlights can be mistaken for headlights. Be aware of heavy traffic patterns. Consider installing mirrors on equipment so you can see motorists around you. Be careful where the mirrors are placed. When moving multiple farm implements down the highway, leave enough space between each vehicle for cars to pass. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: As the summer heats up and boaters take to the water, the Coast Guard is responding to an increased number of preventable incidents and Good Samaritans are lending a hand. "Most drowning and near-drowning incidents are preventable, if people used

proper precautions," said Capt. Olav Saboe, commander of Coast Guard Sector North Bend. "To reduce the risk of drowning, it is important for boaters to wear a life-jacket at all times. You may not have a chance to put it on, if and when a sudden emergency strikes." This comes in response to a recent incident in which a halibut angler fell overboard without a lifejacket while fishing alone, 14 miles west of Newport, on May 29. He was forced to tread water, fully clothed, in frigid conditions, until help arrived and without a life jacket, his chances of survival were extremely low. Luckily, the man had a handheld VHF radio attached to his person. He used it to contact the Coast Guard as well as a nearby vessels. The Coast Guard launched all available assets just minutes after the MAYDAY call came in. However, it was a Good Samaritan that reached the angler first and pulled him from the water before he succumbed to the disastrous situation. Some recent search and rescue cases that the Coast Guard responded to have involved solo boaters. Taking to the water in any craft alone is extremely dangerous and the Coast Guard recommends never going out without a partner. Along with using the buddy system, it's always safer to tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back. The Coast Guard makes this easy by offering a free app which you may download onto your mobile device. Use the app to file a float plan. It also includes navigation rules, contact information, buoy information, vessel requirements, and lifejacket recommendations. The Coast Guard recommends keeping a waterproof marine radio on you, in case your mobile device runs out of battery, service range, or if you accidentally drop it into the water while trying to take a selfie. A VHF radio may also help mariners stay informed of Urgent Marine Information Broadcasts (UMIB). A UMIB is used to alert potential Good Samaritans in an area where there is a vessel in distress. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Wednesday she's willing to extend the legislative session and mobilize the state police if Senate Republicans follow through with a threat to block a vote on a sweeping climate plan. "I am prepared to use all resources and tools available to me as Governor to ensure that Oregonians are being served by their leaders," she said in a statement. "I am in close communication with Oregon State Police and my office is making preparations for a special session." Her statement heightens tensions with Senate Republicans, who said earlier this week that they are "prepared to take action to stop" what could become the nation's second statewide cap and trade program. Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger, Jr., responded to the governor's threats, saying that Democrats' climate proposals threaten business and the livelihoods of rural communities. "Walking out is part of the conversation because the governor is not willing to move on her position on the bill," said Baertschiger, from Grants Pass. "She is only representing Portland and the environmental community, not rural Oregonians." The back-and-forth comes as truckers and loggers from around the state returned to the Capitol on Wednesday to protest cap and trade, a free market solution to lower industrial greenhouse gas emissions. Cap and trade is a top priority for Democrats, who view the program as a way to meet the state's emission goals while raising money to invest in a transition to green technology. Democrats in Oregon control both the House and the Senate. The GOP has previously used walkouts as a way to slow the legislative process. Republicans walked out of the Senate earlier this session in protest of a school funding tax package, denying the chamber enough lawmakers to continue with a vote. The

sergeant-at-arms of the Oregon Senate was ordered to search the Capitol for Republican senators who were refusing to attend. The standoff lasted four days. until the governor struck a deal to table legislation on gun control and vaccine requirements. As part of that deal, Republicans said they wouldn't walk out again or delay votes through other legislative procedures. Although Brown could have deployed the Oregon State Police to physically bring members back to the chamber, she chose instead to strike a deal, saying at the time that she wanted to maintain decorum and have an "orderly session." But civility seems to be out the window as session nears its end, and Republicans have become increasingly agitated with a Democratic supermajority that plans to push through huge legislative priorities over the next two weeks addressing affordable housing and climate change. Sen. Brian Boquist, a Republican from Dallas, pushed back against the governor's threats to mobilize the state police if a second walkout occurs. "If you send the state police after me," he told Senate President Peter Courtney, "Hell's coming to get you." / POLITICS, CRIME, RACE, RELIGION. LGBTQ: Oregon lawmakers unanimously sent the governor an overhaul of the state's hate crime laws Wednesday, adding changes such as including "gender identity" as a protected class. The proposal is the first significant update to the state's hate crime laws since the 1980s, and the move is meant to reflect a more modern-day Oregon by acknowledging the increase in crimes against transgender individuals and by encouraging more victim-focused responses to allegations of bias crimes. "We know that hate crimes are increasing both locally and nationally," said House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson, a Democrat from Portland who carried the measure on the floor. Hate crimes increased by 40% in Oregon from 2016 to 2017, according to FBI statistics, while convictions and arrests for those crimes have gone down. The number of hateful incidents is likely much higher than what the data suggests, as many local jurisdictions either didn't submit data to the FBI or reported that zero hate crimes occurred. The proposal strengthens definitions around crimes of bias and intimidation, providing more guidance to local jurisdictions and encouraging more accurate data collection. Crucially, the bill also updates laws around so-called intimidation statute, which was written in 1981 and meant to address a surge of organized white supremacist gang activity. Current law dictates that the crime of intimidation in the first degree, a felony, applies only if two or more people harm another person because of "that person's race, color, religion, sexual orientation, disability or national origin," or if they cause another person to fear imminent serious injury. But if the person motivated by prejudice acts alone, it's only intimidation in the second degree — a misdemeanor. It's also a misdemeanor if a person tampers with property or makes threats because of prejudice. A glaring example is the case of Jeremy Christian, who allegedly stabbed three people — killing two of them — aboard a light-rail train in Portland in May 2017. The victims had tried to intervene as Christian spewed anti-Muslim threats at two black teenage girls. Yet his actions weren't classified as a felony under Oregon's hate crime law because he acted alone. The new measure changes the name of "intimidation crimes" to "bias crimes," and makes it a felony to threaten or assault an individual based on their "membership in a protected class." / UTILITIES: Officials with the Emerald People's Utility District say the utility's customers spoke, they listened: They're stepping back from tiered electrical rates and returning to flat rates. EPUD started the tiered rate pricing in April of 2017 as part of an effort to encourage customers

to reduce their energy consumption. But some customers who relied on electrical heat during the winter months complained about surprisingly high bills. EPUD officials apologized, saying they hadn't done enough to educate customers ahead of the changes. The flat rate approved by the Emerald board is just shy of 8 cents per kilowatt-hour. It goes into effect October 1. / COMMUNITY: Members of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation are in Cottage Grove today and tomorrow. Today, they have a field trip: a chance of members to tour the Cottage Grove Armory and get a closer look at some other historic locations in the area, including the Chambers Covered Railroad Bridge, McFarland Cemetery and Cottage Grove Museum. They'll wrap up with a tour of Cottage Grove's historic Main Street. Should be a nice day for an historic drive. Tomorrow, they spend the day in a meeting room considering nominations for other locations around the state.; History in Oregon takes many forms. This week, members of the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries awarded grants to 12 projects throughout the state to preserve and repair a number of historic burial grounds. The grants are fairly modest-between \$2,400 and \$8,000 dollars. But volunteers who work to preserve the small, historic cemeteries say the money can make a big difference. Among this week's grants: money for road improvement and shed repair at the international Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Cemetery in Coburg; and a grant for fence repair and a storage shed at the East Drain Cemetery. Also this week, the Oregon Heritage Commission awarded similar smaller grants for conservation projects at 13 museums throughout the state. The money will help the Lane County Historical Society in Eugene improve storage for some of its collections and assist the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History in digitizing a portion of its Native American basket collection.; Explore the murals of downtown Springfield on a free guided walking tour on Saturday. June 22nd, starting at 10 a.m. at Springfield City Hall's Fountain Plaza (225 5th St), Downtown Springfield is bursting with vibrant murals showcasing the history and identity of the Springfield community, featuring a diversity of subjects like the pristine McKenzie River to notable cultural figures such as Ken Kesey. The two-hour tour will visit approximately 20 murals, with several of the artists present to speak about their work. Stops include the new Ken Kesey Mural featured on the side of Plank Town Brewing Company, as well as The Official Simpsons Mural on the Emerald Art Center. Downtown Springfield's murals not only inspire but tell important stories about the city and its people—their past, present, and future. This tour is coordinated by Lane Arts Council and the Springfield Arts Commission, and sponsored by Plank Town Brewing Co., Main Street Market-Friendly Street Market, and The Washburne Café. / IMMIGRATION: (From news release): For the third consecutive year, local groups are taking part in World Refugee Day. This year's activities focus on those seeking asylum in the United States. The free public event will be held on Thursday, June 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street, in Eugene. The evening will feature a talk by Jill Zwiers, who will speak about her work at the border, as well as a panel discussion on legislative, legal, and health issues related to asylum seekers locally and at the border. There will also be food carts, music, more than 30 information tables, and a model of a hielera, the concrete ice boxes in which U.S. Customs and Border Protection holds asylum seekers after they cross the border. Those who come to World Refugee Day will have the opportunity to assemble relief kits for refugees, listen to tales of refugees and asylum seekers in

Oregon, get a henna tattoo, and taste Latino and Syrian desserts. The event is sponsored by the Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County (RRCLC), a coalition of faith-based groups, service organizations, and people from the Eugene-Springfield community coordinating with Catholic Community Services that has assisted more than 50 refugees and asylum seekers in Lane County. Additional sponsors are Central Presbyterian Church of Eugene, Equinox Real Estate Investments, First United Methodist Church, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Neil Kelly Company, Inc., Rezaee Dental Practice, Elizabeth St. Clair, Temple Beth Israel Sanctuary Project, Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene, Matt White and family, and two Anonymous Sponsors. / WOMEN, SPORTS: Team USA's action at the Women's World Cup continues today at noon when they wrap up group play at noon on Fox against Sweden. The U.S. women have already qualified for the Group of 16. Here are members of the USA Women's World Cup Team who have ties to Oregon: Lindsey Horan, midfielder, Portland Thorns; Tobin Heath, forward, Portland Thorns; Adrianna Franch, goalkeeper, Portland Thorns; Emily Sonnett, defender, Portland Thorns; Megan Rapinoe, forward and team captain, attended University of Portland. / BUSINESS: Employees with a Oregon Lottery retailer sifted through a dumpster to find a lost winning ticket for one of their players, excellent customer service may have a new standard. Last week, Mary Peabody from Portland, won \$1,200 playing Keno10-spot and took her ticket to The Lucky Spot to claim her prize. Since Mary's prize was more than \$600, the prize needed to be claimed at the Oregon Lottery and in the excitement she accidentally left her unsigned ticket behind. The next day, when she realized she had left the unsigned ticket at The Lucky Spot, the ticket was nowhere to be found. By law, Lottery tickets belong to the person who signs the back of the ticket, which is why the Oregon Lottery always urges people to sign the back of their tickets as soon as possible. "The clerk was really upset that the ticket was lost," Peabody said. "At that point, we thought we had lost \$1,200." But the staff at The Lucky Spot decided they wanted to make sure the ticket was truly gone. They think they went through six different large bags of garbage before the ticket was found, intact, "The funny part is that this all happened during the Feast of Saint Anthony," Larry Peabody, Mary's husband of 60 years. "He is the patron saint of lost things." /

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POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: The political brinksmanship continued yesterday in the Oregon Legislature after Republican state senators were "no shows" in an effort to block majority Democrats from passing a landmark "cap and trade" climate plan. Gov. Kate Brown deployed the state police to try to round up the 12 Republican senators who fled the Legislature — and in some cases, the state. The minority GOP caucus wants the plan to be sent to voters instead of being passed by lawmakers — but negotiations with Democrats collapsed late Wednesday, leading to the headline-grabbing walkout. Brown said at a news conference that it was time for the Senate Republicans to show up and do the job they were elected to do. But there were no signs the absentee senators would return anytime soon. And while State Police can force any senators they track down in Oregon into a patrol car to return them to the Capitol, the agency said in a statement that it would use "polite communication" and patience to try to persuade the rogue lawmakers come back to Salem. Democrats have an 18 to 12 majority in the chamber but need 20 members present for a quorum. Under state law, the absentee senators will be fined \$500 a day per person starting today if enough of them remain absent to prevent a vote. A GoFundMe page to raise money to cover the fines for the missing 12 had collected \$4,000 as of Thursday afternoon. This is the second time in this legislative session that minority GOP lawmakers have used a walkout as a way to slow the lawmaking process. Republicans walked out of the Senate last month to block a school funding tax package. The standoff lasted four days, until the governor struck a deal to table legislation on gun control and vaccine requirements. Meantime, student leaders from around Oregon who support the "cap and trade" plan say Republicans are putting their futures at risk by refusing to show up for the vote on major climate legislation. They held their own news conference yesterday in Salem with members of the group Renew Oregon, imploring Republican Senators to return to the Capitol and vote.; This is the second time in this Oregon legislative session that minority GOP lawmakers have used a walkout as a way to slow the process. Democrats have a rare supermajority in the House and Senate, meaning Republicans don't have many ways to influence the debate. Republicans walked out of the state Senate last month to block a school funding tax package. The standoff lasted four days, until the governor struck a deal to table legislation on gun control and vaccine requirements. The tactic is rare, but it has been used throughout history. In one famous example, Abraham Lincoln once leapt out of a window in an attempt to

deny a quorum when he was a lawmaker in Illinois. In 2003, Texas Democrats fled to neighboring Oklahoma to deny a quorum, holing up in a Holiday Inn to block a GOP redistricting bill. The Democrats returned to Texas after the bill's deadline passed, and it was effectively killed. / POLITICS, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: The Oregon House approved an increase in the state's tobacco tax to bridge a Medicaid shortfall. Lawmakers voted 39-21 to increase the cigarette tax by \$2 and to impose a new tax on e-cigarettes. The measure heads to the Senate but would ultimately need approval from the voters in 2020. The tax is central to the governor's proposed funding package for the Oregon Health Plan, which is the state's version of Medicaid. The state is facing a \$346 million Medicaid shortfall because of less federal funding. The cigarette tax would be raised from \$1.33 per pack to \$3.33. E-cigarettes and cigars will be taxed at 65% of wholesale price, / POLITICS, AFFORDABLE HOUSING: The Oregon Legislature is one vote away from passing a first-in-the-nation law ending exclusive single-family zoning in much of the state. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the measure passed the state House Thursday on a bipartisan 43-16 vote and now moves to the Senate. where it could get tangled up by a walkout of Republican senators seeking to block a major climate change bill. House Bill 2001 would require larger cities to allow increased density in single-family neighborhoods, and in many cases it would include up to four units on a single lot. House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, has made the bill one of her top priorities, and she put together a bipartisan coalition that overcame the opposition of many neighborhood activists and the League of Oregon Cities. / POLITICS, CRIME: The Oregon House has approved a measure that would ask voters to overturn the state's decades-long practice of allowing split juries to convict felony defendants, an anomaly within the American criminal justice system that reform advocates have targeted as racist. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports House Joint Resolution 10 passed the chamber 56-0 on Thursday. The resolution, which proposes changing Oregon's Constitution to require juries to reach unanimous verdicts in all criminal cases. now goes to the state Senate. Should it pass there, Gov. Kate Brown's likely signature would then send the referendum to voters in 2020. For decades, Oregon juries - and those in only one other state, Louisiana - have been permitted to convict most felony defendants with a 10-2 vote. A petition before the Supreme Court claims the statute deprives some defendants of equal protection under the law. / POLITICS, HEALTH, WOMEN: New Trump Administration rules imposing additional hurdles for women seeking abortions are being allowed to take effect while the federal government continues to appeal the decisions that blocked them. The ruling, from a panel of judges with the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, bans taxpayer-funded clinics from making abortion referrals and prohibits clinics that receive federal money from sharing office space with abortion providers. That's a rule that critics of the ban said would force many clinics to find new locations, undergo expensive remodels or shut down. More than 20 states and several civil rights and health organizations challenged the rules in cases filed in Oregon, Washington and California. Judges in all three states blocked the rules from taking effect, with Oregon and Washington courts issuing nationwide injunctions. In one case, the judicial ruling called the new policy "madness" and said it was motivated by an assumption that, quote, "the government is better suited to direct women's health care than their providers." But the three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court in San Francisco called the rules "reasonable" and

said they are accord with a federal law that prohibits taxpayer funds from going to, quote, "programs where abortion is a method of family planning." The states and health care providers who challenged the law vowed to keep fighting. Officials with Planned Parenthood said they would immediately ask the 9th Circuit to reconsider the decision. The organization serves about 1.6 million of the 4 million low-income patients who receive health care through Title X, a 1970 law designed to improve access to family planning services. Panned Parenthood says its clients also rely on Title X health centers for cancer screenings, HIV tests, affordable birth control and other primary and preventive care and claim the ruling allows the government to censor its doctors and nurses from informing patients where and how they can access some types of health care. Abortion is a legal medical procedure, but federal laws prohibit the use of Title X or other taxpayer funds to pay for abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the woman. Abortion opponents and religious conservatives say Title X has long been used to indirectly subsidize abortion providers. The administration's new rules are a return to rules that were adopted in 1988 and subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court. Under the Clinton administration, those rules were abandoned in favor of a requirement that the clinics provide neutral abortion counseling and referrals upon request. Those challenging Trump's approach pointed to the Affordable Care Act, which bars the government from creating unreasonable barriers to medical care or interfering with communications between the patient and provider. But the 9th Circuit said that just because the government is refusing to subsidize abortion referrals does not mean it's creating barriers or interfering with communications. While the new rules would permit clinic staff to discuss abortion with clients, they would no longer be required to do so. If patients ask for an abortion referral, staff would be required to give a list of primary care providers with no indication as to which provide abortions. The list would have to include providers who do not offer abortions, and it could not include clinics or organizations that aren't primary care providers, such as Planned Parenthood. / CRIME, SAFETY: A Cottage Grove man burned in a hash oil explosion has been sentenced to seven years in federal prison and five years supervised release for endangering lives, illegally possessing and manufacturing marijuana products, and violating the supervised release conditions of a previous money laundering conviction. According to court documents, in November of 2017, the Cottage Grove Police and Fire Departments responded to an explosion of butane honey oil or BHO at a storage facility in Cottage Grove. BHO is a concentrated form of marijuana extracted using highly flammable or combustible solvents. Officers later found Eric Scully at a hospital where he was being treated for serious burn injuries. Investigators learned that, at the time of the explosion, at least three other people were inside the facility. Two days after the incident, Cottage Grove Police and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents executed a search warrant at the storage facility. Inside, they found a large, sophisticated, and unlicensed BHO extraction lab, 1,200 pounds of processed marijuana, 728 marijuana plants and more than 80 pounds of marijuana extract. At the time of the explosion, prosecutors say Scully was on federal supervision stemming from a money laundering conviction from 2016. In that case, Scully owned and operated a large, illegal marijuana grow in Eugene from 2012 through 2014, and collected more than \$1,000,000 in proceeds from his illegal business. They say while in prison on the earlier money laundering case, Scully continued to actively develop his illegal BHO business in Cottage Grove,

and expanded the operation while on federal supervision up to the date of the explosion. During sentencing, Scully was ordered to forfeit the personal property used to facilitate his crimes, which includes a truck, trailer, and more than \$25,000 in cash. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Oregon State Police yesterday released the names of those involved in a two-vehicle fatal crash Wednesday evening on Highway 99-W north of Junction City near Lingo Lane. It happened around 6:30 p.m., when investigators say a southbound Toyota Corolla operated by 65-yearold Carol Sedano of Waldport left its lane for unknown reasons and crashed nearly head-on with a northbound Buick Rea, operated by 68-year-old Jeffrey Taylor of Corvallis. Taylor died when his vehicle struck a telephone pole after the initial crash. His passenger, 66-year-old Madeline Taylor of Corvallis, was hospitalized with serious injuries. Sedano, the driver of the first car, was transported by Life Flight to a hospital with critical injuries. Highway 99W was closed for about three hours during the investigation. State Police were assisted by the Oregon Department of Transportartion, Junction City Police Department, Junction City Fire Department, Lane Fire Authority and Life Flight. / ENVIRONMENT: So many gray whales are dying off the West Coast that scientists and volunteers dealing with the putrid carcasses have an urgent request for coastal residents: Lend us your private beaches so these ocean giants can rot in peace. At least 81 gray whale corpses have washed ashore in Oregon, California, Washington and Alaska since Jan. 1. If tallies from Mexico and Canada are added, the number of stranded gray whales reaches about 160 and counting, according to NOAA Fisheries. In Oregon, five dead gray whales have been documented as of this week, more than in all of last year. U.S. scientists last month declared the die-off an "unusual mortality event," a designation that triggered additional resources to respond to the deaths and launch an investigation. Experts estimate the washed-up whales represent just 10 percent of the total number of the dead, with the rest sinking into the sea unnoticed by humans. It's a disappointing twist in what is otherwise considered a success story for species recovery. The eastern North Pacific gray whales were removed from the endangered species list in 1994, after rebounding from the whaling era. The population has grown significantly in the past decade and is now estimated at 27,000 — the highest since surveys began in 1967. But that has raised questions about whether their population has reached the limit of what the environment can sustain, causing a rash of starvation. Another theory cites the loss of Arctic sea ice due to global warming. The whales spend their summers in the Arctic feeding on tiny shrimp-like, bottom-dwelling creatures called amphipods before migrating 10,000 miles to winter off Mexico, where the females give birth. Though they eat all along their route, they are typically thinning by the time they return north along the West Coast each spring. The whales that have washed up this year are emaciated, and scientists have also noted that whales migrating north are showing up in places they wouldn't normally venture, such as the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, California, or San Francisco Bay. That leads researchers to wonder if the gigantic mammals are veering off course in a desperate bid to find food far south of where they usually fatten up in the late summer months. Officials have learned how not to dispose of whale carcasses from experience, including a 1970 attempt to blow up a dead sperm whale with dynamite in Oregon. The blast sent chunks of burning, rotting blubber raining down on spectators, and several cars in a nearby parking lot were crushed by

blobs of putrid flesh. The number of dead whales washing ashore in Washington state alone — 29 as of this week — means almost every isolated public beach has been used. Authorities are now scrambling to find remote stretches of sand that are privately owned, with proprietors who don't mind hosting a rotting creature that's bigger than a school bus and has a stench to match its size. The first private-beach owners to respond, a Washington state couple, received their carcass earlier this month. Volunteers with the so-called "stranding network" — a coalition of nonprofits, research institutions and government agencies — attached a rope to the dead whale's tail and used a motorboat to tow it 3 miles along the coast to the couple's beach, where they anchored it to tree stumps. The couple asked their neighbor's permission first and are using plenty of powdered lime to speed decomposition and reduce the stench. They visit the carcass daily and consider it a scientific opportunity, although they say the stench was a bit strong on a couple of days. But they say that's temporary and the carcass will be well decomposed within one month. Since the Port Townsend, Washington, couple welcomed the carcass, 15 more private individuals have signed on to do the same, mostly in remote areas around the Salish Sea in far northwest Washington state. The number of dead whales found in Washington state this year has already surpassed the tally for 2000, when the last significant die-off of gray whales occurred on the West Coast. California has seen 37, and 10 have come ashore in Alaska. / VETERANS, MILITARY, COMMUNITY: The Eugene Vet Center is holding an open house today to mark the 40th anniversary of Vet Center counseling services. There are 300 Vet Centers nationwide, providing counseling to veterans, active duty service members and their families. The Vet Centers were established in 1979 to provide counseling and other services to Vietnam-era veterans who had difficulty accessing VA services at the same levels as Korean and World War II veterans. The success of the programs led Congress to extend eligibility to other groups of veterans, active duty service members, and their families. The Eugene Vet Center is located at 190 East 11th Avenue. Today's open house is from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: As the water level drops in Dorena Reservoir, Lane County Parks is informing moorage holders and boaters who use the Baker Bay Marina that they must remove their boats from the water by July 17. "As the water level continues to decline, we want boaters to be aware that unfortunately it will be a short boating season, and we don't want people with larger boats to be stranded or have difficulty pulling them out of the water," said Parks Manager Brett Henry. Water levels are decreasing as the Army Corps of Engineers, which regulates water levels at Dorena Reservoir, releases water to meet downstream requirements for threatened and endangered fish. Baker Bay Marina Moorage holders will be offered an opportunity to transfer their boats to Orchard Point Marina on Fern Ridge Reservoir or receive vouchers for 50 percent of the seasonal moorage cost that can be used in 2020. Baker Bay will remain open for other recreational uses. The boat ramp will remain open to smaller craft; boaters will need to consider conditions before use. / UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION: Eugene Water & Electric Board customers have a chance to take some of the latest models of electric vehicles for a spin this Saturday, without a salesperson in the passenger seat. On Saturday, June 22, EWEB is cohosting an Electric Vehicle Guest Drive at the Eugene Science Center in Alton Baker Park. Saturday's test drive event takes place from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the parking lot of the Eugene Science Center, 2300 Leo Harris Parkway. EWEB

customers may register online in advance for a test drive at electriccarguestdrive.com/eweb . Space is limited. Utility customers may get behind the wheel of the latest makes and models of electric vehicles, including Tesla Model 3, Tesla Model S, Tesla Model X, Mitsubishi Outlander, Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt and Kia Soul. While at the event, prospective car buyers can learn all about buying and owning an electric car, including fuel costs, carbon emissions. battery range, charging options and tax incentives. There are now more than 1,000 electric vehicles registered in Eugene and the numbers are growing rapidly. In 2018, local EV registrations jumped almost 150 percent from the prior year. Many drivers are turning to electric cars for environmental benefits. Thanks to the Pacific Northwest's low-carbon hydroelectric power, replacing a fossil-fuel burning car with an electric vehicle is one way to help meet Eugene's climate recovery targets. Cost of ownership is another advantage. In our area, it will cost most drivers about \$400 per year to charge an EV, compared to around \$1,600 a year in gasoline costs. Fans say fewer moving parts make electric vehicles ultra-low maintenance. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED YOUTH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: Kids eat free again this summer across Lane County. The Free Summer Meals Program serves youth and children ages 18 and younger. They may enjoy free summer meals at more than 50 locations in the Eugene, Bethel and Springfield areas as well as many outlying communities including Veneta-Elmira, Creswell, Cottage Grove-Dorena, and Oakridge. It's part of a USDA program that brings together a various of schools, food banks, non-profits and community organizations to service nutritious lunches (and breakfasts at some locations) on weekdays to children. That's important, because kids need adequate nutrition to develop their brains as well as healthy bodies. The free kids meals begin Monday, June 24, in Eugene and Bethel, Springfield, Veneta-Elmira and Oakridge. The Creswell, Cottage Grove and Dorena sites begin operating the next day, Tuesday, June 25. In addition to free lunches for kids and teens, some sites also offer free breakfasts. There's no income limit: The free meal sites are reimbursed based on the number of meals they serve. Organizers say this is a chance for kids to spend the day playing with their friends, grab lunch together, then enjoy the rest of their day. It also provides a break for some families struggling to budget for food when school is out of session. Many families in our area have students on the "free or reduced" meal program during the school year. Many of the sites are operated by FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank, along with the Eugene and Bethel school districts. Find a site near you and learn more about the program at www.summerfoodoregon.org / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The 6th Avenue off-ramp from westbound I-105 (the Jefferson Street Bridge) closes just after midnight Monday morning, June 24. The off-ramp will be under construction and remain closed for about four weeks. Travelers should expect lane closures on 1-105 in both directions through the end of August. Fewer open lanes and a ramp closure mean more delays on I-105. There's also the potential for increased traffic, especially during the evening commute hours, on other routes through Eugene such as Country Club Road, Coburg Road, and the Ferry Street Bridge area. The westbound I-105 speed limit approaching the work zone is now 45 mph for safety. Eugene Police Department is providing extra patrols in the area. Slow down, use all the lane space, and take turns to merge like a zipper through the work zone. The bumps in the road are new bridge joints. The bumps will remain until the entire area is paved in September. The 35-mph speed limit allows vehicles to cross the bumps safely. Monday, June 24: Westbound I-105: The westbound 6th Avenue off-ramp closes for about four weeks. Lane closures

continue and change regularly. The off-ramp to 7th Avenue/Jefferson Street is open. Eastbound I-105: The 6th Avenue on-ramp to eastbound I-105 opened on Friday, June 14. Lane closures continue and change. Travelers should expect lane closures and shifts in traffic patterns in the construction work zone. Know before you go at TripCheck.com. Give yourself extra time, slow down, pay attention, and keep your mind on your driving. Consider a different route, travel time, or way of getting where you are going. Expect delays, keep intersections open. / SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Fireworks are a traditional way to celebrate some holidays, but they can be noisy and an extreme fire hazard. Please be mindful of people in your neighborhood who may be sensitive to loud noises, due to PTSD or other conditions. Especially combat veterans, who deserve our every comfort after their service, can be impacted by the sounds and sights of illegal fireworks. Also, many pets are lost each year due to reactions to fireworks. Fireworks go on sale June 23 and can be sold through July 6. Consumer fireworks discharges within the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3 and 4, and December 31 and January 1. Public (commercial displays are allowed July 3-5). Eugene Police will be staffing additional officers for the July 4 holiday, including officers detached for patrolling areas with high density of fireworks-related complaint calls and or visible displays of fireworks. Fire crews will patrol neighborhoods in their response areas on July 4, to note and report illegal fireworks activity. EPD crime prevention specialists will make contact at locations of reported illegal use from last year. They will further canvas in areas where an exact address was not known or provided. To report illegal fireworks within the Eugene city limits, call 541.682.5111. The base fine for illegal fireworks is \$250. The social host ordinance also applies to fireworks. The social host, or ordinance on unruly gatherings, holds individuals criminally responsible for hosting, organizing and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Property owners where the event is hosted will also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance at the same property. The Eugene Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. People often ask questions about sparklers. The Oregon State Fire Marshal's website information states that wood core sparklers are considered legal retail fireworks and as such, would be subject to the new code. The 10-inch wire core sparklers are considered an unclassified item and not a firework and can be sold and used throughout the year. Legal fireworks in Oregon can be sold from June 23 through July 6 of each year. These include fountains, spinners and wheels available at retail fireworks outlets. Additionally, legal fireworks produce only smoke, sparks or fire but DO NOT explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air more than 12 inches or travel more than six feet on the ground. When both legal and illegal fireworks are improperly handled, injuries and fire damage occur. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to, firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles, fly into the air, explode and behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner. Illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous and create extreme fire danger. Possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Cherry bombs, M-80's and larger and any legal or illegal firework that has been modified are considered an EXPLOSIVE DEVICE and should not be handled. Call the Eugene Police Department immediately and do not transport. Report illegal

fireworks use in progress: 541-682-5111. Safety info at: www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm July 4 holiday public land visitors are advised to leave all fireworks at home. The use of fireworks is prohibited on all national forestland, Oregon state parks, and beaches. Residents statewide can still enjoy fireworks at officially sponsored community events. For residents who purchase legal fireworks, the OSFM encourages everyone to practice the four Bs of safe fireworks use: Be prepared before lighting fireworks: keep water available by using a garden hose or bucket. Be safe when lighting fireworks: keep children and pets away from fireworks. Be responsible after lighting fireworks: never relight a dud. Wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it in a bucket of water before disposal. Be aware: use only legal fireworks and use them only in legal places For the last reported five years through 2018, there were 1,264 reported fireworks-related fires in Oregon recorded by the state's structural fire agencies, resulting in more than \$3.5 million in property damage. During that same period, fires resulting from fireworks resulted in one death and 26 injuries. The data from structural fire agencies do not include incidents that occurred on federal and other state lands.; Protect your pets from fireworks. For many pets, this time of year is scary and potentially dangerous. Fireworks, loud noises and large gatherings of family and friends can all serve as catalysts for pet incidents including lost or injured pets, as well as bites. Make sure pets are secured in a safe and place during times when fireworks will be going off. Leave a television, radio or other subtle audio running to help create a calming cover of "white noise." If a pet is extremely sensitive, call your veterinarian ahead of time to check if medication may help keep them calm. Carefully monitor any pet on medications. Secure animals away from any area where you will be setting off fireworks. If your pet is sensitive, or if you don't know how they will react to the noise of fireworks, secure them in a safe, peaceful location. Don't let any pet chase fireworks. Parties - Be aware that children with food in their hands are at risk of bites by dogs reaching for the food and ensure the children are protected. Outside your home - Keep dogs on a leash at all times. Be aware of and anticipate your pet's reactions to unusual activities and people at parties. If your pet is not used to crowds and/or does not know visitors, introduce them carefully and monitor their activity and comfort level. If there is a potential problem, address it by securing them in a safe place away from activities. Dogs can misread horseplay between people as an attack and become protective of their loves ones or get excited, leading to bites. Be aware of and anticipate your pet's reactions to unusual activities and people. Ensure your dog is safe from other dogs that are loose and keep them at a distance. Be aware that breaking up a dog fight is risky and that owners are frequently bitten when intervening. Make sure your animals are microchipped or wearing an ID tag so you can be called if they around found and returned to you. Lost and found animals, animals at large, or abuse call 541-687-4060. To contact Greenhill Humane Society at 88530 Green Hill Road call 541-689-1503. To see animals in the care of the shelter visit green-hill.org and click on Lost & Found. / AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES, SAFETY: This was a busy first weekend of summer for farmers. The heatwave earlier this month and continued sunshine has crops ripening fast. Hay season is in full swing and that's also keeping local utility crews busy. Officials with the Emerald People's Utility District, which serves large sections of rural Lane County, say their crews spend a lot of early-summer maintenance time keeping an eye out for windblown hay collecting on power lines and getting it removed. Utility officials say that to

passersby the hay might appear to be harmless, but if too much collects on electrical lines and becomes wet from rain or dew, it can trigger a spark, leading to a fire. That's one reason EPUD and other utility crews patrol the rural farming areas to locate and remove hay buildups. They say it prevents outages and saves money and they appreciate when customers who spot hay collecting on powerlines let them know. / COMMUNTIY, TRANSPORTATION: Autzen Stadium will host a record number of fans for the Garth Brooks Concert on Saturday, June 29. Because of the expected crowds, attendees are encouraged to arrive early and plan their transportation options for the show in advance. There will be limited number of parking spaces in the Autzen Stadium area for private vehicles, and fans are encouraged to take shuttles when they attend the show. Fans may avoid some traffic if they find parking near the University of Oregon campus and utilize the Frohnmayer Footbridge from campus to walk to the stadium. There will also be valet bike parking near the Canal footbridge on the south side of Autzen. Bus shuttles will run from four locations on the day of the show, beginning at 3 p.m., and will return following the show. Shuttle locations are: Valley River Center, Northwest parking lot behind Cross Fit, Eugene; RiverBend Annex, 123 International Way, Springfield, North and East parking lots. Shuttles will depart from the East lot; Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W 13th Ave, Eugene. Shuttles will depart from bus stop on 13th street adjacent to parking; and Springfield Station, South A Street, Springfield. Shuttles will depart from "Events" Stop in Springfield Station. The round-trip cost for the shuttles is \$5 per person. Tickets are available at the shuttle locations but also may be purchased in advance on Ticketmaster. If you buy tickets at the shuttle lots, only cash will be accepted. Please bring exact change. Shuttles can accommodate fans with ADA needs at all locations. The Autzen Stadium parking lot is sold out. However, neighboring lots will be charging \$40 cash as a fundraiser to support their activities. Limited ADA parking for those with valid placards will be available in the East Autzen lot until sold out. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: They'll try again at ten this morning, likely with the same results they had yesterday. Oregon Senate Republicans continued their boycott of the Legislature during a floor session Sunday, depriving the body of the quorum it needed to vote on a muchdebated climate bill and other proposals. Democrats dominate both the senate and the house. But their 18 senators fall two short of the number needed to conduct official business. Republicans walked out of the Capitol last week to block the scheduled vote on the climate change bill, House Bill 2020, which would put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in the state. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports that by continuing to hold floor sessions, even if they end within minutes, Democrats are working to keep up pressure on Republicans, who are being fined \$500 for each missed session. A floor session scheduled for Saturday morning was canceled because the Capitol was closed for a planned protest by the Three Percenters militia. Reporter Hillary Borrud writes that fewer than 100 supporters of the Republican senators gathered peacefully outside the Capitol on Sunday, a handful wearing clothes bearing the militia's insignia. There did not appear to be any problems or interruptions during the brief floor session. Courtney thanked Oregon State Police troopers who provide security at the Capitol and have increased their presence since the walkout. He also thanked the loved ones of Democratic senators and acknowledged they might be worried about the situation. Multiple Republican senators have left the state so they are outside the jurisdiction

of the Oregon State Police. One of them, Sen. Cliff Bentz of Ontario, said by phone on Sunday morning that he remains in Idaho but has moved locations within that state. Bentz said he is pleased the walkout is drawing state and national attention to "one of the biggest issues of our time" — climate change and to Republicans' concerns about the emissions capping plan many Democratic lawmakers want to pass to address it. Bentz said Senate Republicans have continued talking with Democrats throughout the walkout and "there's never been any doors closed, ever." / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: For a second time in less than two weeks, search and rescue crews have rescued hikers who became bogged down in heavy snow along the Pacific Crest Trail in Southern Oregon near Mt. Thielsen (TEEL'-sehn). On Friday evening around nine p.m., dispatchers were notified that two SOS signals were being received from personal locator devices. The two were "through hikers," who started on the trail in April from the U.S.-Mexico border and hoped to walk all the way to the U.S. border with Canada. But the two Minnesota residents, a 28-year-old woman and her 67-year-old father lost the trail in heavy snow and wound up hiking nearly to the peak of Mt. Thielsen. By the time they realized they were lost and needed help, rescuers say they were on an extremely treacherous area of the mountain. Douglas County Search and Rescue crews began hiking to the two but were only able to get within 1,500 feet of them because of the terrain. Searchers were forced to overnight and coordinate a new plan for morning. They worked with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to arrange for deployment of an Oregon National Guard Black Hawk helicopter from Salem. That crew was able to hoist the hikers to the chopper and fly them to safety. Neither hiker required medical attention. But officials say it is another reminder to keep trail conditions in mind and be ready to change your plans if snow is too deep or there are other complications.; Douglas County investigators say a 34-year-old Eugene man drowned Saturday in the North Umpqua River. It happened shortly after 3:30 in the afternoon, when a witness on shore said Roberto Guadarrama-Cruz went swimming in a stretch of the river near the Susan Creek Campground. The witness said Guadarrama-Cruz swam out of view behind a large rock shelf but did not reappear, prompting a search. His body was located in the water two hours later, about 300 yards from his last known location. Emergency services were dispatched to the scene including the Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol, BLM Law Enforcement, USFS Law Enforcement and Oregon State Police, Glide Fire Department, Bay Cities Ambulance, and Douglas County Fire District #2. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, SAFETY: A law passed by the Oregon Legislature gives farmers and ranchers immunity from liability while fighting dangerous wildfires, such as the one that chewed through acres of wheat fields and grasslands last year. The Capitol Press reports Friday that the law is similar to one that prevents bystanders from being sued if they try to help during an emergency. Gov. Kate Brown signed the bill June 18 at a ceremony with the Oregon Wheat Growers Association. Wheat farmers were the first to respond to the rapidly spreading fire and used their disc plows and water trucks to slow it down. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Bill Hansell, a Republican from Athena, says the fire might have devastated the nearby small cities of Moro and Grass Valley if not for those efforts, / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: A sheriff's deputy shot and killed a cougar after deeming it a threat to a mother and baby in Cascade Locks. The Hood River County Sheriff's Office says the infant was in a vehicle parked at home Friday night, and the mother couldn't remove the child from the car because the cougar

was nearby. The cougar failed to leave when the deputy arrived, and the deputy killed it. Residents of the neighborhood had reported two other sightings in the past two weeks. In one case the animal passed within 10 feet of a front door. Authorities believe it was the same cougar as the one the deputy killed. / SAFETY: It was a slow-speed pursuit, but an unusual one. A deputy with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office was called to a rural pasture outside the town of Redland. Oregon, Sunday to capture a couple of fugitives. The suspects were a pair of tortoises. It came after a woman called for help, saying she'd been driving with her pets when she pulled over to let them enjoy a quick snack on some grass at the edge of pasture. But she told dispatchers the tortoises, quote, "found an unexpected burst of speed" and sped off, leaving their owner in the dust. These were mid-sized tortoises, judging by the posts, probably weighing 25-30 pounds each. Enter Clackamas County Deputy Blair, whose quick action enabled him to chase down the errant tortoises and return them to their owner. / DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT: Lane County Parks is considering entering into a long-term lease with the Oregon Department of State Lands for the North Jetty Park in Florence. North Jetty Park is 250 acres that abuts Lane County's popular Harbor Vista Campground and is south of Heceta Beach. The North Jetty Park is currently owned by DSL and operated by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The park is zoned "Park and Recreation" and "Beach/Dunes." This largely undeveloped park includes: beach access, an informal trail system, a dive dock, portable restrooms, ponds and stands of shore pine. According to ORPD's annual car counts, the park receives an average of 114,000 visits annually. "Incorporating North Jetty into our county parks system is likely to have several benefits for the nearby community, including more regular maintenance and park ranger presence," said Lane County Parks Manager Brett Henry. "However, before the Board of Commissioners makes any decisions, we want to hear any concerns, hopes or suggestions from the neighbors and other community members." A community meeting will be held today from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue, 2625 Highway 101, Florence. There is no deadline for the Board of Commissioners to make a decision. Information gathered during the community meeting and from the survey will be shared with commissioners as they consider any next steps. / HEALTH, CRIME, DRUGS, SAFETY: Nine years ago, there were 50 methamphetamine-related deaths in Oregon, but a new report suggests that number now is about five times higher. The Oregon-Idaho High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program reported that 272 people in 2018 died from complications related to methamphetamines and is the area's greatest drug threat. The increase is due to many factors including a drop in the price, mental health issues, socioeconomic disparities and a more potent drug. In Multnomah County alone, there were 77 reported deaths, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Much of the methamphetamine available is imported from Mexico and reconstituted from powder or liquid in California methamphetamine labs into crystal and brought up to Oregon, the report stated. Now, people can easily obtain a cheap, pure form of the drug more than ever. In 2005, Oregon became the first state to require a prescription to purchase medicines with pseudoephedrine, an ingredient used in the production of methamphetamine. Regulating pseudoephedrine was the response to the state's meth problem, Chris Gibson, the executive director of the Oregon-Idaho HIDTA said. With a significant drop in the number of Oregon's meth labs, Mexico is filling

the gap and is the primary source of the drug in Oregon. It arrives in the state via Interstate 5, where it gets into the hands of the people who can distribute it locally. Over the last two years in the Portland-metro area, the price for the drug is down 25%, and down 18% throughout Oregon, according to the report. Methamphetamine causes death when people begin to have heart rhythm abnormalities, heart attacks, strokes or experience complications from injecting the drug, Mendenhall said. It's estimated that 30-50% of the patients being treated for heroine are using methamphetamine by injection, which amplifies the risk of complications and death even more. Methamphetamine is closely tied with opioids because the drug helps people cope in similar ways at a quarter of the price, officials say. People often return to using it because the recovery from the drug can feel worse. /

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BUSINESS, HOMELESSNESS, CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH: It had been something of a legal "gray area" for many Eugene property owners: Are they allowed to enforce trespass laws when homeless people camp on curbside "planter strips" between the curb and sidewalk in Eugene? It's a "gray area" no more: Members of the Eugene City Council last night approved language that clarifies the illegal camping ordinance. The update makes it clear that if adjacent property owners do not want people camping in those spots, the campers may be asked to leave and police may cite or arrest the campers if they refuse. The change goes into effect once it's signed by the mayor and supporters say it will provide relief to business owners, residents and neighbors from unwanted campers who have squatted sometimes for weeks on the planter strips. It would also help reduce the garbage, sanitary and safety issues they bring with them. If the campers refuse to leave, the new legal language allows police to cite or arrest them for second-degree trespass. Many of those properties are part of the public right-of-way but privately maintained, which created questions over whether the nearby property owners could legally evict the campers. / COMMUNITY< SAFETY, CRIME: If you have illegal fireworks at your home, the City of Eugene is offering you an opportunity for you to get rid of them without being cited. Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Turn-in Day will be on Sunday, June 30, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Eugene-Springfield Fire facility's parking lot at 2nd and Chambers Streets. The event is only open to private individuals, not commercial parties. Do NOT take fireworks to a police or fire station. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to, firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles, fly into the air, explode and behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner. Illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous and create extreme fire danger. Possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Cherry bombs, M-80's and larger and any legal or illegal firework that has been modified are considered an EXPLOSIVE DEVICE and should not be handled. Call the Eugene Police Department immediately and do not transport. Legal fireworks in Oregon can be sold from June 23 through July 6 of each year. These include fountains, spinners and wheels available at retail fireworks outlets. Additionally, legal fireworks produce only smoke, sparks or fire but DO NOT explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air more than 12 inches or travel more than six feet on the ground. When both legal and illegal fireworks are improperly handled, injuries and fire damage occur. Report illegal fireworks use in progress at 541-682-5111. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, POLITICS: It's known as the

"Idaho Stop," because Idaho was the first state to legalize it. But now Oregon might be closer to making it law here. Lawmakers in the Oregon House are preparing to consider a bill that would allow Oregon bicyclists to yield at stop signs and flashing red light intersections, rather than require a complete stop. The Statesman Journal reports that the proposal cleared a House committee yesterday and now heads to the floor. Idaho okayed its version of the law in 1982. Delaware passed its own version in 2017. Arkansas followed suit this past April. Supporters point to a study from UC Berkeley that found traffic flows more safely when stopping rules for bicyclists are relaxed to legalize already-existing behavior. They say the "Idaho Stop" reduced biking accidents by 14 percent in the first year after its enactment. / CRIME: A Springfield woman has been indicted in connection with a traffic crash that injured two Eugene police officers. The Register-Guard reports 25-year-old Jade Jensen was charged in April by the Lane County District Attorney's Office on assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants. A grand jury indicted her last week on multiple counts of assault, recklessly endangering, reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants. Jensen was arrested Friday and booked her into jail. She pleaded not guilty Monday. An arrest warrant affidavit says Jensen was driving a car with passengers early July 26, 2018 when she ran stop sign and struck a Eugene police patrol SUV. The two officers inside were hurt and out of work for two weeks. A breathalyzer test showed Jensen's blood alcohol content was over twice the legal limit at .21%. / COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: FFLC-CSS) – A couple of changes worth noting in the local charity landscape. FOOD For Lane County's Executive Director Beverlee Potter is retiring at the end of the week. She's spent 11 years with the local food bank, the past nine as its leader. Tom Mulhern, the longtime head of Catholic Community Services, will take the helm at FOOD for Lane County. He started work there on Monday. Mulhern arrives with a strong familiarity with the food bank's operations. Over the past eight years, Catholic Community Services has hosted one of FOOD for Lane County's highest-volume food pantries. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: She says, quote, "If he wants to negotiate with the governor of the state of Oregon, he needs to be in the building... Or at least be in the state of Oregon." Gov. Kate Brown said Monday she will not negotiate with Republicans who walked out to thwart landmark climate legislation, at least not until they return to the Capitol. It came after all Republican senators failed to show up again to work for a fifth day on Monday. That denied Democrats the number of lawmakers needed to vote on a potential statewide cap and trade plan. Democrats have 18 members—a majority—in the Senate but need 20 members to conduct business under state law. Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger said in a statement that Republicans "intend to remain out of state." Brown, a Democrat, deployed the Oregon State Police last week to seek out Republicans, but many fled the state and remain outside the agency's jurisdiction. Republicans are protesting what would be the nation's second statewide cap and trade program. The measure would dramatically reduce greenhouse gases in Oregon by 2050 by capping carbon emissions and requiring businesses to buy or trade for a pool of pollution "allowances." the number of which would decrease over the years—theoretically forcing those industries to eventually invest in cleaner technologies. Democrats say the program is critical to make Oregon a leader in the fight against climate change and will ultimately create jobs and transform the economy. Republicans

and other opponents, including those in the state's timber industry, say the proposal will kill jobs, raise the cost of fuel and harm small businesses in rural areas. They also say they've been left out of policy negotiations, and that the measure represents an urban majority enforcing their priorities against the will of rural Oregon residents. Brown says Republican claims they've been left out of the climate negotiations are, quote, "hogwash." This is the second time Senate Republicans, who are in the minority, walked off the job to block a vote. Conservatives walked out for four days in May to block a \$2 billion school funding increase, returning only when the governor struck a deal to table legislation on gun control and vaccine requirements. Part of that agreement, said Brown, was that Republicans would not walk out again. This time, Republicans' walkout attracted national attention after a tumultuous weekend that began with the Senate leader ordering the Capitol closed because of a "possible militia threat" from far-right groups, who threatened to join a peaceful protest organized by local Republicans. One of those groups, the Oregon Three Percenters, joined an armed takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in 2016 and has offered safe passage to senators on the run. The threat, however, never materialized and fewer than 100 people showed up. Democrats have until the end of the week to get Republicans back to the building before the legislative session is set to end. Legislators have yet to approve a majority of the state budget and other Democratic priorities addressing affordable housing, paid family leave and driver's licenses for immigrants in the country illegally. / POLITICS, DEVELOPMENT, DISASTERS. SAFETY: The Oregon Legislature has repealed a nearly 25-year-old law prohibiting new schools, hospitals, jails, and police and fire stations from being built in the state's tsunami inundation zone. The Statesman Journal reports that coastal legislators, who pushed the bill, say the risks of a natural disaster must be weighed against an actual economic disaster already unfolding because of the statute. Rep. David Gomberg, a Democrat from Otis, said without new emergency services buildings, coastal residents and businesses will not be able to get property insurance and without new schools, property values will fall. Scientists say Oregon has a 30 percent chance of experiencing a 9.0-magnitude-plus Cascadia subduction zone earthquake in the next 50 years. The quake would be followed by a tsunami similar to the one that devastated eastern Japan in 2011. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal officials have released their review on removing or changing vegetation over a huge swath of the U.S. West to stop wildfires on land used for cattle ranching, recreation and habitat for imperiled sage grouse. The work would occur on strips of land up to 165 yards wide and up to 11,000 miles long in parts of Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Nevada and Utah, according to the environmental analysis. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management announced in 2017 it planned the review into creating so-called fuel breaks that starve fires of vegetation that can burn in the Great Basin. Giant rangeland wildfires in recent decades have destroyed vast areas of sagebrush steppe that support some 350 species of wildlife. Experts say the blazes have mainly been driven by cheatgrass, an invasive species that relies on fire to spread to new areas while killing native plants, including sagebrush. Once cheatgrass takes over, they say the land is of little value. Officials say there's no cost estimate for the work because it's not clear what types of fuel breaks field managers might choose for different areas. They could either remove vegetation or reseed the land. Fuel breaks can cost from \$12,000 to \$44,000 a mile. Methods to create them include

putting down herbicide, mechanically removing vegetation and planting vegetation that can resist wildfires. The fuel breaks would total about 1,700 square miles and help protect a 350,000-square-mile area by slowing rangeland wildfires, allowing firefighters to more easily put them out. But critics fear poorly planned fuel breaks could fragment habitat and harm wildlife, including sage grouse, and in many cases aren't effective. Instead, they say federal agencies should be trying to eradicate cheatgrass and other invasive plants. / ENVIRONMENT, DISASTERS, HEALTH: Scientists say climate change in the Western U.S. means more intense and frequent wildfires churning out waves of smoke that will affect tens of millions of people and cause a rise in premature deaths. Harvard University climate researcher Loretta Mickley says residents of Northern California, western Oregon, Washington state and the Northern Rockies could see the most increases in smoke exposure. Wildfire smoke was once considered a nuisance except for the most vulnerable populations. It's now seen in some regions as a recurring public health threat. Microscopic particles in smoke can penetrate deeply into the lungs to cause coughing, chest pain and asthma attacks. The researchers say that's prompting people in cities and rural areas alike to gird themselves for another summer of sooty skies along the West Coast and in the Rocky Mountains. Other sources of air pollution are in decline in the U.S. as coal-fired power plants close and fewer older cars roll down highways. But those air quality gains are being erased in some areas by the ill effects of massive clouds of smoke that can spread hundreds and even thousands of miles on cross-country winds, according to researchers. With the 2019 fire season already heating up with fires from southern California to Canada, authorities are scrambling to better protect the public before smoke again blankets cities and towns. Officials in Seattle recently announced plans to retrofit five public buildings as smoke-free shelters. Scientists from NASA and universities are refining satellite imagery to predict where smoke will travel and how intense it will be. Local authorities are using those forecasts to send out real-time alerts encouraging people to stay indoors when conditions turn unhealthy. The scope of the problem is immense: Over the next three decades, more than 300 counties in the West will see more severe smoke waves from wildfires, sometimes lasting weeks longer than in years past, according to atmospheric researchers led by a team from Yale and Harvard. One such place is Ashland, Oregon, a city of about 21,000 known for its summer-long Oregon Shakespeare Festival. During each of the past two summers, Ashland had about 40 days of smoke-filled air, said Chris Chambers, wildfire division chief for the fire department. Last year that forced cancellation of more than two-dozen outdoor performances. Family physician Justin Adams said the smoke was hardest on his patients with asthma and other breathing problems and he expects some to see long-term health effects. Voters in 2018 approved a bond measure that includes money to retrofit Ashland schools with "scrubbers" to filter smoke. Other public buildings and businesses already have them. A community alert system allows 6,500 people to receive emails and text messages when the National Weather Service issues smoke alerts. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The National Transportation Safety Board has published its final report on a deadly Amtrak derailment in Washington state in 2017, with the agency's vice chairman blasting what he described as a "Titanic-like complacency" among those charged with ensuring train operations were safe. The train was on its first paid passenger run on a new route from Tacoma to Portland when it went into a sharp curve too fast,

derailed and plunged onto Interstate 5, killing three people onboard and injuring dozens. In findings released last month, the NTSB said the engineer lost track of where he was and failed to slow down before a curve. This report blames a variety of agencies for failing to adequately sign the curve, failing to alter its sharpness and failing to adequately train the engineer, saying it set him up for failure. In comments published with the final report Monday, agency Vice Chairman Bruce Landsberg said the derailment was "anything but unforeseeable." Landsberg noted that the NTSB has been investigating derailments caused by speeding trains around curves for decades, and that the agency has also spent decades urging the Federal Railroad Administration to require "positive train control," GPSbased technology that can automatically slow or stop trains. Congress mandated the technology by the end of last year, but compliance has been spotty and the deadline has been extended. It hadn't been implemented on the new bypass route in Washington when the derailment occurred, but it is now in effect on the bypass and on the rest of the Amtrak Cascades passenger route from the Canadian border to Eugene. In the final report, the NTSB faulted regional transit agency Sound Transit for not sufficiently mitigating the danger of the sharp bend; Amtrak for not better training the engineer; the state Department of Transportation for not ensuring the route was safe before green-lighting passenger train service; and the railroad administration for allowing the use of European-style rail cars that didn't meet updated safety standards. In a written statement, Amtrak said it has worked with the NTSB to address its recommendations, to implement positive train control across its network, and to identify and mitigate risks. It submitted its system safety program to the railroad administration last November, it noted. The NTSB's final report issued 26 new safety recommendations and reiterated three that already exist. They included the placement of more signs along tracks to remind engineers where they are and of speed limits, and the replacement of four Talgo trainsets used on the Amtrak Cascades line. Janet Matkin, a spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Transportation's rail division, said the Talgo trains two owned by Washington state, and two owned by Amtrak — met safety standards when they were first used on the Cascades line about two decades ago. Their use was grandfathered in when the standards were later updated. Washington state had already planned to replace the four trains in the mid-2020s, at a cost of \$25 million each. The Oregon Department of Transportation also owns two Talgo trains, but those are newer and do meet safety requirements, Matkin said.; A quick traffic advisory for your morning commute: Construction crews over the weekend installed a new four-way stop sign at the intersection of North Delta Highway and Ayers Road. The stop sign is part of the Delta Ridge Apartment complex project that's being constructed nearby. Crews last week completed the concrete work for the access ramps and sidewalk. The crosswalks are open and operational. There are two warning signs alerting people driving of the new stop signs and crosswalks. / SPORTS, WOMEN: The U.S. Women's soccer team has advanced to the quarterfinals at World Cup after passing its first major test of the tournament. Megan Rapinoe converted a pair of penalty kicks to lead a 2-1 victory over Spain. The tense match was knotted at 1 until Rapinoe's second penalty put the defending champions ahead in the 75th minute. The U.S. won its three firstround games by a combined 18-0 score before struggling against the Spaniards. Now, the squad is headed for Paris and a Friday night quarterfinals showdown against host country France. The French defeated Brazil 2-1 in extra time Sunday

night. Lots of fans in Oregon are following the U.S. Women's Team: Four of its members play for the Portland Thorns. And team captain Megan Rapinoe played during her college career for the University of Portland. Friday's contest might be the most-watched match of the tournament, with the U.S. and France attracting large numbers of fans. Organizers had hoped the random tournament seeding would put them in opposite brackets so there was a chance they'd meet in the finals. Instead, they wound up on the same half of the bracket, leading to Friday's quarterfinal matchup. / COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, DEVELOPMENT: Imagine a larger-than-life version of the classic Atari computer game, Pong. Imagine it played on a nine-foot console with the game projected on a 20-foot screen in the heart of downtown Eugene. Imagine no more: Eugene Tech's wildly popular and family friendly KING PONG interactive art events are returning to Eugene's Kesey Square from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on the last Tuesdays of the summer months. June July 30, and August 27. KING PONG is an interactive art game built by local artists and musicians to incorporate STEAM education activities with music and video entertainment. While the game is fun for participants to play it's also pretty fun to watch. Pong, one of the original Atari video games, was popular in the 1970's. The local tech group is not affiliated with Atari, but they figured out a way to adapt an original Atari Pong controller into a giant version operated by two swivel footstools. Many of the people who created KING PONG are also members of BitForest, Eugene's game developer community. KING PONG is hosted by Code Chops, a tech-centered co-working space in Downtown Eugene that hosts and mentors several tech-centered startup companies. Eugene Tech is a nonprofit, grassroots tech organization with more than 1,000 members. They like to create projects that lie at the intersection of art, technology, and fun. KING PONG fits perfectly. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, HEALTH: Buy some healthy local food and bring the kids. At the Tuesday, June 25, they may take part in FREE kids' and family activities. The Lane County Farmers Market takes place at 8th and Oak Streets in downtown Eugene. The activities for kids and adults are sponsored by the City of Eugene and Columbia Bank. Among the highlights: From 10am-1pm, it's Superhero Day: Come dressed as your favorite superhero or make a costume on the spot. The Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts (MECCA) will be on site with upcycled supplies to create masks, cuffs and capes. Stop Drop & Yoga will have an all ages Rainbow Yoga class on the east lawn, and ArtCity will be onsite with a "super" backdrop for a photo opportunity with a superhero. The City of Eugene's Waste Prevention and Green Building program is sponsoring a fun, all-ages recycling sorting activity at the Market this year. The recycling game is fun for kids and an interesting and educational opportunity for community members of all ages to find out more about what can be recycled in Eugene. This is also an opportunity for people to get more information about how our curbside commingled recycling system works." Other activities include a ladybug release at 11:15 a.m., farmers market bingo and a giant chessboard. The market features more than 80 local growers and producers selling at seasonal markets that run 11 months of the year in Eugene. Farmers markets currently include Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., both at 8th Avenue and Oak Street in Eugene. For more information, and a full list of events visit www.lanecountyfarmersmarket.org or follow it on Facebook. / EDUCATION, YOUTH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY: Now that the kids are out of school, Summer Reading season is here. And local libraries are offering all sorts

of activities to keep children and teens involved with reading during the time away from class. For patrons of the Eugene Public Library, for example, kids of all ages—and grownups—are invited to sign up for "Summer Reading: A Universe of Stories." The program features giveaways, free events, and more. It's taking part at all locations of Eugene Public Library: Downtown Library, Bethel Branch, and Sheldon Branch, June through August. The Summer Reading program helps youth keep their reading skills up while school's out, learn new ideas, and try new things. The Eugene Public Library locations are offering sign-ups for a range of free events, including hands-on arts and tech, concerts, writing workshops, book groups, and fascinating talks. And at sign up, each child and teen gets to choose a brand-new book to keep, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Each adult who signs up gets a notebook, book light, and a coupon for coffee at Novella Café at the library's main branch or \$1 off at Second-Hand Prose Book Store. Plus, adults can play book bingo for a chance to win movie tickets - or just for fun. Kids' events start with a bang at Explosions, Inc. science shows on Wednesday, June 26, 1:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library; Thursday, June 27, 11:00 a.m. at Petersen Barn Community Center; and Thursday, June 27, 3:00 p.m. at Sheldon Community Center. Teens will kick off summer with SPACED, an out-of-this-world black light dance party on Tuesday, June 18, 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: We reiterate transportation and carry-in security reminders for listeners planning to attend Saturday's Garth Brooks concert at Autzen Stadium, where a record crowd of more than 60,000 is expected to be on hand.; Highway 99-W is closed two miles north of Monroe at the Bellfountain Junction after a moving truck collided with a cement truck earlier this morning. No word on injuries. The semi-truck is blocking the southbound lane and part of the northbound lane. The cement truck is in the northbound ditch. A detour is in place through Alpine and Bellfountain. Allow extra time or take an alternate route. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: The president of the Oregon Senate said Tuesday there were not enough votes in his majority Democratic caucus to approve a landmark climate bill that has sparked a walkout by Republicans and exacerbated tensions between urban and rural areas. All 11 Republican senators extended their walkout involving the issue for a sixth day, denying Democrats enough lawmakers to muster a vote on the plan that calls for capping and trading pollution credits among companies. Hundreds of protesters flooded the capitol steps to protest the GOP walkout then unexpectedly found themselves pushing back against Democratic Senate President Peter Courtney, who disclosed that the climate plan has lost support among members of his own party. Courtney said, quote, "I've done as much as I can, and I'll continue to try." The disclosure prompted young climate activists in the Senate chamber to turn their backs in protest against the Senate president. They flooded out of the Senate chamber and onto the Capitol steps, chanting "protect our future, not the polluters." Conservative senators have fled the state to avoid taking a vote on what would be the nation's second statewide cap and trade program after California, saying it will kill jobs, raise the cost of fuel and gut small businesses in rural areas. Senate Minority Leader Herman Baertschiger said in a statement that Republicans still won't return to the Capitol until they receive further assurances from Democrats that the legislation is dead. The measure is intended to dramatically reduce greenhouse gases in Oregon by 2050 by capping carbon emissions and requiring businesses to buy or trade for an ever-dwindling pool of pollution "allowances." The disclosure on votes came after Gov. Kate Brown drew a hard line on negotiations, saying Republicans had to return to the building if they want to cut a deal with her. She said Democratic leaders talking with Republicans behind the scenes shouldn't "reward bad behavior." Courtney, meantime, also pleaded with Republicans to return to the Capitol to consider votes on large portions of the state budget and other issues that were caught up in the climate bill impasse, including affordable housing, paid family leave and driver's licenses for immigrants in the country illegally. There are dozens of other policy bills also awaiting final votes. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION: Ten months after a devastating wildfire and the winter's heavy snow, Forest Service Road 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs reopen to the public on July 1. That's great

news for fans of Terwilliger, which is also known as Cougar Hot Springs. Crews and volunteers worked to restore access and rebuild trails, staircases and walkways at this recreational jewel in the Willamette National Forest, which hosts close to 30,000 visitors annually. The work was not confined to the hot springs. nor is it finished. To reopen Road 19 after the snowstorm, two Forest Service road crews and partners spent six weeks removing downed trees and cleaning up slides. This month, the Willamette National Forest awarded a \$1.072 million to repair failing portions of Road 19. This work will include stabilizing multiple failing locations from milepost 0.00 to milepost 32. This work will start this summer and go through next summer. No road closures are planned with this contract. Work being completed include culvert replacements, stabilization of failing areas, asphalt patching, and asphalt overlays. Heading to Terwilliger Hot Springs? Be aware of your surroundings. Crews have finished hazard and danger tree removal along the roads and trails. However, officials say there are many trees that pose threats to hikers who may venture off-trail, so stay on the rebuilt trails for your safety. Officials with the Willamette National Forest are giving special "thank you" to the cooperating agencies and volunteers who assisted the U.S. Forest Service with preserving and restoring Terwilliger Hot Springs: the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Forestry, Upper McKenzie River Fire Department, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Lane County Emergency Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Fire Marshall, Campbell Global, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, High Cascades Forest Volunteers, and the Scorpion Trail Crew. Volunteers assisted staff with replacing retaining walls, trimming, brushing and logging and restoring the tread. / CRIME: They're still trying to figure out how she got out. But an escaped Lane County jail inmate was back in custody minutes after she got out of the facility in downtown Eugene yesterday afternoon, thanks to an alert passerby. Investigators say it happened shortly after two p.m., when the bystander spotted 29-year-old Amanda Prozinski of Springfield in front of the jail in jail-issued clothing. The bystander detained her until jail staff arrived and took her back into custody. But during the process, officials say Prozinski assaulted the civilian trying to detain her. Prozinski was lodged at the Lane County Jail on Monday for Possession of Methamphetamine and Possession of Heroin. She's now also facing charges of Escape in the Second Degree, Criminal Mischief in the First Degree, Assault in the Fourth Degree, and Resisting Arrest. / CRIME, BUSINESS: Leaders of the Better Business Bureau of the Pacific Northwest is warning of a growing scam targeting would-be homebuyers. How does the scam work? First. scammers gain access to a real estate agents' email and monitor communications. Next, they use a phishing scheme confirming or suggesting lastminute wiring changes to divert closing costs and down payments to a fraudulent account. Experts say that when you're closing on a home, it's always a good idea to confirm final financial transactions by calling your advisors directly and not simply trusting an email, especially, if there are last-minute changes. If you suspect a scam, act quickly by calling your bank or the wire transfer company and asking that the payment be recalled. Mortgage phishing scams such as this are on the rise. In fact, they rose a staggering 1,100% between 2015 and 2017, according to Consumer Protection Bureau. So far this year, the Better Business Bureau in the Pacific Northwest has received more than 100 real estate transaction complaints, one-quarter of them from Oregon alone. Last year, consumers across the Northwest reported losing more than \$30,000 to phishing scams. Other tips for avoiding mortgage-based scams: Do not email financial information. Do not use free WiFi networks while conducting financial business. Never click on links or use unfamiliar phone numbers in emails. If you are the victim of wire fraud, contact the authorities immediately and report it to BBB.org/Scamtracker /

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SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: It started with a severe thunderstorm warning issued a couple of hours in advance. It arrived with a clap of thunder, then thunderous rain. The National Weather Service reports that storm that ripped across Lane County yesterday arrived with wind gusts of up to 40 miles per hour and dropped one-fifth of an inch of rain in just a few minutes. It left behind downed trees, limbs and powerlines, as well as some damaged electrical transformers. That kept some utility crews busy well into the evening.; Eugene Water & Electric Board repair crews were able to restore power to more than 1,100 customers by 9 p.m. Wednesday following the afternoon thunderstorm that struck the Eugene service area and up the McKenzie Valley shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday. That included hard-hit areas in South Eugene and the McKenzie River/Deerhorn area. Approximately 130 customers remained without power in the area of Buck Street in West Eugene as crews assessed damage and made repairs. While much of the storm damage was caused by trees and branches falling on powerlines during the high winds, but lightning was responsible for some failed transformers. In all, EWEB officials say about 1,250 customers lost service as a result of the storm.; For other utilities: The Emerald People's Utility District had outages in areas along McKenzie View Drive, Queens Road, and Coburg Bottom Loop, Approximately 250 customers were without power after the storm passed through the area. Nothing on SUB, Pacific Power, Lane Electric, Blachly-Lane, or Douglas Electric. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: With more protests planned outside the state capitol for today, it remains unclear when — or if— the Oregon Senate's 11 Republicans will return to the statehouse and end their walkout over a controversial climate bill. The Republican walkout has now stretched for one week in order to block a vote on a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through a cap on carbon emissions. On Tuesday, Democratic Senate President Peter Courtney announced the proposal no longer has enough support among his caucus. But even that wasn't enough to persuade GOP conservatives to return. A spokesman for Senate Democrats said negotiations with Republican state senators remain at an impasse and, quote, "there's nothing new to report." Democrats have an 18 to 12 majority in the chamber, but they need 20 members present for a quorum. With the 11 Republicans absent and one seat vacant, there's no way Democrats may convene and conduct official business. Democrats have what's known as a "supermajority"—they control the House, the senate and the governor's office. So last month in a dispute over a new tax on large businesses and this month in the climate bill fight, Senate

Republicans used the walkout tactic to stall action in the chamber. Republican State Sen. Tim Knopp yesterday told news outlets that he hopes conservatives will return Friday, after today's planned rally at the Capitol in support of the GOP lawmakers. In recent days, Senate Republicans have encouraged their constituents to gather in Salem for an all-day "Freedom Rally" organized by truckers and loggers. Conservative senators say the proposed "cap and trade" will kill jobs, raise the cost of fuel and harm small businesses in rural areas. But the standoff also puts dozens of policies at risk including legislation directly benefiting rural parts of the state. Legislation expanding broadband access and possible extra funding to help prevent wildfires in southern Oregon could be on the chopping block if Senate leadership is unable to coax Republicans back before Sunday, Governor Kate Brown said she's willing to call a special session next week if needed, but the dozens of bills currently awaiting Senate approval would be scratched. Lawmakers would have to reintroduce the bills and again run them through the legislative process. The Senate also still needs to approve a majority of the state budget, including funding for Oregon's public universities, foster care system and the state's public health agency. There are still more than 34 budget bills to approve and dozens of other potential policies addressing issues including affordable housing and the shortage of child welfare workers. There's also legislation to shore up infrastructure, levees and dams. The governor signed a continuing resolution Tuesday to fund agencies at current operating levels until mid-September. But many agencies who were counting on increased budgets say they'll be dealing with very tight funding in the meantime. Oregon's seven public universities, for example, were counting on a \$100 million funding increase from the Legislature to rein in tuition increases. A spokesman for the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, said that the impasse won't affect tuition levels just yet. But that could change if the standoff drags into the summer. If a special session is convened, some lawmakers say it could take months to get through the backlog of bills, even those with broad bipartisan support. / SAFETY, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT: A spokesman for the Department of Human Services has confirmed that Oregon's child welfare director left her post Wednesday. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Marilyn Jones had been in charge of reforming Oregon's foster care system and child protective services. Department spokesman Jake Sunderland says she will remain at the agency as a consultant until Aug. 31. Her resignation follows Gov. Kate Brown's decision to install an oversight board and hire a team of outside consultants. They're tasked with holding the agency accountable for making urgently needed improvements, including recruiting more foster families, finding safer placements for children sent out of state and shoring up training for case workers and supervisors. Sunderland would not say whether Jones was asked to retire. He says deputy child welfare director Jana McLellan will take over as interim director until a permanent replacement is hired. / DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Supporters of a proposed natural gas export project on Oregon's southern coast are claiming they've made major headway addressing one of regulators' biggest concerns as federal regulators take public comments this week. The feeder pipeline for the Jordan Cove export terminal would run from an interstate gas hub in Klamath County to Coos Bay. Pembina Pipeline Corp, the Canadian company that is proposing a liquefied natural gas export terminal in Coos Bay, says it has secured voluntary easement agreements with 82% of the individual landowners along the

229-mile route of the terminal's proposed feeder pipeline, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. Opponents dispute those numbers. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials are holding four public comment sessions in Southern Oregon this week on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. It will be the last round of public feedback on the statement issued by the commission's staff in late March. The commission is expected to render its decision on the project early next year. To build the Pacific Connector Pipeline, Pembina needs temporary construction easements the width of a four-lane highway and a permanent 50-foot right of way for the entire pipeline. That impacts 252 private landowners along the route, including 30 timber companies. If Pembina's landowner numbers are correct, as the company insists, it marks significant progress from the small percentage that had signed easement agreements when regulators denied the project a license in 2016. Opponents question the validity of Pembina's numbers and say they've been tracking pipeline easements recorded in the counties along the pipeline route. They concede that Pembina has made progress, but according to their calculations, only 61 percent of the individual landowners have pipeline easements on their land recorded with county authorities. Pembina says it has avoided filing all the agreements reached as some landowners want to maintain their privacy and avoid being hassled by project opponents. Opponents also accuse the company of using hardball tactics and intimidation to force reluctant landowners to sign easements, and specifically targeting vulnerable and elderly landowners with threats of eminent domain. / ELECTIONS: More than 120 million Americans cast ballots in the 2018 midterm elections, with turnout surging to that of a typical presidential year in some states and the highest percentages of voters in places that have expanded access to the polls, according to an analysis of data released today by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. The 2018 Election Administration and Voting Survey highlights the decentralized nature of U.S. elections and disparities within state voting laws. For instance, 25 states have passed voting restrictions in the last decade while others have been expanding access by implementing vote by mail, same-day voter registration and other measures. In 2018, six states saw turnout levels exceed 60%, when considering the number of U.S. citizens eligible to vote, according to the survey. Among those were Oregon and Colorado, which conduct their elections entirely by mail, considered one of the more accessible voting options. The other four states provide opportunities to cast ballots early, allow voters to register and vote on Election Day and don't require an excuse for absentee voting. The survey found the rate of early, in-person voting more than doubled since the 2014 election and vote by mail was used by one-quarter of the electorate last year. Voting rights advocates say same-day or Election Day voter registration not only eliminates deadlines to register weeks in advance of an election but also allows voters who have failed to update their addresses with election officials to cast ballots that will be counted. In many states, voters who have an issue on Election Day with their registration, such as an outdated address, are given provisional ballots that may or may not be counted. / ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, CRIME: A dive team recovered dozens of electric scooters and bicycles while cleaning the Willamette River sea wall in downtown Portland. KATU-TV reports the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office River Patrol Dive Team removed 57 electric scooters and bicycles this week. The five companies participating in Portland's electric scooter trial program have 1,975

scooters on the streets, which is slightly below the total allowed by the city. This spring, Portland began a second, yearlong phase of a pilot program intended to help the city introduce the devices while avoiding pitfalls experienced by other U.S. metropolises. A four-month experiment with the e-scooters last year was successful but also generated 6,000 complaints and raised questions about pedestrian safety and the impact of the devices on public spaces like parks. The city said the scooters also led to 176 medical center visits. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The U.S. Supreme Court today ruled that federal courts have no role to play in policing political districts drawn for partisan gain. Analysts say the decision, which came on a 5-4 vote, could embolden political line-drawing for partisan gain when state lawmakers undertake the next round of redistricting following the 2020 Census. The justices said claims of partisan gerrymandering do not belong in federal court. The court's conservative, Republican-appointed majority says that voters and elected officials instead should be the arbiters of what is a political dispute. In making its ruling, the court rejected challenges to Republican-drawn congressional districts in North Carolina and a Democratic district in Maryland. The justices also are expected to rule on another politically charged topic: whether to allow a citizenship question on the 2020 census, which could also affect balances of power in some political races as well as how district boundaries are drawn. / POLITICS, IMMIGRATION: The U.S. Supreme Court is forbidding the Trump administration from adding a citizenship question to the 2020 census for now. The court says the administration's explanation for wanting to add the question was, quote, "more of a distraction" than an explanation. It's unclear whether the administration will have time to provide a fuller account. Census forms are supposed to be printed beginning next week. The court decision came on a 5-4 vote, with Chief Justice John Roberts joining the four liberals in the relevant part of the outcome. It comes after a lower court found the administration violated federal law in the way it tried to add a question broadly asking about citizenship for the first time since 1950. The Census Bureau's own experts have predicted that millions of Hispanics and immigrants would go uncounted if the census asked everyone if he or she is an American citizen.; Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell demanded this morning that House Democrats drop their insistence for changes in a \$4.6 billion border aid package that the Senate passed with overwhelming bipartisan support and instead give final congressional approval to the legislation. The Kentucky Republican spoke as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met with rank-and-file Democrats who had pushed a more liberalleaning version of the legislation through their own chamber on Tuesday. Their measure has tougher care requirements for detained migrant families and children than the Senate package, seeks to prevent President Trump from diverting money to border security and has extra beds to detain more people. The White House said it opposes changes planned by the Democrats. The funding is urgently needed to prevent the humanitarian emergency on the U.S.-Mexico border from worsening. Money runs out in a matter of days. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Ten Democrats railed against a national economy and a Republican administration they argued exist only for the rich as presidential candidates debated onstage for the first time in the young 2020 season, embracing inequality as a defining theme in their fight to deny President Trump a second term in office. Health care and immigration, more than any other issues, led the first of two debates on Wednesday, with another to follow Thursday night. The debate marked a major

step forward in the 2020 presidential campaign as Democrats fight to break out from a crowded field that has been consumed by one question above all: Who's best positioned to defeat Trump? The candidates will spend the next eight months before primary voting scrapping over that question and the broader fight for the direction of their political party. Among the 10 Democratic candidates set to debate Thursday is early front-runner Joe Biden. / ECONOMY, FAMILY: More Americans signed contracts to purchase homes in May compared with the prior month, a sign that buyers might be ready take advantage of low interest rates and stabilizing home prices. The National Association of Realtors says that its pending home sales index rose 1.1%. Home sales have been slowing even with average 30-year mortgage rates slipping below 4% last month. During the first five months of the year, purchases of new homes fell 3.7% compared to the same period in 2018, although existing home sales — the bulk of the market — rebounded in May. U.S. home price gains slowed for the 13th straight month in April. Pending sales is a measure of home purchases that are usually completed a month or two later. /

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SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EVENTS: Autzen Stadium will host a record number of fans for the Garth Brooks Concert at Autzen Stadium on Saturday, June 29th. Because of the expected crowds, attendees are encouraged to arrive early and plan their transportation options for the show in advance. Fans are encouraged to avoid traffic by parking on or near the University of Oregon campus and utilizing the Frohnmayer Footbridge from campus to walk to the stadium. Fans may also park Downtown and use the DeFazio Bridge at Alton Baker Park to walk to the Stadium. There will also be valet bike parking near the canal footbridge on the south side of Autzen for those interested. Shuttles will run from four different locations in the Eugene-Springfield area on the day of the show (June 29), beginning at 3 PM, and will return following the show. The cost for the shuttles, which will arrive at Autzen Stadium's south gate, will be \$5 per person round trip. Cash only and exact change required. Shuttles will run from Valley River Center, Lane County Fairgrounds, River Bend Annex and Springfield Station. This is a Clear Bag Policy event. Only bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12" will be permitted into the stadium. Small clutch bags that are 4.5" x 6.5" with or without a handle or strap, may be carried into the stadium along with one of the clear bag options. Bag check will be available at PK Park & outside the South Gate for \$5 per bag. No seat cushions will be allowed through the security gates. Patrons are not allowed to bring outside food or beverage or personal water bottles into the stadium. No outside empty water bottles will be allowed into the stadium. / SAFETY, HEALTH: They are popular products, but federal regulators are concerned about the risk to babies. Now, Fisher-Price has recalled 71,000 inclined sleepers because infants might roll from their backs to their stomachs on inclined sleep products, risking injury or death. There have been no reported injuries or deaths related to the sleeper accessory with Fisher-Price's Ultra-Lite Day & Night Play Yards, but more than 30 infant fatalities have been reported on other, similarly inclined sleep products including the Fisher-Price Rock 'n Play Sleeper. The Consumer Product Safety Commission announcement urges consumers to immediately stop using the inclined sleeper and contact Fisher-Price for a refund or voucher. The Fisher-Price play yard involved in the recall includes model numbers CBV60, CHP86, CHR06, CJK24 and DJD11. According to Consumer Reports: Infant inclined sleepers are designed to have babies sleep at an incline between 10 degrees and 30 degrees. All such products increase the likelihood of airway compression and suffocation, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. And all run counter to

recommendations from the AAP, the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau. These organizations say babies should be put to bed on their back alone, unrestrained, and on a firm, flat surface free of bumpers and other soft bedding. Many parents have long believed not only that inclined sleepers are safe but also that they help babies who seem to suffer from frequent spit-up, also known as reflux. But experts say that sleeping at an incline is not helpful for babies with reflux. And numerous studies have shown that sleeping on an incline—whether in a sleeper, car seat, or bouncer seat, and especially when restrained—poses several serious risks. For one, sleeping at an incline can cause a baby's head to fall forward, which can compress the neck and airway and lead to a drop in oxygen, lowered heart rate, and even suffocation (also known as asphyxia). And because babies don't have strong neck muscle control, they may not be able to lift their head up and restore airflow to the lungs. Further, research shows that restraints, such as those in inclined sleepers, increase the risk of strangulation and entrapment. The AAP's Hoffman also says the design of many inclined sleepers, which often includes rocking babies and nestling them in soft padding, "actually lull the baby into a deeper sleep than they are supposed to have," making them less able to rouse themselves if their airflow is compromised. He explains that babies are meant to wake up throughout the night, especially within the first four to six months. Though it can be exhausting for parents, night waking is normal for a baby's developing brain and is even protective against sleep-related death. / POLITICS, BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT: Oregonians brought more than 2,000 trucks, tractors and other vehicles to the state Capitol Thursday to protest climate bills and other legislation they say will threaten their livelihoods. They say the legislation will increase their fuel and energy costs. Oregon Senate Republicans walked off the job June 20 to block a vote on a proposed cap on carbon emissions. It was the second time this session Senate Republicans fled the state Capitol to deny Democrats a quorum. The regular legislative session ends Sunday but dozens of bills remain in limbo. including a number dealing with large portions of the state budget for the next biennium. They include funding for affordable housing and offsets to blunt increases in tuition and fees at the state's public universities. Senate President Peter Courtney announced Tuesday that the "cap and trade" legislation no longer has the support of his Democratic caucus. But GOP senators are not convinced that the issue is gone and are demanding the governor and Senate Democrats promise that any carbon-cap bills go before voters for a final decision. / POLTICS, FAMILIES, SAFETY: The head of Oregon's troubled child welfare agency is retiring — effectively immediately. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that Gov. Kate Brown forced the ouster of Marilyn Jones, who was in charge of improving safety for Oregon's most vulnerable children, saying Jones had not made enough progress turning around the struggling child welfare division at the Department of Human Services. Jones had held the job of state child welfare director for 18 months when the governor declared in April that Oregon's child welfare system was still in "crisis." Brown installed an oversight board and hired a team of outside consultants to hold the agency accountable. On Wednesday, the same day that the oversight board convened for its twice-monthly meeting. Brown said progress was not happening fast enough under Jones' leadership. Jones, who declined an interview request from the newspaper, left her position

Wednesday, / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, FAMILY: More than one-quarter of a million jobs in Oregon will pay more starting July 1, when a scheduled minimum wage increase takes effect, according to data from the Oregon Employment Department. But a non-partisan, non-profit group that analyzes income and income disparity in Oregon says it still falls short of what workers need to make ends meet. Minimum wage workers across Oregon will see their wages go up by 50 cents per hour. For a minimum wage employee working full time, the wage increase will mean about \$1,040 more in annual income. Oregon's minimum wage varies by region, the result of legislation enacted in 2016 that set up a three-tier structure. On the first of July, the hourly minimum wage will rise to \$12.50 in the Portland metro area, to \$11 in non-urban counties, and to \$11.25 in Lane County and the rest of Oregon. Statewide, the increase will affect over one in 10 jobs. But experts with the Oregon Center for Public Policy say that while the wage increase will help the many low-income families pay for basic necessities like food and transportation, it's still not enough to pay for affordable housing in many communities. The center's analysis notes a typical one-bedroom apartment across much of the state rents for more than 30 percent of the income of a fulltime minimum wage worker. Families that spend more than one-third of their income on housing fall under the federal government's definition of being "costburdened," meaning that they might struggle to pay for other necessities, such as food, transportation and medical care. The Oregon Center for Public Policy is lobbying state lawmakers to take additional steps to boost the take-home pay of workers, such as increasing the state Earned Income Tax Credit and stamping out wage theft. / CRIME, BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: Idaho prosecutors say they want to find an "appropriate" resolution for two men who pleaded guilty to felony drug trafficking after they were arrested for hauling industrial hemp through the state. Boise State Public Radio reports Erich Eisenhart of Oregon and Andrew D'Addario of Colorado were scheduled to be sentenced this week, but that's on hold while prosecutors have said they want to find an "appropriate" resolution for the case. The Ada County prosecutors say the outcome of their case will likely impact how other jurisdictions across the state handle hemp transportation cases. Industrial hemp is legal in every state surrounding Idaho, including Oregon, and the federal Farm Bill passed late last year legalized the production of hemp nationwide. But officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture are stil, finalizing the rules needed to put the Farm Bill fully into effect. The USDA released a memo last month telling states they cannot block the interstate transportation of hemp.; Yesterday, Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and Congressman Earl Blumenauer introduced legislation to permanently protect all state-controlled cannabis programs from federal interference and allow for interstate cannabis commerce between states like Oregon that have legal programs. The legislation would also protect producers or consumers who transport marijuana and other cannabis products between states where cannabis is legal, provided that both states agree to such transportation. Wyden and Blumenauer say the goal is to reduce confusion for businesses, law enforcement and consumers while a gap remains between how cannabis and cannabis products are treated under state and federal laws. / SAFETY, BUSINESS, CRIME: It was a national enforcement action targeting unlicensed contractors. In our state, inspectors with the Oregon Construction Contractor Board uncovered one dozen alleged violations of contracting regulations during unannounced visits to 115 job sites earlier in the

month. The CCB says violators face civil penalties and that it's a reminder that nearly everyone who repairs, remodels or builds a home needs a state CCB license. Tiose licenses mean contractors are bonded and insured and can pull required building permits. The Construction Contractor Board also provides mediation services to help iron out disputes that arise between homeowners and licensed contractors. People who use unlicensed contractors do not have access to that service. Want to verify a contractor's licenses: You may do it online at www.oregon.gov/ccb All you need to do is enter the contractor's CCB license number or name to search their history and verify that the license is "active"; that the contractor carries the endorsement for residential work; and that the name and other information on the license matches the contractor you are considering. You may also call the Construction Contractors Board at 503-378-4621 for help searching or understanding the results. Contractors and consumers also may report unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity on the CCB's website or by calling 503-934-2246. In looking for contractors, the CCB advises consumers to get references from friends and neighbors, or others in the construction industry, such as supply stores. Contractors seeking work through online lists must include their CCB number in all advertising. However, the CCB advises consumers against relying on online references alone. The CCB has a variety of consumer tools on its website, including the downloadable guide, Selecting and Working With A Contractor, View details of the recent national operation here. / WOMEN, SPORTS: The United States plays France today in a Women's World Cup match that's been described as a final in the quarterfinals. A sellout crowd is expected in Paris to watch the defending champions take on the upstart hosts. The Americans have played the French 23 times, with France winning just three. But the last three matches have tilted toward France, with two wins and a draw. The United States has three World Cup trophies, most of any nation. Five players on the U.S. team have Oregon ties: Four are members of the Portland Thorns and team captain Megan Rapinoe played for the University of Portland. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: They're calling him the "most decorated collegiate player of his generation." Oregon State University catcher Adley Rutschman was named the recipient of the Buster Posey Award—formerly the Johnny Bench Award—last night. The honor goes annually to the nation's top collegiate catcher. Rutschman, who grew up in Sherwood, Oregon, before heading to OSU, has now swept all of college baseball's major position player awards in addition to being the overall top pick in the Major League Baseball draft. He's signed a deal with the Baltimore Orioles and is slated to open his professional career with the Gulf Coast League Orioles in Sarasota, Fla. Rutschman also earned honors this season ranging from the Golden Spikes Award and the Dick Howser Trophy, which are both given to the top player in the country. Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball, D1Baseball.com, the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) and Perfect Game also joined in naming him their National Player of the Year. /