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QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND INTERESTS

Second Quarter, 2015: April 1st through June 30th

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

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

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

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

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

PROGRAMMING

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

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

McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 2Q, 2015, ISSUES LIST:

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

Quarter	April 1 st through June 30 th
Year	2015
	Issue: <i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news-public service postings</i>
1	<u>ECONOMY:</u> Economic recovery; Unemployment, workforce training; Federal, state and local budgets, political standoffs; Gas & food prices; Legal marijuana; Immigration; Retirement concerns; Economic development; Athletics funding and spending; Sports events; Agriculture; Technology; Energy prices and development; Cybersecurity, hacking.
2	<u>HEALTH:</u> Recreation marijuana, medical marijuana; the Affordable Care Act and Cover Oregon; the Oregon Health Plan, co-ops and managed care; Prescription drug prices; Immunizations and treatments; Measles, meningitis, Ebola and other outbreaks; Food and product recalls; General health care issues; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Drug & alcohol abuse; Pandemic risks; Physician-assisted suicide.
3	<u>CRIME-SAFETY:</u> Gun control, gun violence and politics; Drug & alcohol abuse; Human trafficking; School safety; Gangs; Policing & community policing; Demonstrations & riots; Arsonists; Racial profiling; Youth protection, including child abuse; Traffic; Public safety during severe weather, disasters and terrorism; Cybersecurity, hacking, data breaches.
4	<u>WOMEN, FAMILY, ELDER, MINORITIES, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, RELIGION, COMMUNITY, DISABILITIES:</u> Immigration; Same-sex marriage; Gay rights, fair housing, domestic partnerships; Families and children; Domestic violence; Youth programs; Minority issues, including the growing local Latino population; Racial issues; Civil Rights; Civil liberties; The NSA and related issues; Religious issues and churches, Community and charitable events, Older adults, Pets and animal rights; Cybersecurity, hacking and privacy.
5	<u>HOMELESSNESS, LOW-INCOME ISSUES:</u> "The Working Poor"; At-risk youth; Community agencies; Veteran homelessness and mental health issues; Homeless and low-income families and "living wages"; Affordable housing; Senior citizens financial, health and lifestyle issues; Local coalitions.
6	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; Overseas deployments; ISIL; Veterans' issues, including jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families issues; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; NSA hacking and privacy issues.
7	<u>GROWTH & TRANSPORTATION :</u> Spring road projects; Lane Transit District EmX expansion; Willamette Street modifications; Downtown development; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Economic development efforts; Highway and street improvements & safety; Urban renewal and urban density; UO athletic facilities.
8	<u>EDUCATION:</u> Local and state budgets for higher and lower education; Paying for college; Curriculum and academic standards; Programs and students honored for academic or civic excellence. National education and trends; teacher contracts.
9	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS:</u> Congressional gridlock; 2016 presidential politics; Legislative session; Ballot initiatives; Funding issues; Election finance.
10	<u>ENVIRONMENT:</u> Drought, severe weather; Disaster preparedness; Earthquakes, tsunamis, Japanese tsunami debris; Wildfires; Hazardous materials transport, toxic dumps, clean-up sites. Air quality and greenhouse gases; Agriculture; Ocean health; Forest management; Wildlife habitat, fish recovery, fishing effects; Power generation; Alternate energy, Technology

The 2nd Quarter, 2015, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Thursday, April 2nd, 2015. In attendance were Tracy Berry of KGNU-FM and Mary Reilly of KMGE-FM.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	04/05/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	Education, Crime, Women, Families
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>Traditionally when people think of sexual assault, they think of crimes against women and girls. But men and boys are targeted, as well. That's one reason the local non-profit, Sexual Assault Support Services or SASS has partnered with the Men's Center University of Oregon for a series of seminars, workshops and even an art exhibit known as the "Men's Story Project." to highlight the issues and resources. We speak with Rebecca Robinson, who is coordinating the project for SASS.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	04/12/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	CRIME, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>Mark your calendar for Monday, April 27th, at the Hult Center in Eugene. That's when folks with AARP Oregon, along with the state's attorney general and the Oregon Division of Consumer and Business services presents "Scam Jam Eugene." It covers topics ranging from Medicare fraud to insurance and investment fraud, online and door-to-door scams, identity theft and more. Our guest this morning is one of the featured speakers, Ron Burley, a consumer advocate for AARP's "The Magazine" and for ABC's "Good Morning America," who specializes in contract fraud for everything from purchases to services.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	04/19/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>It's already dry and warm in Western Oregon, so seasonal motorcycle riders are taking to the roads and highways earlier than ever. Unfortunately, that also means an early increase in accidents, injuries and deaths involving motorcyclists. Steve Garets with team Oregon, the state's motorcycle safety education programs, joins us to talk about frequent hazards. But he also shares some ideas for touring on your bike and enjoying all of the beauty Oregon has to offer.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	04/26/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	COMMUNITY, FAMILY, ECONOMY, EDUCATION
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Want to help improve the lives of adults with developmental disabilities? The Oregon Supported Living Program, or OSLP, is doing just that. Rebecca Sprinson, the development director with the non-profit, joins us to talk about everything from education, workplace and other training efforts, housing assistance and several fundraising campaigns.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	05/03/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>It was a mild winter, an early spring and it might wind up being a very hot, dry summer. We're focusing today on wildfire awareness and preventing blazes from spreading in what's known as the urban-rural interface on the edge of cities and towns. The month of May is Wildfire Awareness month. Two of our guests are from the Oregon Department of Forestry's Springfield office, Gina Dalley and Brett Peterson, as well as Dean Chappell from the Lane Fire Authority.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	05/10/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	If you see a few more people walking, bicycling, taking a carpool or bus around town this spring, there's a good reason: We're in the midst of the 2015 Business Commute Challenge. Cami Harris is coordinating this year's event. She talks about some special activities and fun outings to promote getting people out of their "single driver, single car" commutes and also offers resources and tips to help you plan your route.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	05/17/15 and 05/24/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, SAFETY
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	Bullying, homelessness, poor body image, bad dating relationships: Life can throw a lot of curves at girls who want to grow up to become successful young women in all aspects of their lives. That's one reason Ophelia's Place has become such an important resource in Lane County. It's located near the corner of 16 th and Pearl Streets in Eugene. Our guest this morning, Executive Director Verna Wise tells us about the drop-in after-school and summer programs that emphasize positive activities, lives and self-image.

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	05/31/15 and 06/07/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>If you're a longtime boater, you probably already know how different things are going to be this summer on our lakes and rivers with the lack of rainfall, the low water levels and predictions of a continued drought. We talk about conditions, boating safety, staying sober and wearing a personal flotation device with Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputy Charles Douglass. As the water levels drop, submerged hazards begin to appear and river obstacles become more prominent and difficult to maneuver around.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	06/14/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, LOW- INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>School's wrapped up for the year at a lot of Oregon districts but the summer is anything but a quiet one in the Fern Ridge Schools, which educate students from the Veneta-Elmira-Noti communities. We talk with Superintendent Sally Storm about the just-finished academic year, summer educational efforts and the spate of construction at district elementary schools and improvements to the middle school. Also, we chat with Karen Roth from FOOD for Lane County about the upcoming Summer Meals program that allows children 18 and under to eat free at local schools, parks, recreation and other sites weekdays during the summer months, regardless of their family income level.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	06/21/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KKNV-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	COMMUNITY, POLITICS, ELECTIONS, SAFETY, HEALTH, CRIME, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>"Educate before you recreate." The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, or OLCC, has launched a \$350,000 public education campaign online, over the air, in print ads and elsewhere to share what's legal and what's not when Oregon's new recreational marijuana law goes into effect on July 1st. It'll be legal for anyone over the age of 21 to possess and use marijuana but not yet legal for anyone other than medical marijuana patients to purchase it. Tom Towsley with the OLCC explains some of the ins and outs of the law, as well as the gray areas where state lawmakers and administrative rules are still defining the details. Also, we chat with Karen Roth from FOOD for Lane County about the upcoming Summer Meals program that allows children 18 and under to eat free at local schools, parks, recreation and other sites weekdays during the summer months, regardless of their family income level.</p>

COMMUNITY FORUM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING

Name of Program	Community Forum
Date of Program	06/28/15
Time of Program	6:30 AM on KGNU-FM 7:00 AM on KMGE-FM & KEUG-FM
Issue	SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, HEALTH, CRIME, POLITICS, EDUCATION
Length Of Program	30 Minutes
TOPIC	<p>In the midst of the drought, there are concerns about fire prevention and safety ahead of Independence Day celebrations. Amy Linder from Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS is joined by Lt. Scott Fellman from the Eugene Police to give us an update. And "Educate before you recreate." The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, or OLCC, has launched a \$350,000 public education campaign online, over the air, in print ads and elsewhere to share what's legal and what's not when Oregon's new recreational marijuana law goes into effect on July 1st. It'll be legal for anyone over the age of 21 to possess and use marijuana but not yet legal for anyone other than medical marijuana patients to purchase it. Tom Towsley with the OLCC explains some of the ins and outs of the law, as well as the gray areas where state lawmakers and administrative rules are still defining the details.</p>

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST 04/01/15

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

NAME OF PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED

EDUCATION, POLITICS: The Oregon House has approved funding for Oregon schools for the next two years. The House voted along party lines Tuesday to send the \$7.3 billion budget to the Senate. The budget was pushed by Democratic legislative leaders, who say the 9 percent increase would allow most districts to offer full-day kindergarten to all students without cutting budgets beyond current levels. Education interest groups have criticized the proposal as inadequate. They say it won't allow school districts to make improvements and will require some to increase class sizes. Money from the state general fund and lottery makes up the bulk of the budget for Oregon school districts. / POLITICS: Ten computers and four cellphones used by aides to former Gov. John Kitzhaber were seized after federal authorities issued subpoenas in an influence-peddling investigation. The devices were locked in the state's forensic lab. The Oregonian reports that as Gov. Kate Brown succeeded Kitzhaber, technicians from the state Department of Administrative Services swept up the devices Feb. 19-20 — before the department head at the time, Michael Jordan, put a stop to it. A departmental manager, Marshall Wells, talked with federal prosecutors and had the devices seized. Jordan put Wells on administrative leave, saying the seizures weren't authorized. A Brown spokeswoman says no other computers have been secured, except those of departing Kitzhaber staffers. Current staff members have been told to preserve material that might be responsive to the subpoena. / SAFETY, CRIME, EDUCATION: An early-morning four-alarm fire has gutted the cafeteria at South Albany High School. Part of the cafeteria building's roof collapsed around 5:30 a.m. Crews remain on the scene dousing hot spots. Damages are tentatively set at more than \$1 million. Officials do not know yet how the fire started. The blaze at South Albany High School not only forced the cancellation of classes at that building: The cafeteria prepares lunches for some of the nearby Greater Albany elementary schools, so parents are being urged to pack sack lunches for their children. Kidco Head Start's South Albany Center also canceled its classes for the day. / SAFETY, CRIME, POLITICS: An Oregon Senate committee is hearing public testimony today on a bill requiring background checks on private firearms sales. The bill would require gun buyers and sellers who are not related to visit a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check through the Oregon State Police. Guns-rights advocates say the measure will only affect people who already abide by the law and the background check system isn't always accurate. They also argue it tramples on their Second Amendment rights. Proponents say it will make it harder for people who shouldn't have firearms to access one. Oregon already goes further than federal law in requiring background checks at gun shows. / RELIGION, HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICS: Indiana Governor Mike Pence says he wants legislation on his desk by the end of the week to clarify that his state's new religious-freedom law does not allow discrimination. Pence defended the measure as a vehicle to protect religious

liberty but said he has been meeting with lawmakers to address concerns that it would allow businesses to deny services to gay customers. The governor said the law has been "grossly mischaracterized." Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act prohibits state laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs unless there's a compelling government interest to do so. The definition of "person" includes institutions, businesses and associations. Nineteen other states have similar laws on the books. Businesses and organizations including Apple and the NCAA have voiced concern over the law, and some states have barred government-funded travel to Indiana. Arkansas lawmakers yesterday gave final approval to a religious-freedom bill of their own that has drawn sharp criticism from opponents who say it opens the door to state-sanctioned discrimination against gays and lesbians. The House voted Tuesday to approve the measure, which prohibits the state and local governments from infringing on a person's religious beliefs without a "compelling" interest. There has been some vocal opposition. Leaders of Arkansas-based retail giant Wal-Mart has urged Hutchinson to veto the bill. ; Legal experts say religious freedom laws like the ones causing an uproar in Indiana and Arkansas have never been successfully used to defend discrimination against gays, and have rarely been used at all. But that could change. Nineteen other states have comparable measures on the books. Since gays and lesbians began winning widespread legalization of same-sex marriage, religious conservatives have been scrambling for legal strategies to protect what they label "conscience rights." Gay rights advocates fear Indiana's law will allow caterers and florists, for example, to refuse to do business with same-sex couples. / SAFETY, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION: Officials with German airline Lufthansa now say the co-pilot of the passenger plane that crashed in the French Alps last week informed his flight school in 2009 that he had had a "serious depressive episode." Lufthansa says the note was found in emails that Andreas Lubitz sent to its flight school when he resumed his training after an interruption. Airline officials say they have provided the documents to prosecutors but declined to make any further public comment. Questions have been raised about what the airline knew about Lubitz's condition before last week's fatal crash. Prosecutors believe, based on data from the cockpit voice recorder, that the Airbus A320's co-pilot locked his captain out of the cockpit and deliberately crashed Flight 9525 from Barcelona to Duesseldorf last Tuesday. / CRIME: The Springfield Police Department sent out a warning this week: Investigators have become aware of a phone scam where the suspect claims to be a Sergeant with the Springfield Police Department. Several victims have notified SPD that the caller claims to be with the Warrant Division at the Springfield Police Department. He goes on to say that they missed jury duty and he has a bench warrant for their arrest. He says he wants \$250.00 to lift the warrant. He goes on to say the person could appear personally at 220 5th St. However the suspect is unaware that the old Central Lane Justice building (220 5th St), is no longer a courthouse. In one report he asked the victim to obtain a \$250 gift card from a local store (Albertson's, Walmart etc) and to share the gift card number over the phone. The Springfield Police Department, like other agencies, DO NOT operate in this manner. Anyone receiving a call similar to this is asked to hang up and call SPD (541-726-3714), or the agency he claims to be associated with, to verify the legitimacy of the information. If you have been the victim of this scam and have not reported it, you are asked to call SPD (541-726-3714). / ENVIRONMENT: Drought-stricken California will conduct its final manual snowpack survey in the Sierra Nevada — and the outlook isn't good. The snowpack has been in decline since electronic measurements on Dec. 30 found the statewide snow water equivalent at 50 percent of the historical average for that date. Subsequent statewide readings measured 25 percent of the Jan. 29 average and 19 percent of the March 3 average. Snow supplies about a third of the state's water, and a higher snowpack translates to more water in California reservoirs to

meet demand in summer and fall. The Department of Water Resources will conduct this winter's final manual snow survey on Wednesday at a spot near Echo Summit, about 90 miles east of Sacramento. Electronic measurements are taken in a number of other places. / **CRIME, SAFETY:** If you are applying for open police officer positions with the Springfield Police Department or considering a career in law enforcement - we are holding an ORPAT practice session. The ORPAT is the Oregon Physical Abilities Test. The practice session will be April 4 from 10am to 2 pm at Briggs Middle School. You must be 21 to take the test & you are required to sign a waiver. If you have any questions, please contact SPD at 541-726-3729. Find the description of the test and more here at the Springfield Police website. / **ECONOMY:** He had a big impact on popular culture in the 1970s. We learned yesterday that Gary Ross Dahl, the creator of the wildly popular 1970s fad the Pet Rock, died in Southern Oregon at age 78 of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Dahl was an advertising executive in California's Bay Area when one night, listening to friends complain about their pets, he came up with the idea for the "Pet Rock." It was an overnight sensation. The smooth stones came packed in a cardboard box containing a tongue-in-cheek instruction pamphlet for "care and feeding." Dahl estimated he had sold 1.5 million of them at roughly \$4 each by the time the fad fizzled. Years later, Dahl became a best-selling author, penning the book "Advertising for Dummies." After retirement, he and his wife moved to the Southern Oregon community of Jacksonville. ; The Register-Guard and The Oregonian newspapers are reporting that Eugene-based Feeney Wireless was sold Monday to a San Diego company for up to \$50 million. Novatel Wireless will pay \$25 million in cash and stock now for F-W, and up to \$25 million more over four years if the Eugene company meets targets for sales and profits. F-W is among the biggest Oregon technology companies outside the Portland area. Chief executive Ethan Ralston says the company hopes to maintain its current operations and potentially double its work force. ; Meantime, tech company Intel, which has a huge footprint in Hillsboro, Oregon, is said to be mulling the biggest deal in its corporate history, a takeover of programmable chip company Altera. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** Wildlife advocates have criticized Bend police for shooting a cougar, saying it could have been tranquilized and relocated, or left alone long enough to leave on its own. A hiker at Pilot Butte State Scenic Viewpoint reported the cougar Saturday a few yards off a trail. KTVZ-TV reports It's the second time in about two months a cougar was killed in the city. George Wuerthner, a Bend biologist and spokesman for Predator Defense, said the cat would likely have been gone the next morning if it had been left alone. But police Lt. Clint Burleigh says the department puts public safety first. He says the department has tranquilizer darts, but they're designed for use on dogs and take too long to quiet a big cat. / **ECONOMY:** (UO) – The University of Oregon football team began spring drills yesterday. The team is working to fill the vacancy left by Marcus Mariota. The spring Game is Saturday, May 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. /

PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTING FORM

DATE OF BROADCAST 04/02/15

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

NAME OF PROGRAM Morning News

LENGTH OF PROGRAM 30 Seconds

ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT: While much of the Northeast and upper Midwest shivered, many Western cities sweltered through their hottest March on record. Cities in California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada—all the way up into Oregon and Washington and Montana—has record high temperatures on individual days last month, according to the National Weather Service. Some also racked up unusual overall temperatures or streaks of balmy weather. In Los Angeles, the average high in March topped 79 degrees, and the temperature hit 90 or higher on six days. San Diego had five days of 90 or above. In Phoenix, the last five days of the month had highs of 95 or above. Meteorologists say the warmup is caused by a high-pressure system that has covered the West Coast and shows no sign of easing this year. The ridge of high pressure forces storms over the top of it, and forecasters say those storms then wind up socking the Northeast. ; California Governor Jerry Brown's executive order on Wednesday for mandatory water conservation in cities and towns statewide means people inside and outside California will start feeling more of the pain of that state's four-year severe drought. Californians had hoped rain and snow this winter would rescue the state after its driest three-year period on record. Instead, the winter brought by far the least snow on record in the Sierra Nevada. The snowpack that normally provides one-third of California's water throughout the year now stands at just six percent of normal. That means the nearly 40 million people in California must rely on water already stored in reservoirs and on groundwater that farmers and communities are pumping at dangerously fast rates. And Californians have not done well the past year on voluntary conservation. But in the coming weeks, California will start looking a lot browner. Brown's order bans communities from using drinking water to irrigate street medians, rewards homeowners for getting rid of water-gulping lawns, and directs a statewide look at water rates to encourage conservation, meaning water-rate hikes are likely for many. Farmers aren't covered in Brown's mandatory conservation order, but bigger farmers will be required to come up with water-management plans. Shrinking water reserves forced growers to leave about 400,000 acres fallow last year and will likely hundreds of thousands more acres this year. Farmers say that could eventually mean more expensive fruits, vegetables and other agricultural products at stores nationwide. ; Agribusiness giant Monsanto, whose popular weed killer Roundup has been partly blamed by critics for knocking out monarch butterflies' habitat, said Tuesday it is committing \$4 million to efforts to stem the worrisome decline of the black-and-orange insects. The St. Louis-based company said that of \$3.6 million it is donating to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Butterfly Conservation Fund, one-third of that money matches what the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is contributing. The remaining funds will be set aside to mirror what other federal agencies plan to offer over the next three years. Monsanto also intends to contribute \$400,000 to experts and groups working on behalf of the butterfly,

which is being considered for federal protection because its numbers have plunged by more than 90 percent in the past two decades. The decline of the monarchs, which are found throughout the continental U.S., worries environmentalists and scientists. Much of the decline is blamed on destruction of habitat that includes milkweed, on which monarchs lay their eggs and provides the sole source of food for caterpillars that later develop into the distinctive butterflies.

/ EDUCATION, CRIME: Classes will resume on Monday at South Albany High School and at Kidco Head Start's South Albany Center after yesterday morning's four-alarm fire gutted the cafeteria, band and choir rooms at the school. Officials are still working to determine what caused the million-dollar fire. Firefighters from throughout the mid-Willamette valley helped battle the four-alarm blaze. The fire left school food service workers scrambling: The cafeteria prepares lunches for some of the nearby Greater Albany elementary schools as well as several local programs including the local Boys and Girls Clubs. That cafeteria work is now being shifted to other facilities. The blaze also destroyed the school's collection of musical instruments used by South Albany High's students, so a collection's underway in the community—with residents being asked to donate any unused instruments they might have at home. ; A group of former Atlanta educators convicted in a test cheating scandal are locked up in Fulton County jails as they await sentences next week that could send them to prison for years. In one of the nation's largest cheating scandals of its kind, the defendants were convicted Wednesday of racketeering for their roles in a scheme to inflate students' scores on standardized exams. They include teachers, a principal and other administrators, who were accused of falsifying test results to collect bonuses or keep their jobs in the 50,000-student Atlanta public school system. A 12th defendant, a teacher, was acquitted of all charges by the jury. The racketeering charges carry up to 20 years in prison. Most of the defendants will be sentenced April 8. Prosecutors say the inflated test scores deprived students who were struggling academically of remedial help—because the fake scores indicated they did not need it. / CRIME: Oregon State Police troopers in Springfield are asking for the public's help locating a vehicle involved in a hit and run crash Tuesday night on Highway 99N at Beltline Road. On March 31, at approximately 11:30 p.m., OSP troopers responded to a reported hit and run crash. The driver of a gray Lexus sedan was northbound at the light when a dark colored, possibly blue, 1980's era, full-size Ford Pickup (possibly an F-250) rear-ended it causing extensive damage and minor injuries to the occupant. The pick-up then fled northbound on Highway 99 toward Junction City. Troopers believe the Ford pick-up likely has damage to its front left side. Anyone with information is asked to contact Senior Trooper Elijah Chambers of the Springfield Area Command at 541-726-2536 ext. 445. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Portland International Airport's aging but quirky carpet is continuing to attract photographers and nostalgia. Ever since Oregonians learned the iconic teal carpeting at the airport was being torn out and replaced, the floor covering has become an online superstar. The teal carpeting is patterned with graphic lines and dashes that represent a graphic take on the airport's runway layout. And the 30 year-old carpeting's become a social media sensation: In recent months, more than 40,000 "foot selfies" - photos people have taken of their feet on the carpet - were plastered on Instagram. Demand for actual bits of the carpet are so high airport officials are giving four local vendors 1,000 square yards each to incorporate into items ranging from handbags and briefcases to clothing. Airport authorities say the carpet is too old for continued use. They said the process to replace the carpet was well under way before they realized how popular it was. The new carpeting has a different design but a similar graphic inspiration. / TRANSPORTATION, TERRORISM, HEALTH: German prosecutors say the co-pilot of Germanwings Flight 9525 appears to have researched suicide methods and cockpit door security in the days before the plane crashed last week. They say they found a

tablet computer at Andreas Lubitz's apartment, and were able to reconstruct searches -- with search terms including medical treatment and suicide methods. On at least one day, the co-pilot looked for information on cockpit doors and their security methods.; French authorities say they have located the contents of the second black box recorder from that German jet crash, which will provide data the aircraft's speed, altitude and other functions during the flight's final minutes. And German prosecutors say the co-pilot of Germanwings flight appears to have researched suicide methods and cockpit door security in the days before they say he deliberately slammed the aircraft into the side of a mountain last week. Prosecutors say they located the evidence on a computer tablet found at co-pilot Andreas Lubitz's apartment. They said they were able to reconstruct online searches he conducted in the week leading up to the crash. Investigators believe the 27-year-old Lubitz locked his captain out of the Airbus A320's cockpit before putting the plane into a deliberate descent, killing all 150 people on board. /

RELIGION, POLITICS, HUMAN RIGHTS: NCAA President Mark Emmert says the association is "very pleased" with revisions to Indiana's religious objections law that critics feared would lead to discrimination against gays and lesbians. Indiana lawmakers unveiled an amended bill Thursday morning. The NCAA, based in Indianapolis, was among the first to express concern about the law when it was passed last week. The Final Four is being held in Indianapolis this weekend and Emmert said the NCAA would consider moving future events out of state if the law wasn't revised. The women's Final Four is scheduled to be held in Indianapolis next year. ; Lawmakers in Arkansas' state house are hoping to give final approval today to changes in a controversial religious objection measure that critics say would allow businesses to deny service to gays and lesbians. Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson called on the Legislature to change the bill that he had once said he'd sign into law. Meanwhile, legislative leaders in Indiana are working on changing similar legislation that recently became law. /

RELIGION: A new study says Islam is expected to be the fastest-growing religion worldwide in the next four decades. The report released Thursday by the Pew Research Center says that by 2050, Muslims are projected to nearly match Christians in both number and share of the global population. The analysis is based on birth and death rates, immigration patterns and other information found in censuses and studies around the world. Christians will remain the largest group, with 2.92 billion adherents. Muslims are projected to reach 2.76 billion. Each group will be about 30 percent of the world population. Much growth in Christianity and Islam will occur in Africa. Muslims are also expected to become 10 percent of Europe's population. In the U.S., Muslims are projected to outnumber Jews by mid-century. /

CRIME: The police chief in Eugene, Oregon, says a 49-year-old man killed by a police officer earlier this week was shot after he came to the front door of his residence and pointed a rifle at an officer. Police Chief Pete Kerns identified the man killed Monday as Brian Babb. The chief told a news conference Wednesday that officers were dispatched to the home after a 911 call from a therapist who said Babb was emotionally distressed and suicidal and had fired a shot inside the home. No one was hurt by that shot. Babb's roommate safely left the house after police arrived. The police response included some officers in an armored vehicle. The chief says Babb was only visible to the officer standing up through the armored vehicle's hatch and that officer fired one shot. He is on leave while the investigation proceeds and has not yet been identified. The Register-Guard newspaper reports that Babb was an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan in 2006. ; The teenager who raped a woman outside Autzen Stadium last football season has been charged with killing a woman at a Beaverton apartment complex. Sgt. Bob Ray of the Washington County sheriff's office says 17-year-old Jaime Tinoco was arrested Wednesday on aggravated murder and weapons charges. Nicole Laube was stabbed Aug. 19 while hanging lease-renewal fliers at an apartment complex. Ray says Tinoco lived with his parents across the road from the apartments. Tinoco was recently

sentenced to more than 14 years in prison for the rape that occurred Sept. 13 during a supervised group outing to a Ducks football game. He was on supervised probation for burglary and drug convictions. Ray says a Eugene detective then questioned Tinoco about the Laube killing and got "significant information." /

ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: A federal court has issued a temporary restraining order blocking pilots at discount carrier Allegiant Air from a planned strike Thursday. The Las Vegas-based airline had gone to court to block the strike, which would have grounded 250 flights and affected 33,000 customers. The union says it will comply with the judge's decision and Allegiant says all scheduled flights are expected to operate normally. Thursday is one of Allegiant's busiest travel days. Allegiant is one of the most profitable airlines in the world, taking vacationers from smaller U.S. cities to warm destinations like Phoenix, Las Vegas and the Florida cities of Orlando and Tampa. The airline's pilots are upset over the company's change in crew scheduling and a rollback in a disability program and other benefits. /

ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: McDonald's says it's raising pay for workers at company-owned U.S. restaurants, making it the latest employer to sweeten worker incentives in an improving economy. The fast-food chain owns about 10 percent of its more than 14,300 U.S. restaurants, representing about 90,000 workers. The rest are run by franchisees and McDonald's said they "make their own decisions on pay and benefits." The announcement comes as several major companies including Wal-Mart Stores Inc. have announced wage hikes as the economy has picked up and made it more difficult to find reliable workers. Over the past 12 months, the unemployment rate has dropped to 5.5 percent from 6.7 percent. The change also comes as McDonald's has been dealing with negative publicity from ongoing demonstrations demanding pay of \$15 an hour and a union. ; Seattle's new \$15 minimum wage law has gone into effect nearly a year after the pricey West Coast city was celebrated by activists as the first metropolis to push employers into providing higher wages. But the fast food workers who staged walkouts to advance the idea won't be seeing anything close to \$15 an hour in their paychecks this week, as the increase is being phased in gradually through 2017 and beyond. The change in Seattle is part of a larger trend toward higher wages playing out in statehouses and on ballots across the nation. In November, San Francisco voters approved their own phased-in minimum wage hike to \$15 an hour by July 2018. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED RELIGION, HUMAN RIGHTS: Two states rocked by criticism over new religious objections laws are looking to move forward after taking different approaches to changing the legislation to ease concerns about discrimination. The governors of Indiana and Arkansas signed bills yesterday that lawmakers hoped would quiet the national uproar over whether the laws offered a legal defense for discrimination against gays. For Arkansas, the changes requested by Governor Asa (AY'-suh) Hutchinson amid mounting criticism from retail giant Wal-Mart and other businesses meant revising the language to closely align with that in a 1993 federal law. But for Indiana, which had seen businesses and organizations ban travel and cancel conventions, the solution was an amendment that put the first references to sexual orientation and gender identity into state law. Indiana and Arkansas are now among 21 states with comparable laws on the books. More than a dozen states are considering similar proposals, but the backlash has given lawmakers in some of them pause. / CRIME: A convicted rapist has pleaded not guilty to aggravated murder in the death of a suburban Portland woman. The Oregonian reports that Jaime Tinoco glanced around the courtroom with a relaxed expression during yesterday's arraignment. Tinoco turns 18 on Friday. He was sentenced last week to more than 14 years in prison for raping and beating a woman outside Autzen Stadium last September. A grand jury indicted him this week in the August 19 killing of Nicole Laube. ; A 28-year-old man accused of setting fires that destroyed an Oregon high school cafeteria and caused a propane tank explosion at a nearby home has been arraigned on arson charges. Court documents say Zachary Burghart told police he started the fire at South Albany High School early Wednesday by tossing a lit cigarette into a trash bin and crashed his vehicle into gates around the school. ; A former Eugene police officer has been sentenced to seven years in prison after pleading guilty to nearly two dozen charges that included child pornography counts and invading the privacy of fellow officers. The Register-Guard newspaper reports that the privacy invasion charges against Jeffrey Argo include crimes committed when he installed miniature video cameras in the Eugene police men's restroom and filmed at least six officers urinating. / SAFETY, CRIME, POLITICS: An Oregon Senate committee is postponing a vote on a controversial bill requiring background checks on all private gun sales between people who aren't related. Sen. Floyd Prozanski, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Thursday he's delaying the vote because an amendment has been introduced. He says the committee will now be voting on Monday. The bill mandates all gun buyers and sellers who aren't close relatives to visit a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check through the Oregon State Police. The Republican-proposed amendment would remove the background check requirements from the bill. Instead, it would require driver's licenses to label people with felony convictions. A gun-rights group says it would allow gun sellers to conduct their own background

checks without creating a record of the transaction. / POLITICS, HEALTH: Campaign advisers to former Gov. John Kitzhaber are asking a judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against them by Oracle America Inc. Oracle sued the advisers in February, alleging they influenced the state plan to ditch the troubled Cover Oregon health insurance exchange, costing Oracle millions of dollars. In a motion filed Tuesday, the five advisers say Oracle's lawsuit interferes with their free speech rights. They cite an Oregon law that allows for quick dismissal of lawsuits that arise from participation in the political process. Their motion says Oracle makes very few specific claims about the advisers' involvement in the Cover Oregon decision. / POLITICS: The Oregon Department of Justice has rejected former first lady Cylvia Hayes' request for the state to cover her legal bills in her fight to keep emails out of the public eye. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum's office has ruled that Hayes was a public official and ordered the former first lady to give her emails pertaining to state business to The Oregonian, which requested them under the public records law. / MINORITIES, EDUCATION: The Lane Community College Native American Student Association invites the public to its annual powwow on Saturday, April 4, in the gymnasium, building 5. Grand entries are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. This powwow is a free event. All drums and dancers are welcome. No alcohol or drugs are permitted. Lane's powwow brings participants and spectators from around the Northwest and beyond. The event has facilitated an increase in Native American students attending Lane. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Spring is the season when people purchase "baby chicks" for their backyard poultry flocks or to give as Easter gifts, but one public health expert advises caution around these cute, fuzzy birds. The problem: Baby poultry carry salmonella bacteria that can cause serious illness. "Salmonella bacteria often contaminate adult chickens, ducks and other live poultry, so it goes without saying that their offspring often carry it, too," says Emilio DeBess, D.V.M., Oregon Public Health veterinarian. "What's worse is that because of their size and cuteness, these birds often are picked up by children, who will put them close to their faces and kiss them," DeBess says. "In most cases, children may not wash their hands after handling them." Since 2010, nine outbreaks of illnesses caused by salmonella bacteria from chicks have occurred, affecting at least 37 confirmed salmonellosis cases and many more suspected cases. A third or more of the cases were children, DeBess said. The last major salmonellosis outbreak, in 2013, occurred after people handled, kissed and kept poultry inside the home. Salmonella infections can cause diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fever symptoms lasting three to seven days, DeBess said. Anyone with compromised immune systems, the very young and elderly people could become very ill and die of the infection. "We don't think they are appropriate Easter gifts," DeBess says, "especially for young children - those younger than 5 - who are particularly vulnerable to serious illness from salmonella contamination because of their underdeveloped immunity." Many people purchasing baby poultry also don't realize the responsibility involved with raising chicks and ducklings as the animals grow up. "These birds require space to roam and food to eat, and these factors can be expensive," DeBess says. "As a result, they often are abandoned after they become adult chickens and ducks." Tips for preventing salmonella infection from baby poultry: -- Don't give live baby birds to children. Instead, give stuffed animals. -- Always wash hands with soap and water, and thoroughly clean surfaces after handling any animal or coming in contact with animal waste. -- Keep chicks in an appropriate outdoor area. -- If chicks are handled, never nuzzle or kiss them. -- Never allow poultry inside the home. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: With the snowpack extremely low, Klamath Basin irrigators are bracing for another dry growing season. The Herald and News reports that farmers on the Klamath Reclamation project will learn next week just how much water will be available — but the outlook isn't good. Federal maps show the Klamath Basin with 95 percent of normal precipitation, but only 7 percent of

normal snowpack. ; Harry Landers has cause to gush. He has cared for the International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park for 26 years and he thought he had seen it all. But when a Climbing Old Blush rose bloomed March 22 -- a week ahead of the garden's previous record holder for spring's first rose -- his reaction was incredulous. "Good golly," he exclaimed. The pink flowers, clinging to a fence, have benefited from a mild winter and warm spring, a combination that has brought a kaleidoscope of emerging color from rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. But a rose? Now? And an antique Old Blush one at that? That never happens. Typically, he can expect to see the first open petals around April 1. The previous record holder budded in on March 28. After one particularly cold, wet winter, it took until June 7 for Landers to spot the first bloom. Portland Parks and Recreation crews expect crowds at all parks and gardens this Easter weekend, especially if the weather is nice. After all, said department spokesman Mark Ross, even hardy Northwesterners prefer to gambol past living spring bouquets under sunny skies. ; The Eugene Water & Electric Board will begin dewatering the Leaburg Power Canal on Saturday morning, April 4, to perform maintenance on the power plant, canal and fish screen. The shutdown of the Leaburg generating facility and power canal is expected to last about two weeks. During the shutdown, EWEB will divert very little water from the McKenzie River into the canal, which will cause the river level to rise downstream of the canal's mouth. During the re-watering period, expected to begin on or around April 20, the river level will gradually drop as more water is diverted into the canal. The utility will complete similar repairs to the Walthersville power plant, fish screen and canal beginning in mid-June. / ENVIRONMENT: The heavens are providing a holiday treat this weekend, but you'll have to be quick to catch it. Weather permitting, sky gazers along North America's West Coast can enjoy a total lunar eclipse in the pre-dawn hours Saturday. Scientists expect totality — when the full moon is completely obscured by Earth's shadow — to last just several minutes, beginning at 4:58 a.m. PDT. Most of the eclipsed moon should appear reddish-orange. The eclipse will be visible Saturday night from Australia and parts of Asia, and deep at night from Hawaii and New Zealand. In the Midwest, the moon will be close to setting and the sun rising around totality. The eastern half of North America will miss out on the total phase. / SAFETY, ECONOMY, CRIME: Learn to protect yourself from scams and fraud at SCAM JAM EUGENE, on Monday, April 27th, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Scam Jam is an educational and entertaining program designed to allow the audience to learn about today's scams and schemes, such as Medicare fraud, insurance and investment fraud, online and door-to-door scams, identity theft and other scams that target consumers. Confirmed speakers at the event include: Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Consumer Correspondent for ABC's Good Morning America and AARP The Magazine (and Lane County resident) Ron Burley, and leading local consumer fraud experts. In addition to the speakers, there will be representatives from Federal Trade Commission, FBI, USPS, Consumer's Union, SHIBA, Long Term Care Ombudsman program, Better Business Bureau, Lane County Legal Aid, Senior Medicare Patrol, Eugene Police, Lane County Sheriff's office, Retired Senior Providers of Lane County, Office of Adult Abuse Prevention & Investigation, and the Oregon Construction Contractors Board offering even more information about how to protect themselves. Registration for Scam Jam is now open at www.ScamJamOregon.com or call 1-877-926-8300. This is a free event, however, space is limited so register today to secure your seat at this event. Please join us on April 27th, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hult Center in Eugene. / HEALTH: If you're eligible, don't miss the chance to enroll in health coverage for 2015. The Health Insurance Marketplace is providing individuals and families who owe the fee when they file their 2014 taxes with one last chance to get covered for 2015. The Special Enrollment Period ends on April 30. www.healthcare.gov / HEALTH, ECONOMY: Speaking of taxes and health insurance, this year's tax season is the first time tax filers will be asked to

provide basic information regarding their health coverage on their tax returns. Most tax filers will simply check a box to show they had health coverage all year. A fraction of taxpayers will take different steps, like claiming an exemption or ensuring they received the correct amount of financial assistance when they signed up for Marketplace coverage last year. A smaller fraction of tax payers will pay a fee if they made the choice to not obtain coverage. 2. If you had Marketplace coverage, you should have your Form 1095-A. If you're still waiting for your 1095-A Form to arrive, check your marketplace account - most forms are available online. You can also call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. Tax filers with questions about exemptions, the fee, the Special Enrollment Period, or Marketplace tax statements should contact the Marketplace Call Center. The call center is open all day, every day at 1-800-318-2596. Additional resources and information for tax filers is also available at www.healthcare.gov/taxes / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Need help with your taxes? This year, AARP Foundation is again providing free tax assistance and preparation for taxpayers with low to moderate income through the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, in its 48th year, is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, giving special attention the older population. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service. For more information on documentation is required or to locate an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site, visit www.aarp.org/findtaxhelp or call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669). AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS. ; And beware of tax identity fraud. Every two seconds, someone's identity is stolen. And with tax season upon us, con artists are stealing Social Security numbers to file for fraudulent tax refunds. It's a big problem. To date, the IRS has identified around 15 million false tax returns alone. The AARP has posted information and a special video devoted to tax identity theft awareness at www.aarp.org/scamalert ; If you're an older adult or are assisting an older family member or friend with their return, a quick note: New applicants and those who need to recertify their eligibility for the disabled or senior citizen property tax deferral programs have less than two weeks left to file their paperwork. The deferral program allows eligible senior citizens and people with disabilities to have the state pay property taxes on their behalf until they move, sell their home, or die. A lien is placed on their home, and all taxes, interest, and fees must be repaid before the lien is removed. Oregon's deferral programs have approximately 6,300 active participants. There are certain criteria a senior must meet. Get details and application forms at www.oregon.gov/dor/deferral . Questions about deferrals can be emailed to deferral.unit@oregon.gov. Taxpayers can also call 503-945-8348 for more information. / ECONOMY, MILITARY: As the personal income tax return filing deadline approaches, there are a few things military personnel stationed in Oregon or those stationed outside of Oregon who claim Oregon as their home of record should keep in mind. Oregon residents stationed outside the state and nonresidents stationed here in Oregon may not need to file an Oregon tax return. Nonresident military personnel only need to file in Oregon if they received non-military Oregon-source income, or if Oregon taxes were withheld from their military pay. Oregon-source income includes wages from other employment in Oregon, or earnings from a rental property or sale of real estate in Oregon. If Oregon taxes were withheld from military pay, nonresident military personnel can claim a refund of those withholdings. Wages earned by military spouses or registered domestic partners (RDP) who only moved to Oregon because of a military assignment are exempt from taxation when both spouses are Oregon nonresidents. This doesn't apply to spouses who are also in the military. As with military personnel, spouses or RDPs can file an Oregon return to claim a refund if Oregon taxes were withheld from their exempt wages. Additionally, out-of-state wages and income earned by military members and spouses or RDPs who are Oregon residents, but live outside the state because of a military assignment,

might be exempt from Oregon tax. For more filing considerations for military personnel, see the Personal income tax overview section at www.oregon.gov/dor/personal . Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax information, check the status of your refund, or make payments. You can also email questions.dor@oregon.gov or call 503-378-4988 or 800-356-4222 (toll-free). The department receives a lot of phone calls during tax season so you may experience long wait times. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **TERRORISM:** Closing arguments are set for today in the trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv). Tsarnaev's lawyers admit that their client took part in the bombing that killed three and wounded hundreds of others, but they say Tsarnaev's older brother, who was killed during the manhunt, was the mastermind behind the attack. / **EDUCATION, SAFETY:** The Glide School District is currently without power. According to the local power company, the problems with a "substation interruption". As of this time, Glide school district is operating on a two hour delay. / **SAFETY:** Eugene Police officers responded to a suicidal subject call in a northwest Eugene neighborhood last night shortly before 11 p.m. They say they learned that a woman at the residence was suffering mental health issues and had stabbed her husband in the chest and arm causing minor injuries to him before attempting to cut her own wrist. She was arrested for Assault Two and her husband was later treated at the hospital. / **MINORTIES, EDUCATION:** Clemson University has put its campus chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity on probation for two years after the group held a Christmas theme party that raised social tensions at the school. The so-called "Cripmas" party had students dressed like gang members, wearing red and blue bandanas and T-shirts with images of the late rapper Tupac Shakur, and posting pictures on social media. Clemson says the fraternity violated alcohol rules and student conduct codes. It will be on probation until February 2017. It was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at the University of Oklahoma that was disbanded last month after members were taped singing a racist song. / **CRIME, MINORTIES, RELIGION:** A man accused of killing three Muslim college students in North Carolina is set to appear in court today for a hearing to determine whether he could face the death penalty. Craig Stephen Hicks is accused of the February 10 killings of 23-year-old Deah Shaddy Barakat, his 21-year-old wife and her younger sister. Police say the violence may have been motivated by a long-running dispute over a parking space. The victims' families say the three were targeted because they were Muslim. / **CRIME, EDUCATION:** Nobody's getting fired at Rolling Stone, but the magazine says it's going to bolster its editorial standards following the now-retracted tale about an alleged college rape. The magazine's promise follows a top journalism school's scathing review of the widely discredited story. The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism report calls it a "journalistic failure that was avoidable." ; Oregon State University has hired a Pennsylvania firm to investigate whether it mishandled a report of an off-campus rape in 1999. University spokesman Steve Clark told the Corvallis Gazette-Times that the firm would review OSU's handling of the case. Clark says it's his understanding that the woman reported being attacked to university counselors, but not to police. This is the second time in recent months that Oregon State officials have looked into claims that the school failed to adequately address a reported rape in the 1990s. A former student went

public last fall with complaints that OSU did little to help her after two football players and two other young men sexually assaulted her in an off-campus apartment. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED EDUCATION, POLITICS: It sounds like no one in Salem is happy with the two-year budget for Oregon's public schools. Not the Legislature's majority Democrats, nor the minority Republicans. Both parties say there's not enough money in the \$7.3 (b) billion dollar proposal to erase long-term shortfalls in Oregon's education system. But the plan does provide a nine-percent increase from the current two-year budget. Backers say that should give schools districts a modest increase in the money they receive per student and also finance all-day kindergartens in all districts. The budget now goes to Governor Kate Brown for her signature. Both The Register-Guard and The Oregonian newspapers report the final vote came after a five-hour floor debate. At one point, Republicans stormed off the Senate floor. They wanted to add close to 200 million dollars to the spending plan. But Democrats feared the increase in school funding would result in cuts to public safety and human services. But supporters say the budget as it stands would allow lawmakers to add more money for education before the session ends, should next month's state economic forecast improve. In the meantime, local districts will have this funding blueprint from which to base their budgeting for the coming school year. School boards are required to set their yearly budgets by the end of June. / ENVIRONMENT: Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has declared drought emergencies in three more counties — Crook, Harney, and Klamath — due to low water levels and record low snowpack. Brown declared a drought emergency in Malheur and Lake counties last month. The drought is having significant impacts on agriculture, livestock and natural resources in each of the counties. / CRIME: State Police say two traffic stops on Interstate 5 in southern Oregon have netted 29 pounds of crystal methamphetamine bound from southern California to Washington state. On April 1 a traffic infraction led troopers to 28 pounds of meth in the trunk. Two days later a pound of meth was found in a car during a traffic stop. ; Eugene Police Department and the City Human Rights & Neighborhood Representatives are holding a Community Forum on Gang Activity. The forum will address concerns about graffiti and gang activity in Eugene. WHEN: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. WHERE: St. Mark Catholic Church, 1760 Echo Hollow Road Light refreshments and Spanish interpretation will be provided. Additional forums will be taking place in other locations within our community in the future. ; Eugene Police are continuing their efforts to get drunken drivers off the road. Increased DUII saturation patrols are taking place throughout the month of April. These patrols are staffed primarily with the help of funding from state grants, which led to 15 DUII arrests in March alone and a total of 36 so far this year. March - 15 DUII arrests, February - 6 DUII arrests, January - 15 DUII arrests. / Clarification from Eugene Police news release about an unknown man exhibiting suspicious behavior around female teens: Original news release: On April 2 and again on April 4, a male driver, who appears to be in his 50s, was seen watching a 16-year-old female in the 2100 block of

Onyx Street. He was driving a truck with a bed liner, that has slight damage to the rear passenger side. The truck is a gold, 1996 Ford F150 4x4, license plate WYX846. The driver is described as a white male, 40-50 years-old, with a medium build, and straight, brown, chin-length hair. The vehicle has shown up at the same time on both days, around the same time the juvenile walks home from school. Based on the report it sounds like he has been watching her for a while. Due to this behavior, police are asking people to be cautious, and especially for juvenile females to be aware of their surroundings and call 9-1-1 if they observe this vehicle or suspect. Update: Police were contacted by the vehicle's original owner, who said he sold the vehicle before this case report. He is still wanted for an unrelated case. Police found the vehicle and spoke with the new owner. As a result of further investigation the vehicle and that person are no longer of interest in this case. / SAFETY: April is National Safe Digging month, a time when NW Natural reminds all contractors and homeowners to call 8-1-1 to have underground utilities located before digging. A national survey finds that nearly half (45 percent) of American homeowners who plan to dig this year for projects like landscaping, installing a fence or mailbox, or building a deck do not plan to call to have underground utilities located first. That's despite the fact that 79 percent of those who plan to dig believe that something negative - such as a service interruption, injury or financial ramifications - could occur if they were to dig without knowing the location of gas, electric, communications, water or sewer lines. The free call to 811 greatly reduces the likelihood of causing an incident. NW Natural encourages homeowners to take the following steps when planning a digging project this spring: Call 811 at least two business days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property - it's the law. Confirm with 811 that all lines have been marked. Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings. If a contractor has been hired, confirm that a call to 811 has been made. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked. Visit nwnatural.com/Residential/Safety to learn what the marked colors of paint and flags represent. If a gas line has been accidentally damaged, remember these simple tips: Smell. Go. Let your utility know. If you smell an odor like rotten eggs from a natural gas line and/or hear a hissing sound, immediately leave the area on foot and call 911 then the 24-hour emergency hotline at 1-800-882-3377 once you're away. / EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT: Mayor Kitty Piercy will accept Eugene's 36th consecutive Tree City USA award in a presentation at the Arts & Technology Academy with the student body, parents and teachers from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Tree City USA is a program of the National Arbor Day Foundation, and sponsored by the Oregon Department of Forestry, recognizing cities that have developed programs to plant and care for trees. Arts & Technology Academy students will also be celebrating their recent planting of over 40 trees in Westmorland Park to both replace trees lost in the 2014 storm as well as add new trees to the park. The trees planted were specifically selected for their aesthetic characteristics as well as their resistance to pests and pathogens. This project was an extension of science work the students were doing in the prairie area of Westmorland Park. ATA is located at 1650 W 22nd Ave in Eugene. / TERRORISM: A jury has begun deliberations in the federal death penalty trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Jurors began considering 30 charges against Tsarnaev on Tuesday morning. They heard closing arguments Monday from prosecutors and Tsarnaev's lawyers, and instructions from Judge George O'Toole Jr. Since Tsarnaev's lawyer admitted he participated in the deadly attack, Tsarnaev's conviction is a near certainty. After the jury reaches a verdict, the same jurors will hear additional evidence in a second phase of the trial to determine whether Tsarnaev should spend the rest of his life in prison or be executed for his crimes. Prosecutors said Tsarnaev made a cold, calculated decision to place a bomb near the marathon finish line to punish America for its wars in Muslim countries. Tsarnaev's lawyers acknowledged he played a role in

the bombings but said it was his older brother, Tamerlan, who planned the attack.

/ ENVIRONMENT: An unusually cold spring storm is bringing near-winter temperatures to parts of Northern California, dumping heavy rain and hail on some areas and snow in the mountains. However, forecasters say the storm, while welcome, will do little to ease the state's historic drought. The National Weather Service says up to 2 feet of snow could fall Tuesday in the Sierra Nevada. Motorists are urged to use caution on mountain roads, where snow levels could reach 3,500 feet. Hail was reported in parts of the San Francisco Bay Area. Further north, temperatures in Eureka and across Humboldt County dipped into the 30s overnight as the system moved in. The storm is expected to spread moderate rain down the Central Coast to the Los Angeles basin by Tuesday afternoon before dwindling early Wednesday.

/ POLITICS, ELECTIONS: First-term Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, a tea party favorite, announced this morning that he is running for president in the 2016 election. Paul held a rally in downtown Louisville, and is heading to several early nominating states later today. Along the way, he is answering questions from voters on his Facebook page. Paul begins the 2016 race as the second fully declared candidate, behind Senator Ted Cruz of Texas. As many as 20 members of the GOP have weighed bids for the Republican nomination, so the field could become crowded during the next few months. One of his likely presidential rivals, Senator Marco Rubio of Florida, is expected to announce his bid next week.

/ SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending immediate upgrades to fuel-hauling railroad tank cars in an effort to prevent more explosive train wrecks. A spate of fiery accidents has revealed shortcomings in voluntary industry standards. U.S. safety officials say the public can't wait another decade for industry-suggested improvements. ; Oregon State Police are still working to determine the cause of a head-on accident on Highway 20 near Eddyville yesterday that took the life of a 35-year-old Springfield man. It happened early yesterday morning, when a sport utility vehicle driven by a 24-year-old Newport man collided with a station wagon being driven by Andrew Raymond Koloski. He died at the scene. The Newport man and his seven-year-old passenger were transported to a Corvallis hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and the child was treated and released.

/ TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, POLITICS: Uber is close to returning to Portland. Uber launched Portland service in December, but quickly stopped after the city took legal action. The sides agreed to let things settle for a few months while a task force established regulations that would cover ride-sharing companies. Yesterday, members of that task force released details for a 120-day pilot program in Portland that would allow ride-sharing companies such as Uber and Lyft to operate legally. The proposed rules require Uber drivers to have liability insurance and background checks. And Portland officials say Uber has paid more than \$67,000 in fines for the period when it operated illegally. Here in Eugene, Uber agreed to end its operations on Easter morning. It came after a hearings official determined the ride-service company has been violating city code, and must pay \$66,000 in civil penalties that have accrued since February. City officials say Uber must apply for a license to operate legally in Eugene.

/ EDUCATION, CRIME: School resumed yesterday at South Albany High School, where the cafeteria building, band and choir rooms were destroyed in last week's arson. Officials held an assembly to talk about the fire and counselors were on hand for students. With the cafeteria gone, the school is serving breakfast and lunch in the gym, but students will eat at locations across the south Albany campus. Portable classrooms are being brought in to house the band and choir classes. A 28-year-old man, Zachary Burghart, has confessed to starting the fire. He's charged with arson and investigators say he was on probation after a series of fires in the nearby community Scio last year. He's been described as having mental health issues.

/ ENVIRONMENT: Federal biologists have decided that no Endangered

Species Act protections are warranted for coastal populations of the Pacific marten, a forest predator that is a relative of the weasel. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said Monday that it looked at the harmful effects of wildfire, climate change, logging, development, trapping and exposure to rat poisons at marijuana plantations, and none of those rose to the level individually, or cumulatively, of warranting a listing. Coastal populations of Pacific marten stretch from the Columbia River to Sonoma County in Northern California. Conservation groups sought the listing and say that finding is not supported by the science. Tierra Curry, senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity, says the group will look into suing to overturn the finding. / SAFETY: 8:00 a.m. update: Eugene/Springfield Fire Department is on the scene of a working house fire at 996 Cloverleaf in Springfield. All occupants were reported out of the structure on fire department arrival. Fire appears to have started in the garage. Garage was fully engulfed upon arrival. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED CIVIL RIGHTS, MINORITIES, CRIME: Dramatic video that shows a white South Carolina police officer shooting a fleeing black man after a traffic stop has led authorities to file a murder charge against the officer. It comes amid public outrage over a series of deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of law enforcement agents. Protests are planned for today in the city of North Charleston, led by a group formed after the fatal shooting of another black man in Ferguson, Missouri. The video, provided to the dead man's family and lawyer from an unidentified person who shot the footage, shows Patrolman Michael Slager firing eight shots at the back of 50-year-old Walter Scott as he runs away. The man falls after the eighth shot. Authorities said it came after the officer had already hit the man with a stun gun after a traffic stop Saturday that began over a faulty brake light. Slager's then-attorney had released a statement Monday saying the officer felt threatened and that Scott was trying to grab the officer's stun gun. The attorney dropped the officer as a client after the video surfaced. The video shows an interaction between Scott and the officer, with the two briefly touching near their hands before the shooting. Scott's family has called for calm and peaceful protests, saying the murder charge shows that the justice system is working in this case. ; The North Charleston mayor and police chief are visiting Scott's parents to offer their condolences. The parents appeared earlier today on some television network morning shows to speak about the shooting, calling it horrible. Scott's father said the officer "looked like he was trying to kill a deer running through the woods." ; The FBI and the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division are investigating the fatal shooting of a black man by a white police officer in South Carolina. The agencies will look for whether the shooting amounted to a federal civil rights violation. North Charleston Patrolman Michael Slager is charged with murder in the death of Walter Scott. Slager fired eight times from behind as Scott ran away after a traffic stop. The incident was caught on video by a witness. ; About 40 to 50 people have gathered outside North Charleston City Hall in South Carolina, protesting the weekend shooting death of Walter Scott. Several people have told stories about police harassment in North Charleston for what they call minor offenses, such as expired license tags or marijuana possession. One woman said of the shooting, "It was just a traffic stop. It could have been any of us." ; Two black candidates are among three people elected Tuesday to the Ferguson, Missouri, City Council. The St. Louis suburb has been at the center of a national debate about how police interact with minority residents since the August shooting of an unarmed, black 18-year-old by a white officer. Just one council member was black even though the majority of residents are black. / **TERRORISM:** Jurors in the trial of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev have resumed deliberations for a second day in the first phase of his federal death penalty trial. The jury began their second day of deliberations after the judge answered two questions they asked about the conspiracies Tsarnaev is charged with and the

concept of "aiding and abetting." If Tsaranev is convicted, the same jury will hear evidence to decide whether he is sentenced to death or life in prison. / CRIME, SAFETY: Eugene Police Department and the City Human Rights & Neighborhood Involvement are holding a Gang Activity Community Forum. The forum will address concerns about graffiti and gang activity in Eugene. WHEN: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. WHERE: St. Mark Catholic Church, 1760 Echo Hollow Road. Light refreshments and Spanish interpretation will be provided. Additional forums will be taking place in other locations within our community in the future. / ENVIRONMENT: Good news, hikers! A new project is underway to construct a well-defined, stable trail bed to the top of Spencer Butte. It will even include a few short sections of constructed basalt rock steps. The trail will maintain a relatively steep, challenging grade with a few widened areas that take advantage of spectacular views. Work began last week and is expected to be completed by the end of July 2015. A Eugene-based forestry and natural restoration company, Oregon Woods, is handling the trail work. While trail construction is underway, portions of the trail will be closed Monday through Friday during daytime construction hours, and the entire park will be closed one day a week every one to two weeks, starting on Thursday, April 9, to accommodate helicopter work associated with the project. The trail to the top of Spencer Butte is very popular and that's led to rapid deterioration of the path. In years past, trail managers posted signage, trail markers, cairns and fencing. But many hikers insisted on going off-trail or cutting across switchbacks. That's led to trampling of plants and damage to the ecosystem. It's hoped the improved trail to the top will reduce the damage. In addition, the confusing trail network results in several injuries each year to people who are simply lost. Many of these instances have required Lane County Search and Rescue efforts. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$529,000, funded in part by a Recreational Trails Program grant provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's a reminder of just how dangerous conditions on our local rivers can be. On Monday afternoon, Eugene-Springfield Firefighters were conducting a training exercise on the McKenzie River. Members of the Water Rescue team were in one their rescue boats when they hit a submerged log and the boat took on water. The crew stabilized the situation and another water rescue crew was dispatched to assist in dislodging the first boat. The second boat was able to free the first boat. But while crews were maneuvering the boats to a launch ramp both began to take on water. Everyone returned to shore safely, although the boats suffered minor damage. As you can imagine, the crews will be reviewing and incorporating what they learned from a firsthand experience with submerged river hazards. They plan to share the lessons not just within the fire department but with the rest of us. / SAFETY: A garage fire in a duplex yesterday morning on the 900 block of Springfield's Cloverleaf Loop quickly spread to other parts of the building. But fire officials say all seven adults and five children living in the units escaped without injury. The local chapter of the Red Cross provided emergency lodging, as well as clothing including shoes, and food, blankets, comfort kits, water and information about health services. Red Cross officials say fires can strike and spread suddenly, so this is a good time to take a few moments to review your own family's exit plan should ever be a fire in your home. You may learn more online at www.redcross.org or pick up a free "Prepare! Resource Guide" published by the American Red Cross Cascades Region and available at the Red Cross office on Bethel drive in Eugene. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Republican Senator Rand Paul is spending his first full day as a presidential candidate meeting with voters in New Hampshire. Paul, a tea party favorite, is working to broaden his appeal outside of the typical GOP coalition as well as motivate supporters of his father's two unsuccessful bids for the Republican presidential nomination. Tomorrow, he'll head to South Carolina, which has the first presidential primary in the South, then visit Iowa on Friday and Nevada on Saturday. Ted Cruz is so far the only other

declared GOP presidential candidate. / IMMIGRATION: A federal judge in Texas is refusing to lift a temporary hold on President Barack Obama's executive action that sought to shield millions of immigrants from deportation. The judge granted the preliminary injunction in mid-February at the request of 26 states that say Obama's executive action is unconstitutional and would force them to invest more in law enforcement, health care and education. This week's judicial decision temporarily bars the Obama administration from implementing the policies that would allow as many as five million people living in the U.S. illegally to remain. There was no immediate comment from the White House. Obama announced the executive orders in November, saying a lack of action by Congress forced him to make sweeping changes to immigration rules on his own. The first of Obama's orders - to expand a program that protects young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children - had been set to take effect Feb. 18. The other major part would extend deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for several years. That provision was slated to begin on May 19. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: How distracted are travelers at the nation's airport security checkpoints? Enough so that last year they left a combined \$638-thousand dollars in coins and currency in the bins and bowls at the checkpoints in 2013. CNBC reports that's an increase of more than \$100,000 from the previous year. It appears to happen most often when hurried travelers empty their pockets of loose items right before stepping through the metal detector, then forget all about the money as they collect their carry-ons before rushing to their departure gates. The TSA is allowed to spend unclaimed money on aviation security. Some airport managers have partnered with non-profits and now have donation boxes set up in the checkpoint lines—often collecting tens of thousands of dollar during the year. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT ECONOMY: Oregon could be the latest state to ban the tiny plastic beads that are often used in soaps and other personal care products. The House Committee on Energy and Environment heard testimony Tuesday on a bill banning so-called "microbeads," the small plastic particles used in items such as facial scrubs, hand cleansers and toothpaste. The bill would require manufacturers to phase out the microbeads by 2020. It has the backing of large personal care products manufacturers. They're designed to be rinsed down the drain, but are too small to be captured by wastewater treatment plants. They can make their way to large bodies of water, where they can be ingested by birds and fish. Similar laws have already been passed in Colorado, Maine, Illinois and New York. ; The oil and gas industry is pushing back on a bill that would ban hydraulic fracturing in Oregon until 2025. The bill sponsor, Democratic Rep. Ken Helm, told a House committee Tuesday the proposal puts the state ahead of the curve in case oil and gas companies want to start fracking in Oregon. Representatives from the oil and gas industry say legislation is unnecessary because there are already a number of rules in place on the practice. Environmental groups say they have concerns about methane leaks and the impact of fracking on water supplies. Fracking is a drilling technique that involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground to split open rocks to allow oil and gas to flow. / POLITICS, HEALTH: The House has voted to make Oregon the latest state to give dying patients a right to try experimental medical treatments that haven't been approved by government regulators. The House unanimously backed the bill on Tuesday, sending it to the Senate. The "right to try" bill would allow patients to ask drugmakers for access to experimental treatments that have completed the first phase of clinical trials and haven't been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Insurance companies would not be required to cover the drug or complications that arise from using it. Right to try bills are advocated by the Goldwater Institute, a Phoenix-based libertarian think tank. Five states adopted the Legislation last year, and it's under consideration in many others. / ECONOMY: The operator of the Port of Portland's container terminal confirmed

that a major shipping line will no longer stop in Portland. Elvis Ganda is chief executive of ICTSI Oregon, which signed a 25-year lease in 2010 to operate the terminal. He told The Oregonian on Tuesday that Hapag-Lloyd provided notice that it's ending service to Portland. The announcement was expected after the carrier's schedule showed no upcoming visits. It comes about a month after Hanjin Shipping pulled out of Portland. The two companies comprised nearly all of the port's container business. Autos, grain and other products are still being shipped into or out of the port. Ganda says he's trying to attract new lines to the container terminal. The port, however, is at a disadvantage because of labor problems between ICTSI and dockworkers. It's also less convenient than other West Coast ports because it's inland, along the Columbia River. /

ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Federal hydrologists say the latest numbers reinforce the forecasts: Rivers and streams throughout Oregon will have flows far below normal this summer due to the meager mountain snowpack. The Natural Resources Conservation Service released its April surface water report on Tuesday. Precipitation has been at or near normal in most basins, but warm temperatures have left the amount of snow in the mountains at record lows. That means basins with major reservoirs for storage are expected to do relatively well. The Willamette River at Salem, for example, is predicted to have flows 76 percent of average. But basins depending on snowpack for water storage are expected to do poorly. The Silvies River at Burns is forecast to be at 17 percent of average. ; California's water board says residents in February showed the worst water savings in nine months of drought monitoring. A report released Tuesday shows a water use reduction of just 3 percent in February compared to baseline figures. Gov. Jerry Brown last week ordered a mandatory statewide 25 percent drop in urban water use, saying voluntary cutbacks weren't enough. The dismal water savings came after the driest January on record in the state. The state compares water use to 2013, the year before California declared a drought emergency. Brown called on residents in January 2014 to voluntarily reduce water use by 20 percent, but they only came about halfway to that goal. The State Water Resources Control Board has begun planning how to enforce new mandatory reductions for cities. ; Many Californians say they're thrilled to have rain, but it's not enough to relieve extreme drought conditions. A spring storm doused Northern California Tuesday and brought enough snow to the Sierra near Lake Tahoe to produce near white-out conditions on roadways. Southern California saw mostly light rain Tuesday night. ; A judge has heard arguments in a case brought by two Eugene teens who have spent years contending that the state is failing to take adequate steps to stave off climate change. The Register-Guard reports that the teens originally filed suit in 2011. The same judge dismissed the case in 2012, but the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled last year that the judge does have jurisdiction to consider the lawsuit's merits. ; Federal biologists have agreed to consider changing protections for the northern spotted owl from threatened to endangered. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is announcing today there is enough new scientific information in a conservation group's petition to warrant a hard look, which will take about two years. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The National Weather Service in Portland says a video and reports from residents indicate a funnel cloud formed Tuesday evening near Aumsville in Oregon's central Willamette Valley. The Weather Service says the funnel cloud did not appear to touch the ground before it dissipated by about 6 p.m. Forecasters say radar showed a "rather strong storm" in the area, with several reports of thunder and lightning. Somewhat unstable air was reported Tuesday evening over northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Officials with the City of Vancouver, Washington, says a proposal by the company NuStar Energy to handle crude oil at the Port of Vancouver must undergo a detailed environmental review. The Columbian newspaper reports the decision means the planned conversion of NuStar's

existing facility would be subject to an environmental impact statement. The company has until April 17 to appeal the city's decision. NuStar wants to convert its existing facility at the Port of Vancouver to handle about 22,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Brett VanderHeuvel with Columbia Riverkeeper, an environmental advocacy group, says requiring an environmental review of the project makes sense. /

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CRIME: It was a high-risk traffic stop during the start of yesterday evening's rush hour. But it led to Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers arresting two men wanted in connection with a California Homicide. It came after troopers were notified yesterday afternoon that the California suspects were traveling through Oregon. About 5:00 p.m., troopers located the vehicle and conducted what's known as a high-risk traffic stop on Interstate Five southbound just north of Coburg. Because of the risk, both directions of I-5 were shut down for about 20 minutes while the troopers, backed by officers from the Eugene Police Department and Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies took the men into custody. The two are identified as 20-year-old Zakari Wilson and 24-year-old Artie Adanandus. They were taken into custody without incident. / CIVIL RIGHTS, MINORITIES, CRIME: Police in North Charleston, South Carolina say they'll review a case from 2013 in which the police officer who's now charged with last week's shooting death of a motorist allegedly used excessive force against another unarmed black man. Mario Givens says he filed a complaint after Patrolman Michael Slager burst into his home and tased him. He says Slager and another officer then dragged him to a squad car, accusing him of resisting police. Givens was later released without charge. ; The South Carolina police officer charged with murder in last weekend's fatal shooting of an unarmed black man was fired yesterday from the North Charleston Police force. And the bystander who captured the incident on video—showing actions that directly contradicted the fired Officer Michael Slager's account of the confrontation—says he briefly considered deleting the recording because he feared for his own life. And investigators are now reopening a case from two years ago, in which another unarmed black man accused Slager of excessive force. Mario Givens says he was awakened before dawn one morning by Slager, who used a stun gun on him and then, along with another officer, dragged him outside and threw him to the ground. They'd been looking for Givens' brother, who's considerably shorter. Givens -- who, like Scott, is black -- was accused of resisting the officers, but was later released without charge. An investigation cleared the officer of wrongdoing, but police say there will be a new probe.; A bystander's video proved pivotal in the filing of a murder charge against a South Carolina police officer. And now it is rekindled a national discussion about the use of body cameras by police officers. In North Charleston, South Carolina, where a white police officer fatally shot an unarmed black man in the back, the city's mayor said yesterday that every uniformed officer on patrol will get a body camera. The city already had ordered 101 cameras, and is ordering 150 more in the aftermath of the shooting, the mayor said. In many jurisdictions nationwide, there have been complications and disagreements related to details of such policies. In some states, lawmakers have proposed bills to exempt video recordings of police encounters with citizens from state public records laws, or to limit what can be made public. New York City's mayor described the South Carolina video as "so

disturbing and so painful" and said it fueled his interest in expanding the use of police body cameras in New York. President Barack Obama has proposed a \$75 million program to help law enforcement agencies buy the cameras. Meantime, there was word late yesterday that the white South Carolina police officer charged with murder in Saturday's incident was allowed to stay on the force despite a 2013 complaint that he used excessive force against another unarmed black man. That case is being reopened. / WOMEN: The NFL has hired Sarah Thomas to be its first female full-time game official. The 41-year-old will be a line judge for the coming season. Thomas has been in the league's officiating development program and worked some team minicamps last year. She was the first female official to work games on the FBS level and the first to officiate a bowl game, the 2009 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in Detroit. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: People who live in areas where salt is used to clear roads of snow are getting some advice from U.S. safety regulators: Wash the underside of your car. The message comes as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration closes a five-year investigation into rusting pipes that carry brake fluid in about 5 million older Chevrolet, Cadillac and GMC pickups and SUVs without seeking a recall. Instead, the agency blames the problem on rust caused by road salt. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's a reminder of the dangers of letting your dog run off-leash on hiking trails. An animal rescue team has retrieved an 80-pound dog that fell more than 200 feet down a cliff in Oregon's Santiam State Forest. The Oregon Humane Society's technical rescue team responded Wednesday to help the Great Dane-Mastiff mix named Ranger. The dog suffered a broken front leg as well as cuts and bruises. Still, rescuers reported he was alert and friendly. The dog disappeared Tuesday night while hiking with his owner on a trail. The owner returned to the trail Wednesday and spotted Ranger at the bottom of a 230-foot high rocky outcropping. / HEALTH, SAFETY: About 30,000 cases of Sabra hummus sold nationwide is being recalled due to a possible Listeria contamination. Listeria is a food-borne illness that can cause high fevers and nausea in minor cases, but the infections can be fatal to people with weakened immune systems and young children, along with causing miscarriages in pregnant women. There have been no reported illnesses associated with the products. I've put a link on my TracyKGNU newsroom Facebook page that'll provide the lot numbers on the affected products. / MILITARY, VETERANS, HEALTH: One year after Americans learned that sick veterans were getting sicker while languishing on waiting lists - and months after the Department of Veterans Affairs instituted major reforms - government data shows that the number of patients facing long waits at VA facilities has not dropped at all. No one expected that the VA mess could be fixed overnight. But The Associated Press has found that since the summer, the number of medical appointments delayed 30 to 90 days has largely stayed flat. The number of appointments that take longer than 90 days to complete has nearly doubled. Many delay-prone facilities are clustered in a handful of Southern states, often in areas with a strong military presence, a rural population and patient growth that has outpaced the VA's sluggish planning process. Seven more were clustered in the region between Albuquerque, New Mexico and Colorado Springs, Colorado. Those 47 clinics and hospitals represent just a fraction of the more than 1,000 VA facilities nationwide, but they were responsible for more than one in five of the appointments that took longer than 60 days to complete. VA officials cite numerous efforts to ramp up capacity by building new health centers and hiring more staff. Between April and December, the system added 8,000 employees. And they say that in one statistical category, the VA has improved: The number of appointments handled by VA facilities between May and February was up 4.5 percent compared to the same period a year earlier. Referrals to private sector doctors are rising. Wait times for Oregon veterans seeking medical care have been slow to improve as the VA struggles to hire new doctors and nurses. A review by The Associated Press found that

government data from September through February show wait times at four medical facilities in the Portland area have not improved, and some have gotten worse. / **TERRORISM:** When the jury reconvenes on Monday to decide the penalty for Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the vote will need to be unanimous for the death penalty. If only one of the 12 jurors decides against imposing capital punishment, Tsarnaev will instead spend the rest of his life in prison. Yesterday, the jurors found him guilty on all 30 counts in the attacks that killed four and wounded more than 260. The defense argues that Tsarnaev was strongly influenced by his radicalized older brother, Tamerlan, who was killed during the manhunt. They'll argue that is why his life should be spared. / **COMMUNITY:** Today marks the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee to Union Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, Virginia. Days earlier in April 1865, the Union Army had smashed their way into the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia. Lee's forces, seeking an escape route, had crossed the Appomattox River while burning bridges and coming under a vigorous Union attack. And ragged, hungry Southern soldiers, many straggling while on the run from federal forces, had begun giving up alone and in small bunches. There are big reenactments underway at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Participants for both reenactor armies spent the night encamped in tents at the historic site. Thousands of visitors are also attending the commemorative events. / **COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME:** Final results from "Chef's Night Out," a fundraiser for FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank: It was a smashing success with a ticket sell out attendance of 1180 people. That means we raised a record \$83,000 for hunger relief in our community! / **SAFETY:** Another house fire yesterday at a Springfield duplex in the 4300 block of Forsythia Street. Investigators say there was considerable smoke and flame damage to one unit after the blaze broke out during the noon hour in the garage area of the two-story duplex. Preliminary damages are estimated at \$175,000. The blaze displaced two families. The local chapter of the American Red Cross provided emergency supplies to the three adults and three children. The Red Cross advocates emergency preparedness and suggests taking a few moments to review your family's exit plan should there be a fire in your home. Know what to do before, during and after a home fire. This information, and more, is available at www.redcross.org or in a free Prepare! Resource Guide published by the American Red Cross Cascades Region. / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:** Oregon State Police have charged a Newport resident in connection with Monday's head-on accident on Highway 20 near Eddyville that took the life of a 35-year-old Springfield man. It happened when a sport utility vehicle driven by 24-year-old Ivan Sandria Cruz collided with a station wagon being driven by Andrew Raymond Koloski. Koloski died at the scene. Sandria Cruz and his seven-year-old passenger were transported to a Corvallis hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries and the child was treated and released. But now he is jailed on charges of Second Degree Manslaughter, DUII, Reckless Driving and Recklessly Endangering Another Person. / **ENVIRONMENT:** Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. But wild turkeys? Well, that might be another thing entirely. We fielded phone calls this morning about the growing number of wild turkeys in certain local neighborhoods, including a listener story about watching a mail carrier defend themselves against two who attacked. / **POLITICS:** The 94,000 emails between former first lady Cylvia Hayes and staff in the governor's office show Hayes regularly inserted herself in policy discussions with the blessing of her fiancée, then-Gov. John Kitzhaber. The emails also show that few staffers pushed back, and Hayes regularly adopted a supervisory tone when addressing employees in the governor's office. Those are among the findings of The Oregonian's review of many of the emails, which were released last week by Gov. Kate Brown, who succeeded Kitzhaber after his decision to step down in February.

The Portland newspaper says more than 20 reporters and editors pitched in to review the massive trove of documents. Federal authorities are investigating conflict-of-interest allegations surrounding Hayes' consulting business. She and Kitzhaber have denied wrongdoing. / POLITICS, EDUCATION: Oregon schools chief Rob Saxton says he's leaving for another job at the end of the June. Former Gov. John Kitzhaber chose Saxton in July 2012 to head public schools. Before then, it was an elected position. The men sought to begin an ambitious plan to significantly increase the number of students who get a college degree. Saxton's departure comes less than two months after Kitzhaber resigned. Saxton said in a letter to state Department of Education employees that he's accepted a two-year contract to become superintendent of the Northwest Regional Education Service District. New Gov. Kate Brown will appoint Saxton's replacement. / SAFETY, CRIME: A grand jury has found that last month's fatal shooting of an apparently mentally ill man by seven Medford, Oregon, police officers was justified. The Medford Mail Tribune reports that the investigation showed the seven officers fired 62 rounds in about six seconds on March 17 after 49-year-old Andrew Charles Shipley fired at them. An autopsy showed that five to seven handgun shots and seven to 12 rifle shots hit Shipley. The county grand jury reached its decision Wednesday. Authorities say Shipley's mental condition had been declining and a girlfriend was trying to evict him and get him some help. Officers had been communicating with the man during a 19-hour standoff at the home before the shooting. Officers testified they heard a shot fired in the home on the morning of March 17. Investigators believe that shot killed the girlfriend's dog. Testimony showed that about three minutes later, Shipley partially raised the garage door and, while lying prone on the garage floor, aimed a hunting rifle at police and fired. They returned fire. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Farmers on a federal irrigation project straddling the Oregon-California border are slated to get 65 percent of full deliveries this growing season, due to the lack of mountain snowpack that feeds reservoirs. The allocation announced Tuesday by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is a little more than last year, but represents the fourth straight year of drought for parts of the West. Greg Addington of the Klamath Water Users Association told the Herald and News in Klamath Falls that the cutbacks will hurt some farmers. The allocation means no water at all for local wildlife refuges. Dry years have spelled tough times for Klamath farmers since 2001, when the Endangered Species Act forced major irrigation cutbacks to leave water for protected sucker fish and salmon. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED POLITICS: Hillary Rodham Clinton will launch her long-awaited 2016 presidential campaign on Sunday. That's according to people familiar with Clinton's plans, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly. The former secretary of state is making her second presidential bid, entering the race in a strong position to succeed President Barack Obama as the nominee of the Democratic Party. If elected, the former first lady would be the nation's first female president. / CIVIL RIGHTS, MINORITIES, CRIME: Questions persist about the shooting death of a black South Carolina motorist after the release of dashboard video of a traffic stop that led to a white officer being charged with murder. The dash cam footage released by state police on Thursday showed now-former North Charleston Officer Michael Thomas Slager pulling over motorist Walter Scott for a broken brake light last weekend. Patrol car footage shows Saturday's traffic stop opens routinely as Scott is stopped in a used Mercedes-Benz he had bought days earlier. The white officer is seen walking toward the driver's window, requesting Scott's license and registration. Slager then returns to his cruiser. The video then shows Scott beginning to get out of the car, his right hand raised above his head. At Slager's request, he then quickly gets back into the car and closes the door. Minutes later, after Slager goes back to his patrol car, Scott jumps from his car and runs. Slager chases him. What's missing is what happens from the time the two men run out of the frame of dashboard video to the time picked up in a bystander's cellphone video a few hundred yards away. The cellphone footage starts with Scott getting to his feet and running away, then Slager firing eight shots at the man's back. Police and Slager's first lawyer initially said the officer fired in self-defense during a scuffle over his department-issued Taser. Within days of Saturday's encounter, the eyewitness video surfaced and immediately changed perceptions of what had happened, leading authorities to charge Slager with murder and fire him from the police force he'd worked on for five years. Both the 33-year-old Slager and the 50-year-old Scott were U.S. Coast Guard veterans. Slager had one complaint in his personnel file of excessive force that was ultimately dismissed. Scott had been jailed repeatedly for failing to pay child support. But neither man had a record of violence. Slager consistently earned positive reviews in his five years with the North Charleston Police. The officer is being held without bond pending an Aug. 21 hearing on a charge of murder that could put him in prison for 30 years to life if convicted. ; Civil rights leaders are demanding a full U.S. Justice Department investigation of the North Charleston, South Carolina, police force and its crime-fighting approach. It comes after the fatal shooting of a 50-year-old African American man as he ran from a traffic stop Saturday. The U.S. Justice Department is already working with a local prosecutor to determine whether there were civil rights violations in the killing of Walter Scott. The NAACP would like that expanded to a full probe of whether racism and lack of respect for civil rights is pervasive through the entire

department. That would be similar to the agency's probe after another death of a black man at the hands of a law enforcement officer in Ferguson, Missouri. The city of North Charleston formed in 1972 from the merger of several small communities such as Liberty Hill, which was first settled by free blacks and freed slaves at the end of the Civil War. More than half of its close to 100,000 residents are minorities, mostly African-Americans. But its police force is 80 percent white. Many of North Charleston's poor and black residents say they have learned to be cautious around the police force. Several this week told the same story about what they do when an officer turns on the lights to pull them over: They said they immediately call a friend to see if they are nearby and can walk over to be a witness to a traffic stop. If no one is close, the phone is kept on and placed on the seat in or the console so the person on the other end can listen, just in case. The department's officials have refused to talk about its crime-fighting strategies in the days since Scott was killed and officer Michael Slager was charged with murder, saying they want to wait until after Scott's funeral Saturday out of respect for his family. But in a 2012 article in The Post and Courier of Charleston, then-Police Chief Jon Zumalt justified his more aggressive approach by saying it ensured people were obeying the law. And even if traffic stops didn't lead to arrests, it got the word out that North Charleston was serious about fighting crime, he told the newspaper, which reported traffic stops in the city increased by about 3,000 to nearly 64,000 in 2011. / EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: The Friends of Eugene Public Library annual Book Sale will be held Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Lane Events Center (Lane County Fairgrounds) Performance Hall. Proceeds from this all-volunteer project go to support Eugene Public Library classes, programs, and events, including Summer Reading for children and teens. Admission and parking are free. Shoppers will be able to choose from thousands of gently-used and like-new books on all topics, at bargain prices of only \$1.00 to \$2.00. Also for sale will be DVDs, LPs, audio books, sheet music, and a huge choice of music CDs. Recent bestsellers will be available in the Good as New section, and collectors can check for rare and specialty books in Individually Priced. A Children's area will offer a large selection of books, DVDs, and CDs for kids. VISA/Mastercard will be accepted, as well as cash and checks. The Book Sale is the Friends of Eugene Public Library's major fundraiser each year. Over 300 volunteers work on the Book Sale, many year-round. / COMMUNITY, FAMILY: Here's a happy ending to a local "lost dog" story: Remember the lost Chihuahua that was running loose in traffic in late February near the busy Beltline-River Road exchange? No one ever claimed him. But the Eugene Police lieutenant who helped catch him has now adopted him. According to a Eugene Police news release, Lt. Carolyn Mason fell in love with the dog, now named "Warren," even though he bit her during the chase and she had to take antibiotics and receive a tetanus "booster" shot as part of her treatment. Mason admits she's more of a "cat person," but she continued to visit the Chihuahua periodically and always asked whether someone had claimed him. No one did. So after 10 days, Warren passed a complete health evaluation at First Avenue Shelter and receive a "paws up" from Mason's two other dogs. She and her partner completed an adoption application, paid his licensing fees, and took Warren home. Lt. Mason says, "Every dog needs a good home. He was adorable, small and it seemed to be that I was put there to 'save' him and give him a good home." / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: It's another reminder of the 2011 Japanese earthquake and tsunami-- and of the debris still floating in the Pacific Ocean. Here's yesterday's news release from Oregon State Parks: A chunk of a fiberglass boat 25-30' long was spotted off the Oregon coast west of Lincoln County yesterday morning. The debris appears to be one-half to two-thirds of a larger vessel, possibly damaged and set adrift during the earthquake and tsunami that struck the east coast of Japan in 2011. Biologists with the Oregon Coast Aquarium and Oregon State University's Hatfield Marine Science Center inspected

the debris and found did find several live specimens of a variety of yellowtail jack fish found in the coastal waters of Japan. The debris was being recovered and towed to the Port of Newport for study, dismantling and disposal. Beach visitors and marine boaters are reminded to be on the lookout for any debris floating at sea. In an emergency, call 911. For less urgent reports, call 211 from any coastal county. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Oregon lawmakers could have another fight looming over vaccines after a Senate committee heard testimony on a bill requiring all schools to make public the rate of students opting out of one or more immunizations. Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward has introduced legislation requiring schools to publish their vaccine exemption rates in easy to find places, such as their website or main office. It also requires schools to notify parents of their immunization rates. Steiner Hayward told the Senate Committee on Education Thursday it's important to give parents that information so they can make informed choices about where they send their children to school. Opponents of the measure argued this bill would "publicly shame" parents who decided to opt out of some vaccines. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: Two members of Oregon's congressional delegation plan to introduce bills that would allow marijuana businesses operating in compliance with state law to take deductions on taxes like other small businesses. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden and Congressman Earl Blumenauer say the legislation would alter a section of the federal tax code that prohibits anyone selling controlled substances from getting tax breaks. Last fall, Oregon joined Colorado, Washington state and Alaska and made pot legal for anyone over 21 to grow, buy and possess. Oregon is also one of more than 20 states to allow the use of medical marijuana. Wyden and Blumenauer said the IRS rules are unfair to marijuana business owners, who face tax rates of 70 to 90 percent. Many illegally take the deductions, or go out of business. ; A federal banking official took the unprecedented step Thursday of meeting with marijuana business owners. But Kansas City Federal Reserve President Esther George gave no indication that the industry is any closer to getting more access to banking services. The Denver meeting was arranged by two Colorado congressmen who have tried unsuccessfully to pass laws expanding banking access for the pot industry. Also joining the closed-door meeting were Colorado bankers. It was thought to be the first meeting of a Federal Reserve president with pot businesses. George listened to tales of pot-shop owners losing bank account after bank account because marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Federal authorities last year released banking guidelines for the pot business. But many banks consider the guidelines inadequate and still refuse pot clients. / CRIME, TERRORISM, SAFETY: Five times over the past decade, people breached the perimeter security fences or gates surrounding Portland International Airport. The Associated Press found those breaches among at least 268 at 31 major U.S. airports from January 2004 through January 2015. Incidents included fence jumpers taking shortcuts, intoxicated drivers crashing through barriers and mentally ill intruders looking to hop flights. None was terrorism-related. Security measures typically include fences, cameras and patrols, but not every inch of fence is routinely patrolled or covered by video surveillance. Only one Portland breach ended with an arrest. That was in 2007, when a man climbed a fence to enter the airfield. The most recent incident happened in October 2013, when a man mistakenly drove through a gate left open for a construction project. / TRANSPORTATION: Now you can know exactly what you're getting into when you visit a DMV office. The state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division says it's posting wait times for 37 field offices equipped with automated wait-time systems. The Statesman Journal reports that wait times appear as customers take numbers at the 8 a.m. opening. Times are updated throughout the business day. DMV officials say drivers with a choice of local offices can pick the one with the shortest wait time. / ECONOMY: Google is expanding its presence in Oregon. This week, the company will open a new data center in The Dalles. The

Oregonian reports the 164,000-square-foot building nearly doubles the size of the company's current data center in that town. The cost of the new facility: \$600 million. The company also announced this week it has leased a new office in downtown Portland to replace its previous one. Google did not say how many people would work in the 15,000-square-foot space. The company has about 20 employees in Portland, but said it has no immediate plans to expand there. Google says the Portland lease is unrelated to ongoing considerations to bring Google Fiber's Internet service to Portland. / ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT: A state audit confirms that hunting and fishing license fees are not keeping up with the rising revenue demands at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Secretary of State's Office released the audit Thursday. It notes that hunting and fishing licenses account for most of the department's revenues, and the numbers of people buying them have been declining since the 1970s. Meanwhile, the department's workload has been growing to deal with the impacts of a growing population on fish and wildlife habitat. And the state's fish hatcheries are at risk from deferred maintenance. Department director Curt Melcher welcomed confirmation of the department's revenue problems, and noted that there are three bills in the Legislature to deal with the issue, including one raising fees for licenses and tags. / HEALTH, ECONOMY, ELDERS, FAMILY: The cost of caring for the elderly continues to climb. An industry survey says the median bill for a private room in a nursing home is now \$91,000 a year. The report says the cost has increased four percent every year over the last five years. The annual "Cost of Care" report comes from the insurance company Genworth Financial, which sells policies to cover long-term care. It's a growing financial burden for families, governments and insurers. The head of long-term services at the National Council on Aging, Joe Caldwell, says, "Most people don't realize how expensive this care can be until a parent or family member needs it." Nursing home bills have risen at twice the rate of inflation over the last five years. One year in a nursing home now costs nearly as much as three years of tuition at a private college. The report found wide differences from state to state. In Oklahoma, for instance, the median cost for a year in a nursing home came out to \$60,000. In Connecticut, it was \$159,000. / HEALTH: The World Health Organization says the year-long Ebola outbreak in West Africa still qualifies as an international emergency even though the number of cases has plummeted. Last August, the U.N. health agency declared the epidemic of the lethal virus to be a global emergency after the deaths of nearly 1,000 people, mostly in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. At the outbreak's peak last year, there were hundreds of new cases being reported every week. WHO reported 30 confirmed cases last week in Guinea and Sierra Leone; the last case in Liberia died on March 27. Dr. Bruce Aylward, who is leading WHO's Ebola response, said the decline appeared to be real, and that WHO's Ebola emergency committee believes the risk of the virus spreading globally appears to be dropping. /

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POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Hillary Rodham Clinton formally launched her campaign for president in an online video yesterday. Now, she's following up with a series of small events in early voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire. Sunday's announcement cements Clinton's status as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination. It is her second run for the nation's top job. Already one of the world's most analyzed figures, the 67-year-old Clinton will play up her experience as a former first lady and U.S. senator, capped by four years as the nation's Secretary of State. The announcement ends well over a year of intense speculation about her political plans. Clinton laid some of the groundwork during the midterm elections, as she traveled to 18 states and headlined 45 events for 26 candidates. And she began building a "brain trust" of former members of the Obama administration while convening sessions with experts on the economy and foreign policy. But analysts say many of the potential pitfalls and risks Clinton weighed for months haven't gone away. Revelations that she used a personal email and private server throughout her time at the State Department revived questions of secrecy and questionable ethics that have long dogged her and her husband. The matter also reinvigorated Republican lawmakers' investigations into the deaths of four Americans in Benghazi, Libya, while Clinton was secretary of state. She'll likely have to testify before Congress in the coming weeks. ; Marco Rubio confirms that he's running for president. The Republican senator from Florida told his biggest backers on a conference call today that he sees the coming presidential campaign as a choice between the past and the future. A first-generation immigrant whose parents fled Cuba, Rubio is hoping to make history as the nation's first Hispanic president. / POLITICS, ECONOMY, HEALTH: Racing the calendar, Senate leaders are pushing toward congressional approval of a bipartisan compromise that reshapes how Medicare pays physicians. It comes as lawmakers return from a spring break facing a range of domestic and foreign policy disputes. Republican and Democratic senators are trying to influence an emerging nuclear deal with Iran, and there's a fight over abortion. Also, President Barack Obama is awaiting Senate action on his long-delayed nomination of federal prosecutor Loretta Lynch to become attorney general. The \$214 billion Medicare doctors' legislation would permanently retool how Medicare reimburses physicians and it also would provide money for children's health, community health centers, low-income patients and rural hospitals. The normally divided House rallied behind the measure last month. Eager to signal that Republicans now running the Senate can do so effectively, McConnell said the bill would be handled "very quickly" when lawmakers return and he envisioned passage "by a very large majority." The measure would block a 21 percent cut in physicians' Medicare reimbursements that technically took effect April 1. By law, the federal agency that writes those checks can't do so until 14 days after it receives a claim, and if this legislation isn't approved and signed by then, it plans to start making

payments at the lower rate on Wednesday. Democrats, including Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, supports an amendment that would expand the bill's two years of extra money for the Children's Health Insurance Program to four years. But if push comes to shove, Wyden says he would support the measure without changes. The bill also contains two-year extension of subsidies for timber counties in Oregon and a number of other states. The long-running subsidies help offset a decline in federal timber revenues share with counties ever since logging was cut back on national forests to protect salmon and northern spotted owl habitat. The money is considered critical funding for Oregon's schools, roads and local law enforcement. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they could use your help figuring out who's behind a pair of hoax calls targeting a West Eugene restaurant. It started Sunday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. when an unknown man called in a bomb threat to Central Lane Communications that targeted the Pizza Hut on West 11th Avenue. That call was sufficiently detailed to prompt the dispatch of a number of police and fire personnel in emergency mode to the restaurant before it was ruled a hoax. About an hour later, a second call came in claiming there were armed subjects threatening people at the same location. This call was also investigated and found to be false. Police say these types of hoax calls are extremely dangerous because they create traffic safety risks as emergency crews are dispatched and can also create situations at the location that could result in significant use of force by police. People arrested and charged with these sorts of hoaxes can face hefty fines and significant jail time. Know anything about yesterday's hoax calls? Share your information with Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. / SAFETY, MINORITIES, CRIME: Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, say a white reserve sheriff's deputy thought he was holding a stun gun, not his handgun, when he fatally shot a black suspect during an arrest earlier this month. Video of the incident shows a Tulsa County deputy chasing and tackling Eric Harris, who'd allegedly been trying to sell an illegal gun to an undercover officer. As the deputy subdues Harris on the ground, a shot rings out. A man is heard saying, "Oh, I shot him. I'm sorry." The video was released over the weekend at the request of Harris' family. / EDUCATION: More than 100 University of Oregon professors have signed a letter urging the university to reinstate archivist James Fox, who is on paid administrative leave. The Oregonian reports Fox was suspended after a records release the university's interim president has called unlawful. The letter sent earlier this month to Interim President Scott Coltrane and other top administrators says managers have failed to manage records properly and to give librarians enough resources to handle them. It says Fox had helped to fix a longstanding records situation and should not be fired. Fox was suspended in January along with another archivist. / ENVIRONMENT: Western pond turtles — a species native to Oregon — will be getting a one-year federal review for possible protection under the Endangered Species Act. The Oregonian reports the turtles are considered a sensitive/critical species under Oregon's Conservation Strategy because of a declining population. / FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Authorities in Maryland say two young children who last year were picked up by police for walking alone have been picked up again. Montgomery County police say officers went to a Silver Spring park yesterday afternoon to check on the 10-year-old boy and his six-year-old sister after receiving a call. The children were taken to Child Protective Services. No charges have been filed against the parents. Danielle Meitiv says the first time her children were picked up, she and her husband had to sign something, agreeing not to leave them unattended. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED EDUCATION: She says living apart for ten years is far too long. Springfield School Superintendent Hertica Martin handed in her resignation yesterday, telling members of the Springfield School Board she's leaving to be with her spouse, who's in Washington state. Her resignation is effective at the end of June. Martin was on the job less than two years. But during that time she says in her letter she's pleased that the district has passed a bond measure to improve school facilities; worked to enhance its full-day kindergarten program and improved student learning and equity. Members of the Springfield School Board must now decide how they want to recruit their next superintendent. / CRIME: It was a suspicious package but officials say they ultimately determined that the white powder inside was not hazardous. Now, they'd like to know who left it in front of the Pentagon Federal Credit Union offices on Eugene's Country Club Road. The package was spotted about 10:15 yesterday morning, prompting the evacuation of the building for several hours. Know anything about the incident? Eugene Police would like to hear from you. / SAFETY, CRIME: Was it a justified use of deadly force? The Register-Guard is quoting a detective who says the Lane County District Attorney's Office now has an interagency team's report on its investigation of a March 30th shooting in which Eugene resident Brian Babb was killed by a police officer. Investigators say the 49-year-old Babb was killed after he came to his front door and pointed a rifle at the officer, whose name has not been made public. The Register-Guard reports a therapist had called police to Babb's west Eugene home after reporting that he was suicidal and had fired a gun in his home. Babb was a 1983 Churchill High School graduate whose family owns Delta Sand & Gravel. He was a former Oregon Army National Guard captain who served in Afghanistan in 2006. His family said he was injured from the blast of a roadside bomb and suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and a traumatic brain injury. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Linn County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the death of a 52-year-old Central Oregon man near Tamolitch Falls, off of Highway 126 near Trail Bridge. But say it appears to be an accident. Witnesses say Joel Jesse Martin of Bend was taking pictures from the trail near the falls when he fell about 45 feet into shallow water, hitting his head. A hiker who is also a paramedic was joined by a second hiker, who is an emergency room nurse, and assisted with resuscitation efforts. But officials say Martin died from his injuries. ; A Sutherlin man is presumed drowned after a canoe overturned in the Umpqua River. Douglas County Sheriff's spokesman Dwes Hutson says 34-year-old Shaun Laughlin and another man were in a 15-foot canoe that capsized Sunday. According to Hutson, Laughlin held onto the canoe while the other man swam to shore. After reaching land, the man looked back and didn't see Laughlin. He went to a road and flagged down a passing motorist. Hutson says searchers could not find Laughlin on Sunday afternoon. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon State Police are continuing their investigation into Sunday afternoon's

vehicle crash on Highway 138 east of Roseburg near Steamboat Creek that killed two people and injured a two others. A Honda accord, which had apparently gone off the nearby roadway and crashed into a group of trees, was spotted by a rafter on the North Umpqua River. The vehicle's driver, 25-year-old Christopher L. Brady, and his passenger, 34-year-old Candice M. Nixon, both of Roseburg, died in the crash. There were two survived passengers in the back seat. An adult, whose name has not been released, was pinned inside the wreckage. The driver's three-year-old son was in the car but the rafter was able to get the boy out, then climb to the nearby highway to summon help. Officials say the surviving adult passenger was extricated and flown by air ambulance to the hospital with serious injuries. The child suffered only a minor injury. Investigators are still trying to determine when the crash occurred. They suspect it was sometime Saturday evening or Saturday night when the group was returning from a fishing trip. The cause of the crash is still under investigation. / CRIME: A 24-year-old Oregon woman is facing assault charges after investigators say she began a relationship with an Alabama man over the Internet, he agreed to move to Oregon to live with her, and she struck him in the head with a baseball bat during their first meeting. Marion County sheriff's investigators say Haley Fox of Turner, Oregon, told them she decided to hurt 26-year-old Samuel Campbell because she'd decided she did not want to be his girlfriend. The incident happened last Wednesday, when investigators say Campbell went to Fox's home and he sat down at an outside table to drink wine. That's when officials say Fox asked Campbell to close his eyes and things took what investigators say could have been a deadly turn. Fox walked behind him and struck him in the head, with a baseball bat. Campbell suffered cuts to the head and a fractured skull. Investigators say a third person, a 26-year-old woman, was present and might have witnessed the assault. They're working to determine whether she was also involved in the attack. / ECONOMY: The top 20 U.S. metropolitan areas projected to see the biggest growth in average effective apartment rent this year. Effective rent is what a tenant pays after factoring in landlord concessions, such as a free month at move-in. Portland, Oregon \$1,114 6.6, Seattle \$1,336 6.0, San Francisco \$3,040 8.5, Nashville \$999 4.6. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY: Fisheries managers have decided to call off the West Coast sardine fishing season that starts in July because of rapidly dwindling numbers. They hope by imposing such strict restrictions they can save an iconic industry from the kind of collapse that hit in the 1940s and lasted 50 years. Fishermen are resigned to not being able to get sardines beginning in July, but they hope the Pacific Fishery Management Council will not be so concerned that it shuts down other fisheries, such as mackerel, anchovies and market squid, which often swim with sardines. The council will also consider whether to impose an emergency shutdown of the current season when it meets tomorrow. Sardines were a thriving fishery on the West Coast from World War I through World War II, and the cannery-lined waterfront in Monterey, California, became the backdrop for John Steinbeck's 1945 novel, "Cannery Row." The fishery industry crashed in the 1940s, but revived in the 1990s, when fisheries developed off the coasts of Oregon and Washington. Today, there are about 100 boats with permits to fish for sardines on the West Coast, about half the number during the heyday. ; So here's a question for you. Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood and their band and road crew have today off to enjoy Oregon. Where should they go? What should they do with their free time? / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Want to survive a tsunami? Walk faster. That sounds like simple advice. But scientists who've looked at tsunami deaths around the world—as well as the speed at which most people stroll—says a brisk walk uphill could save critical seconds and mean the difference between life and death. The study estimates about 5,500 more people could survive a major tsunami hitting the Pacific Northwest if they just picked up their pace and didn't wait to evacuate low-lying coastal areas. And since so many people talk about developing a more healthy lifestyle and frequent walking

promotes that, they encourage residents of the Pacific Northwest to practice that brisk walk now: You can shave pounds and possibly save your life. / POLITICS: As she makes her first campaign appearances of the 2016 presidential race, Hillary Rodham Clinton says she's not going to "take anything for granted." Clinton today is touring a community college and holding a roundtable discussion with students and teachers in Monticello, Iowa. It'll be the first of many small campaign events and personal "conversations" with voters, part of an effort by her campaign to tamp down big expectations. In a fundraising email to supporters yesterday, Clinton vowed to "work my heart out to earn every single vote." ; New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is proposing an income cap on Social Security benefits as part of major restructuring plan announced ahead of a likely presidential bid. The Republican is set to deliver a speech today in New Hampshire outlining his ideas on reforming Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and other so-called "entitlement" programs. Christie will propose phasing out Social Security payments for those making more than \$80,000 in other income, and eliminating them for those making \$200,000 or more a year. / ECONOMY: For the first time in four months, retail sales are up. The government says Americans spent more on cars, furniture, clothing and building materials last month, causing retail sales to jump by nine-tenths of one percent. Sales declined by a half of a percent the previous month. The numbers suggest that shoppers are returning after an unseasonably cold winter froze sales. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The Oregon Senate has voted to require cable barriers between opposing traffic lanes on interstate highways. The vote follows the death last year of Dr. Steven Fritz and Cary Fairchild. They were killed on their way to work at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem when a northbound vehicle crossed the median and struck their car traveling south. ; U.S. safety regulators are investigating problems with the air bag sensors in the seats of Subaru Impreza compact cars. The probe covers about 33,500 cars from the 2012 model year. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it's received 26 complaints of the sensors turning off the front passenger air bag even though an adult was sitting in the seat. The sensors are designed to detect the size of a passenger and disable the air bags if a child is in the seat. / ENVIRONMENT: Federal biologists have pushed back the deadline for deciding whether to grant Endangered Species Act protection to the Pacific fisher, a cousin of the weasel that lives in forests in California and southern Oregon. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says wants more information on risks that may be pushing the Pacific fisher toward extinction, particularly rat poisons left around illegal marijuana gardens. / HEALTH, ECONOMY: U.S. spending on prescriptions is way up. The IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics says U.S. spending on prescription drugs soared by 13 percent last year to \$374 billion. The increase was driven primarily by costly breakthrough medicines, price hikes and a surge from millions of people newly insured under the Affordable Care Act. Last year saw an unusually high 42 novel medicines launched, 18 for rare diseases. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: After weeks of relative quiet on whether to increase the state's minimum wage, Oregon lawmakers had a packed house during public hearings on what so far total more than a dozen bills. The Oregonian newspaper reports organizers and lobbyists on both sides offered prepared remarks. Backers say the proposed legislation would lift low-income Oregonians out of poverty. Opponents say businesses would be hit hard and have to cut staff or face closure. The Oregonian reports some of the bills in the mix would lift a 14-year-old preemption that prevents local governments from raising wages on their own. A handful of others would lift the state's wage to anywhere from \$10.75 to \$15, in some cases as soon as next year but also as late as 2018. Oregon's minimum wage, indexed to inflation, is currently at \$9.25. / POLITICS, HEALTH: They can sound like small jet engines. But one Oregon lawmaker says there's no reason for them to be as loud. Eugene State Senator Chris Edwards told a legislative committee that the new generation of hand dryers are so loud they triggered episodes in his autistic

son, who would cry and cover his ears when he heard them. He's proposing the state set uniform standards for hand dryers in public restrooms, saying the powerful dryers can sometimes trigger tinnitus in those with sensitive hearing or cause discomfort for people with developmental or sensory disabilities. The measure would require all new or replacement dryers to operate at a noise level no louder than 84 decibels. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, that is about as loud as a school cafeteria. Hand dryers would also be prohibited from blowing air faster than 115 mph, another way of controlling their overall sound levels. /

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EDUCATION: He is a nationally recognized legal expert in property, real estate and housing law and policies who quite literally wrote the book on the topic. The current dean of the University of Chicago's Law school will be the next president of the University of Oregon. "Mike" Schill was hired yesterday by the university's board of trustees and takes over the U-of-O's top job on July 1st. Schill's work includes studies ranging from the impacts of housing programs on property values to the enforcement of Fair Housing laws, as well as mortgage securitization and the deregulation of housing markets. And he is one of the authors of "Property," the bestselling casebook that is used in American law schools. He takes the helm of the Eugene campus as the U-of-O and its new governing board focus on the university's capital campaign and strategic planning efforts. Members of the U-of-O's governing board say he is passionate about students, understands the challenges faced by public universities, has a proven track record of strong leadership. His hiring comes after an eight month search. He replaces Interim President Scott Coltrane, who became campus president when Michael Gottfredson abruptly resigned last year. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY:** Yup. It was a tornado. Meteorologists with the National Weather Service say based on witness accounts and photographs it's clear that a small funnel cloud touched down in a parking lot of Lane Community College's main campus on the south side of Eugene. The tornado damaged four cars, according to campus spokeswoman Joan Aschim. One empty car was flipped upside-down onto a grassy parking median. And other was briefly lifted off the ground with two people inside but fortunately remained upright. Two other vehicles were damaged but on one was injured. It happened shortly after four yesterday afternoon and witnesses say the funnel cloud stayed on the ground for about a minute. Meteorologists say tornados touch down in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington only once or twice a year and usually only last a minute or two. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The Eugene Police Traffic Enforcement Unit will be targeting distracted drivers in the 6th and 7th Avenue corridor today. It's an effort to increase safety for all drivers on the road and make people more aware of the hazards of distracted driving. In 2014, Eugene Police issued 907 citations for Driver Use of Cellphones. Nationwide, ten percent of fatal crashes, 18 percent of injury crashes, and 16 percent of all motor vehicle traffic crashes in 2013 involved distracted drivers. Among teen drivers, ten percent of all fatal crashes involved distracted driving. Drive safely! Turn off electronic devices and put them out of reach before starting to drive. Be good role models for young drivers and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving. Speak up when you are a passenger and your driver uses an electronic device while driving. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task. Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts are the best defense against other unsafe drivers. / **HEALTH, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** Good news for doctors who treat Medicare patients: They

won't be seeing a 21 percent cut in their payments for their services to those patients. The U.S. Senate last night gave final approval to a bipartisan measure that permanently changes the reimbursement structure for doctors who treat older Americans. The House passed the legislation last month. The president says he'll be "proud to sign it into law." ; The bill also contains two-year extension of subsidies for timber counties in Oregon and a number of other states. The long-running subsidies help offset a decline in federal timber revenues share with counties ever since logging was cut back on national forests to protect salmon and northern spotted owl habitat. The money is considered critical funding for Oregon's schools, roads and local law enforcement. / POLITICS, HEALTH: Oregon lawmakers are considering whether to allow state residents who are age 21 or older who are recreational users to purchase dried marijuana from regulated medical marijuana dispensaries. State Senator Ginny Burdick discussed the proposal yesterday during a public session organized by The Oregonian newspaper in Portland. She said under the plan, recreational consumers would not be allowed to buy marijuana concentrates or cannabis-infused edibles until regulated recreational shops open sometime next year. But the provision would address the lag between the time when marijuana possession is legal and when Oregonians can buy pot from a regulated store. Oregonians 21 and older will be able to possess marijuana and grow it at home beginning July 1, but the Oregon Liquor Control Commission won't launch the regulated retail market until 2016. Burdick said allowing dispensaries to sell only flowers until next year avoids some of the complex issues around edibles. Edibles on the medical marijuana markets in Washington and Colorado, for instance, are typically more potent -- a potential problem for novice recreational consumers. / ECONOMY: It's been a long time since this has happened: Oregon's Unemployment rate has fallen below the national jobless rate. Oregon's unemployment rate for March was 5.4 percent, compared to 5.5 percent nationwide. It's the first time since 1996 that the state's done better in overall employment than the U.S. And it's a sign of just how much our economy has improved. Consider this: One year ago, Oregon's jobless rate was 7.1 percent. Analysts say employment growth has accelerated during the past two years and that the combination of a mild winter and lower gasoline prices helped ease pressure on the wallets of Oregon consumers and increase demand for everything from housing to manufactured goods. That's prompted employers to hire more people to meet demand. Some of the biggest recent growth came in professional and business services health care and social assistance, manufacturing; transportation, warehousing and utilities, and leisure and hospitality. ; Health officials nationwide say they remain concerned about the risk of children accidentally ingesting marijuana in states where the drug is legal, particularly when the active ingredient is packaged in treats that resemble traditional candy. Officials with the Oregon Poison Center say their most recent numbers show that 11 preschool-aged children were treated at health care facilities for marijuana ingestion in 2014 — up from seven the year before. Dr. Zane Horowitz tells The Oregonian that the children most likely inadvertently got into marijuana that was not securely stored by the adults in the home. The center does not track whether the child ate a marijuana-infused edible or ingested it some other way. / POLITICS, SAFETY, CRIME: Oregon Senators have approved a bill requiring background checks on most private gun sales. Under the bill, gun buyers and sellers who aren't related would have to appear in person before a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check, for a fee, through the Oregon State Police. The Senate passed the measure 17-13 with one Democrat crossing over to vote against. It now heads to the House for consideration. Tuesday's debate drew hours of testimony from Republican senators who said expanding the background check system would do little to curb gun violence while making criminals of law-abiding citizens. Bill sponsor Sen. Floyd Prozanski said the bill is designed to make it harder for people prohibited from getting a gun to

get their hands on one. / ENVIRONMENT: State biologists are telling the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission there is now enough information to consider whether to remove the gray wolf from the state's list of endangered species. A draft status review was posted Tuesday on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website with materials for the commission's next meeting. A final decision is not scheduled until August, but the commission will take the first step in the process — deciding whether it has enough information to consider the issue - when it meets April 24 in Bend. At last count, Oregon had 77 wolves descended from animals introduced in Idaho. The status report says they are projected to increase at a rate of seven percent a year, and the probability of a population failure is very low. / TERRORISM: The White House says President Barack Obama is removing Cuba from a list of state sponsors of terrorism, a key step in President Barack Obama's bid to normalize relations between the two countries. In December, the president announced that the U.S. and Cuba were ending a half-century of hostilities. Cuba was one of four countries on the U.S. list of nations accused of repeatedly supporting global terrorism. The countries still on the list are Iran, Sudan and Syria. / HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES: Beech-Nut Nutrition is recalling approximately 1,920 pounds of baby food products that may be contaminated with small pieces of glass. The baby food product was produced on December 12, 2014. The recall affects 4-oz. glass jars containing "Stage 2 Beech-Nut CLASSICS sweet potato & chicken." The product subject to recall bears the establishment number "P-68A" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The affected product expires in "DEC 2016" and includes product numbers "12395750815" through "12395750821". These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide. The company has received a report of one injury associated with consumption of the products. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **ECONOMY (Sports):** After nearly four decades of bypassing the United States, track and field's marquee event is finally headed to the country that has been the dominant force in the sport. And the city of Eugene and historic Hayward Field is going to host the 2021 world athletics championships. The IAAF, the governing body of the sport, said that what many considered a surprise choice was driven by the popularity of track and field in the American market. The world athletics championships have been held every two years since 1991. The 2015 competition will be held in Beijing, followed by London in 2017 and Doha, Qatar, in 2019. Eugene's bid last November to host the 2019 world championships was not successful. But the city renewed its lobbying for the 2021 edition over recent months with a fresh proposal to the IAAF. The IAAF said it bypassed the usual bidding process and chose Eugene because of the financial support offered by the governor of Oregon and the United States Olympic Committee, as well as NBC's commitment to produce and broadcast the event. The leader of that effort, Vin Lananna, said the IAAF would not regret its decision. Although the United States has never hosted the championships, the country's athletes have dominated the medals table, finishing at the top of the list in 11 of the 14 previous competitions. The other three times the Americans were second. And Eugene is a town steeped in American track history.; If at first you don't succeed, bid, bid again. Eugene just nabbed the track and field's top international event. In 2021, historic Hayward Field will host the world athletics championships. The announcement came overnight from Beijing where members of the IAAF, track and field's governing body, made what many consider a surprise choice. The world athletics championships have been held every two years since 1991. This year, they're taking place in Beijing. In 2017, they'll be in London. Eugene bid last fall for the 2019 games but they went to the Gulf nation of Qatar. But Vin Lananna and other local officials regrouped and immediately began lobbying with a fresh proposal for the 2021 world championships. IAAF leaders said they bypassed the usual bidding process and chose Eugene because of the financial support offered by the governor of Oregon and the United States Olympic Committee, as well as NBC's commitment to produce and broadcast the event. Lananna says IAAF officials will not regret their decision. This will be the first time the U.S. hosts the championships. And it's time: Americans have dominated the medals count in most of the recent world championships. / **MILITARY:** Their period of overseas service is nearing an end. A number of Oregon Army National Guard units are returning this month from Afghanistan and more are expected to come home throughout the spring and summer. Yesterday, families and officials welcomed home approximately 175 soldiers of the 1st Squadron, 82nd Cavalry—part of Oregon's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Members of the 1-82 performed security operations in Afghanistan. The squadron is headquartered in Bend, with companies also located in Lebanon, Redmond and Klamath Falls. Later this

month, the 234th Engineer Company, based in Warrenton, will welcome home approximately 160 Soldiers who deployed to Kuwait. Those soldiers provided key construction services, such as carpentry, plumbing and electrical work, on military facilities throughout Kuwait and the surrounding region. The 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team is also preparing to welcome home two more battalion-sized elements that provided security and support missions in Afghanistan. They include a lot of local soldiers: The 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, headquartered in Springfield—with companies also based in Corvallis, Gresham and Hillsboro—will welcome home approximately 320 Soldiers in May. A formal demobilization ceremony for the battalion is tentatively scheduled for June 13 at the Linn County Fairgrounds. And the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry, headquartered in Ashland—with companies also based in Roseburg, Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Medford, and St. Helens—will welcome approximately 290 Soldiers from Afghanistan. One company of Soldiers is scheduled to be home in late April or early May. The rest of the battalion is scheduled to return in late June. / ENVIRONMENT: It's one of the first local signs of the effects of our warmer, drier winter. Officials with the City of Westfir have declared a Water Emergency, saying low river levels from the reduced spring snowpack are forcing the curtailing of non-essential water use. What's that mean? For residents and business owners, there'll be no outdoor irrigation to water lawns or gardens, no car washing or water to fill swimming pools or hot tubs, nor any other outdoor uses. City officials say they're anticipating a drought up to and including the summer months. So they're also asking residents to voluntarily cutback on their indoor water use, as well. It comes after the state's regional water master informed city officials of cutbacks in their water allotments from the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River, in order to maintain the minimal streamflows needed for fish. Already, the West's drought has forced restrictions in other parched areas but this is the year's first such curtailment in our part of Oregon. ; They're afraid the sardine population is crashing, so federal regulators yesterday approved an emergency closure of the West Coast commercial sardine fishing season off the coasts of Oregon, Washington and California. They say by severely curtailing the season, they hope they can save the fishery. The decision affects close to 100 boats working out of West Coast ports. The season would normally run through June. It's not the first time the commercial sardine fishery has been in danger of disappearing. The once-thriving sardine industry crashed in the 1940s, before the creation of modern fisheries management that sets harvest quotas and tried to prevent overfishing. This week's action came after revised population estimates showed the fish were declining in numbers faster than earlier believed. Conservationists also believe the thousands of starving sea lion pups turning up on California's beaches might be the direct result of declining sardine numbers. / ECONOMY, HEALTH, CRIME: A federal judge in California yesterday declined to remove marijuana from the list of most dangerous drugs. That disappointed activists who saw the case as a chance to get closer to their goal of nationwide legalization. The judge said during a brief court hearing that she was initially prepared to rule that marijuana should not be a Schedule 1 drug. But then she decided it was up to Congress to change the law if it wishes. The federal judge did note that the political and legal landscape has changed since the Controlled Substances Act was created 45 years ago. But she pointed out that courts are not designed to act as a maker of public policy and explained that she had made her decision based on the facts of the specific marijuana growing case that sparked the legal challenge. The classification of pot as one of the most dangerous drugs has pitted federal authorities against states that have legalized medical marijuana and prompted raids on growers and dispensaries that appear to be operating legally under state law. More than 20 states, including Oregon, have legalized medical marijuana use, and voters in Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Alaska – are allowing recreational pot use. In Oregon, the recreational marijuana law goes into effect on July 1st. An effort is

underway to legalize recreational marijuana in California as well. The ruling came in a case alleging that marijuana was being grown in a remote area of Northern California. Attorneys for the defendants had sought to dismiss the charges on the grounds that pot should not be listed among Schedule 1 drugs, which include heroin and LSD and are defined as drugs with no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Defense attorneys argued that marijuana is far less harmful than some legal drugs, and its classification as a Schedule 1 drug was arbitrary in violation of the Constitution. / CRIME, POLITICS: Researchers have long said that many sex crimes are under reported, and that it sometimes takes victims many years before they feel comfortable going to police. That's one reason backers of a state legislative bill have lobbied so hard to extend the statute of limitations on some sex crimes. They say rape victims should not be denied justice simply because they waited too long to report the attack. Yesterday, members of the Oregon House voted to give prosecutors more time to bring criminal charges in some sex crimes cases. The extension of the statute of limitations from six to 12 years would apply to the most extreme cases of rape and sexual abuse. The statute of limitations is designed to ensure prosecutors and defendants have a chance to collect evidence before witnesses forget or documents are lost. The House vote sends the measure to the Oregon Senate for consideration. / CRIME, SAFETY: They say he altered performance charts and falsified weight and balance reports—leading to a 2008 helicopter crash that killed nine people. Now, The Mail tribune newspaper in Medford reports that prosecutors have asked a federal judge to sentence the vice president of a defunct Oregon helicopter company to more than 15 years in prison for his role in the crash. Prosecutors say that when the U.S. Forest Service solicited bids for helicopters to be used in firefighting operations, Steven Metheny submitted the bogus information and was motivated by what they termed “pure greed.” The crash near Weaverville, California, killed the pilot, a Forest Service safety inspector and seven firefighters. Metheny's sentencing is set for June 15. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: That tornado that tossed around four vehicles this week in the parking lot of Lane Community College's main campus? Experts with the National Weather Service in Portland say it probably packed winds of 65 to 85 miles per hour. That might not sound like much, but meteorologists say Tuesday's twister at Lane's main campus has been rated conservatively as an EF-0, which is relatively weak but still enough to cause damage. Fortunately, no one was injured, even though one vehicle, with two people inside, was lifted briefly into the air and then dropped back to earth. / TERRORISM, SAFETY: Homeland Security says it was prepared to shoot down a Florida man who piloted a gyrocopter onto the U.S. Capitol lawn yesterday. Sixty-one-year-old Doug Hughes says he wanted to call attention to his belief that campaign finance laws are too weak, and he had planned to deliver letters to all 535 members of Congress. A friend of Hughes' says he contacted the Secret Service when Hughes told him of his plan yesterday. Mike Shanahan tells The Tampa Bay Times that he feared his friend would be shot down. / ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: The entire congressional delegation from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana is demanding that the Obama administration begin negotiations with Canada to update a landmark treaty that governs the operation of dams along the Columbia River, North America's fourth-largest river. The treaty was signed in 1964. It is important because the Columbia basin's dams affect the economy, environment and flood-control needs of millions of residents in the four states, along more than 1,200 miles of the river and its tributaries. The treaty governs operations of hydroelectric dams and reservoirs on the Columbia River. It has no expiration date, but either country can cancel it or suggest changes beginning in 2024 with 10 years' notice. Numerous issues already have emerged. For instance, the United States contends it should pay dramatically less to Canada for the various benefits it gets through the treaty. Also, Native American tribes in the U.S. and Canada are pushing for the return of

salmon runs that some of the dams destroyed. Tribes are pushing for the treaty to include salmon restoration to the upper Columbia, above Grand Coulee Dam in northern Washington state. The U.S. has said the two countries should study the possibility of restoring fish passage over that dam. But Canada contends restoring fish migration and habitat is not a treaty issue. / **ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME:** The Labor Department says job prospects for recent college graduates deteriorated slightly last year despite an improvement in the overall job market. The unemployment rate for Americans age 20 to 29 who received a four-year or advanced degree last year rose to 12.4 percent from 10.9 percent in 2013. But the figures are volatile, and many recruiters and campus officials say hiring this spring will be strong. For graduates with bachelor's degrees, unemployment climbed to 14.9 percent last year from 11.5 percent in 2013. For those with advanced degrees, unemployment slid to 5.4 percent from 9.3 percent. Overall, the economy generated 3.1 million jobs last year, the most since 1999. And the overall unemployment rate has fallen to 5.5 percent in March from 6.7 percent at the end of 2013. / **COMMUNITY:** The lawsuit's bite was a lot worse than the barks. An Oregon couple has won nearly \$240,000 in a suit over their neighbors' constantly barking dogs. The Mail Tribune reports a Jackson County jury found in favor of Dale and Debra Krein of Rogue River. They said they suffered more than a decade of ceaseless barking. The dogs' owners unsuccessfully argued their Tibetan mastiffs were needed to protect their livestock. / **HEALTH:** A measles outbreak that began at Disneyland and reignited debate about vaccinations is nearing an end. The California Department of Public Health says the outbreak will be declared over tomorrow if no new cases pop up. Medical investigators worked for months to contain the highly contagious disease that originated at Disney theme parks in December and spread to several other states and countries—including one case here in Lane County. In all, 131 people in California were infected. /

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EDUCATION: A familiar face inside the Springfield Public Schools is becoming the acting superintendent while members of the school board search for a permanent replacement. Sue Rieke-Smith (REE'-key) Smith is the district's assistant superintendent for instruction. She's moving to the interim job after Hertica Martin announced her resignation earlier this week. Martin was in the job less than two years but says she wants to spend more time with her spouse, who is in Washington state. ; There have changes at the top recently at some of Oregon's universities. Earlier this week, the University of Oregon hired Mike Schill—currently the dean of the University of Chicago Law school—as the new president of the University of Oregon. And yesterday, the governing board of Western Oregon University in Monmouth hired Rex Fuller to take the helm on July 1st, after current president Mark Weiss retires. Fuller comes from Eastern Washington University, where he served as provost and vice-president for academic affairs. He also has a background in business education. / **ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS:** A man who owns a gold-mining claim on federal land in southwestern Oregon is telling his armed supporters to back off. Rick Barclay said Thursday that he hoped to prevent his fight with federal regulators from turning into the kind of high-profile standoff at a Nevada ranch last year. He initially called in a local chapter of constitutional activists known as the Oath Keepers because he thought the U.S. Bureau of Land Management would seize the equipment on his mining claim outside Grants Pass. The agency had served an order to stop work at the mine after finding it lacked the necessary paperwork. Armed activists started showing up Monday at the mine and a rural property about 20 miles away. A Bureau of Land Management says the agency has also been fielding threatening phone calls, but he would not give details because the calls were under investigation. Now, Barclay is telling his supporters that the mine is not under attack, that posts online by "keyboard warriors" have gotten out of hand and he was not interested in a repeat of the Cliven Bundy ranch standoff. / **TERRORISM:** The Boston Globe is carrying an appeal to federal officials from the parents of the youngest victim of the Boston Marathon bombing to take the death penalty off the table for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv). Bill and Denise Richard, whose 8-year-old son, Martin was killed, write that years of death penalty appeals could prolong the most painful day of their lives. They don't mention Tsarnaev by name and say they're speaking only for themselves. ; Not guilty pleas are expected in federal court in Ohio today in a terrorism-related case. An Ohio man is charged with traveling to Syria and training alongside terrorists, then returning to the U.S. with plans to attack a military base or a prison. An indictment says Abdirahman Sheik Mohamud (ab-DEE'-RAH'-mahn shayk moh-HAH'-mud), a U.S. citizen originally from Somalia, wanted to "kill three or four American soldiers execution style." / **ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH:** A deadly strain of bird flu s continuing to race through commercial

poultry flocks in the Midwest. And the chief veterinary officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture warns that although it would be "devastating," the nation's poultry industry might have to live with the deadly bird flu strain for several years. Officials say there's no risk to public health or the food supply. Economists don't expect the outbreaks to affect retail prices much because the birds that have been killed by the virus or euthanized to stop its spread represent just a bit more than one percent of the 235 million turkeys produced in the U.S. last year. But authorities have confirmed H5N2 outbreaks at nearly 40 commercial poultry farms in the Midwest, including 26 in Minnesota. That is a financial blow to those farmers. In Minnesota, the outbreak led to the death of more than 2.5 million turkeys and chickens since early March. The highly pathogenic H5N2 virus has already appeared as far east as southern Ontario, which means there's a risk of it spreading to the East Coast where much of the U.S. broiler chicken industry is based. Dr. John Clifford says new cases should drop to close to zero once the weather warms up and kills off the virus, but there's likely to be a resurgence this fall when the wild waterfowl that are natural carriers of avian influenza fly south for the winter. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The following citations were issued from the Eugene Police "Distracted Driver" Enforcement event on Tuesday, April 14th: Use of Cell Phone – 42, Failure to properly use safety belt – 4, Driving uninsured – 13, Failure to use right-of-way/ Pedestrian in crosswalk – 1, Failure to maintain a safe distance – 1, Driving without privilege – 1, Failure to change name on driver's license – 1, Speeding – 2, Driving while suspended – 2, Expired Registration – 1, Failure to Register Vehicle – 1, Failure to obey Traffic Control Device – 1, Failure to obey one-way designation – 1, Improper Display – 1, there were also a total of 20 warnings. / HEALTH, EDUCATION, FAMILIES: Teen smoking hit a new low last year. But the popularity of electronic cigarettes and water pipes boomed, according to a new government report. It found that the number of high school students who tried e-cigarettes tripled in one year - to more than 13 percent. Water pipe and hookah use also climbed. But smoking of traditional cigarettes plummeted to around nine percent. That means smoking in high school is now less common than e-cigarette or hookah use. While health officials say the decline in cigarette smoking among teens "is very dramatic and very encouraging," the report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is "alarming," according to Director Dr. Tom Frieden. He says he's concerned the battery-powered e-cigarettes are just a new way of introducing kids to nicotine - and potentially hooking them on tobacco products in the future. Some public health experts say the CDC is taking an unusually hard stand against e-cigarettes, at a time when scientists still trying to determine how harmful they are. But scientists acknowledge nicotine is harmful for the developing brain and that the idea that kids are better off using e-cigarettes is just the wrong way of thinking about it. One year ago, the Food and Drug Administration proposed regulating e-cigarettes, including banning sales to minors. A final rule is expected by June. / EDUCATION, POLITICS: A U.S. Senate panel has unanimously passed legislation updating the No Child Left Behind education law, setting up a likely vote by the full Senate this spring. The legislation would continue to require annual standardized tests to measure student performance but would allow the states to determine how much weight they receive when officials evaluate schools. Both Republicans and Democrats have complained that the requirements in the 2002 law were unworkable. The Obama administration in 2012 began allowing waivers around some of the law's more stringent requirements if schools met certain conditions. Still, one of the signature goals of the law is to improve the education system for the poor, particularly minority students stuck in struggling schools. Since the law has been in effect, dropout rates have steadily decreased. The Hispanic dropout rate is half what it was in 2000. The drop-out rate for black students has been cut by more than a third. / POLITICS, EDUCATION, HEALTH, FAMILIES: The Register-Guard reports that lawmakers in the Oregon House

yesterday approved a bill that would make it easier for parents to opt their children out of new standardized tests that assess the state's so-called "Common Core" standards. The bill now heads to the state Senate. The Register-Guard reports the proposal comes as the backlash against Common Core testing grows in Oregon and nationwide. Some teachers and parents believe the tests are too hard and confusing, create stress for students and waste class time. Proponents, meanwhile, say the tests are needed to measure how students are performing and to raise the quality of public education. Under current Oregon law, parents technically are only allowed to opt their children out of the tests, called Smarter Balanced, because of a disability or for religious reasons. / SAFETY, CRIME, COMMUNITIES: The Register-Guard reports that the owner of a pit bull that attacked a woman and her dog in a Veneta neighborhood in February has entered not guilty pleas to three citations issued by the city. The citations against the dog's owner, Brian Lozano, include owning a dangerous dog, having an unlicensed dog and owning a dog at-large. The newspaper reports Lozano could be forced to relinquish the animal or move if found guilty of having a dangerous dog. The trial is scheduled for next month. The attack was caught on tape by a neighbor's surveillance camera. / CRIME: Someone broke into a Bureau of Land Management maintenance yard northeast of Springfield earlier this week, making off with a yellow flatbed trailer and a John Deere model 3120 tractor. Investigators say the thief also damaged electrical and phone systems, pushing the estimated total loss to more than \$50,000. Now, there's a reward up for information leading to the arrest of the person behind the break-in and recovery of the stolen equipment. Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to hear from you if you have leads in the case. Surveillance footage shows that an unknown person entered the Shotgun Off-Highway Vehicle maintenance yard early Monday morning driving a 2008-2010 white Ford pick-up truck with a flatbed. / SAFETY, POLITICS, CRIME: Three Oregon lawmakers are the targets of possible recalls after co-sponsoring legislation that would expand background checks for private gun sales. The Register-Guard reports a Junction City gun shop owner filed a petition to recall House Majority Leader Val Hoyle Tuesday, the same day Senate Democrats approved the bill and passed it to the Democratic-controlled House. On Wednesday, a Washington County man filed recall petitions against Sen. Chuck Riley of Hillsboro and Rep. Susan McLain of Forest Grove. Both are freshman Democrats from swing districts who signed onto the background check measure. If the petitioners get the go-ahead from the secretary of state, they'll have until July 13 to collect several thousand signatures in support of the recall effort. No previous recall effort against an Oregon lawmaker has been successful. ; Tim McGraw is defending his decision to headline a Connecticut concert to benefit a Sandy Hook group, responding to critics who call it a "gun control fundraiser." Gun rights advocates took to Facebook and Twitter, calling the country singer a hypocrite for appearing in the event that will benefit Sandy Hook Promise, which seeks to protect children from gun violence. Opening act Billy Currington withdrew and said on his Facebook page he's "never been one to take on controversial issues." McGraw said in a statement to The Washington Post Thursday he supports gun ownership, but it requires education and safety. He said the concert is intended to help the community. McGraw will perform at the XFINITY Theatre in Hartford, Connecticut, on July 17. In December 2012, 20 first-graders and six educators were fatally shot in Newtown. ; Oregon lawmakers are considering legislation making it a crime for adults to endanger minors by letting them gain unsupervised access to firearms. Under the measure, gun owners who keep firearms on their premises could be punished with up to a year in prison or a hefty fine if a minor gets their hands on one. There are exemptions for people who keep their guns locked up. / ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY, POLITICS: The state of Oregon has decided to continue buying insurance against the cost of fighting wildfires, even though it comes at a much higher premium and deductible. Tim

Keith of the Oregon Department of Forestry says the state bought the \$25 million policy from Lloyd's of London on Wednesday. Once firefighting costs go over \$50 million, the policy will pay up to \$25 million, with the state and private timberland owners splitting the premium of \$3.75 million. Last year, state wildfire costs were slightly over \$75 million. Keith says the policy — the only one of its kind in the country — gives Oregon important financial protection against wildfire costs. He says one worry is that if Oregon taps the policy again this year, it would be three years in a row, and might mean the insurer refuses to offer a policy in the future. / WOMEN, POLITICS, ECONOMY: A campaign to put a female face on the \$20 bill is getting a boost from the first woman to serve as both governor and U.S. senator. New Hampshire Sen. Jeanne Shaheen has filed legislation to create a citizens panel to recommend an appropriate candidate. She hopes to build on the work of Women on 20s, a national campaign pushing for new \$20 bills by 2020, the 100th anniversary of the constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. President Andrew Jackson has stared out from the \$20 since 1928, but paper currency is redesigned every seven to 10 years to thwart counterfeiters. The treasury secretary or president can order changes without an act of Congress. Possible new faces include leading abolitionist Harriet Tubman and former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. / HEALTH: Canadian researchers say it's okay to crack your knuckles—although they say you still risk irritating the people near you. The medical experts set out to answer the age-old question of how do knuckles make that sound. They used an MRI's movie technology to confirm it's the formation of a within the joint fluid, followed by the bubble's rapid collapse. And they say that means knuckle-crackers aren't doing any damage to their fingers when they start popping their joints. / ENVIRONMENT: Tomorrow marks the start of National Parks Week. And Saturday and Sunday each of our national parks—including Oregon's Crater Lake—is waiving its entrance fees, which means you can see the sights for free. The Rim Drive is closed for a few more weeks. But you can head for the South or West entrances and enjoy the view and the facilities on at Rim Village. / CRIME: A Eugene man has been sentenced to 42 years in prison after pleading guilty to sex crimes involving children. Authorities say 29-year-old Brian Boe molested a toddler, allowed the incident to be filmed and made copies of other pornographic images depicting children. The Register-Guard newspaper reports that Boe told the court Wednesday that people might label him a monster, and he rightly deserves the title. Eugene police arrested Boe after a detective found photographs of him molesting a young child during an investigation into crimes committed by Albany resident Shane Michael Emory. A judge last year sentenced Emory to 500 years in prison for sexually abusing the victim in Boe's case as well as a second child. ; We're continuing to hear from listeners in the Oakridge area about tire slashings. Know anything about it? Give local law enforcement a call. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: Researchers say high levels of pesticides, flame retardants, and mercury in Pacific lampreys may be contributing to their overall decline in the Columbia River Basin. The findings come from a study by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The research found that concentrations of some flame retardants and pesticides were several hundred times higher in larval and juvenile lamprey tissues than in the surrounding sediments. Lamprey numbers have declined dramatically in the Columbia Basin over the past 30 years. Pacific lampreys are integral to ecosystem health. They provide food to tribal communities and offer an alternate food source to sea lions, terns, and other predators that would otherwise be munched on threatened salmon. Experts say the findings highlight the urgency to clean up the Columbia. / IMMIGRATION: A three-judge panel in New Orleans will hear arguments today over whether to lift an injunction that has temporarily put on hold President Barack Obama's executive action to shield some 5 million immigrants from deportation. A federal judge in Texas put the executive action on hold in February, at the request of 26 states. Advocacy groups and immigrants are

expected to rally outside the New Orleans courthouse today. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY: More than 8,500 volunteers got an early jump on celebrating Earth Day over the weekend. They took part in SOLVE's 26th annual SOLVE IT for Earth Day at hundreds of sites across the state. And the work's not through: Many more projects are set for this coming weekend. Organizers estimate that when all of the projects are complete volunteers will have collected more than 25 tons of trash and debris from 162 sites including neighborhoods, parks, school grounds and natural areas around the state. Volunteers also planted close to 3,000 native trees and shrubs across a number of locations. Participating volunteer teams included the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, numerous Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups, churches, after-school programs, businesses, and community groups. A hard working community member, Dixie Eckford stepped up in Sisters to organize a city-wide cleanup. Thanks to Dixie's hard work 65 volunteers spread out across the city, collecting 2,000 pounds of trash, keeping it away from waterways and wildlife. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: The weekend's sunny weather drew lots of people to our local rivers. But at least one float ended tragically on the Willamette River yesterday afternoon. Lane County Sheriff's Deputies say a they recovered the body of a man who apparently fell from a boat between Jasper and Clearwater Landing. They're still investigating the details but say the man's body was spotted by a second group floating that stretch of the river. About 20 minutes later, a woman was located in a boat about 1/2 mile from Jasper who said she'd been floating with her male friend when he fell from the boat. Officials have not yet released the name of the victim, nor said whether anyone in the boat was wearing a life jacket. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: The National Weather Service says wildfires in Siberia are to blame for haze hanging over much of the Pacific Northwest, giving sunsets a red hue. Forecasters in Portland expect the smoke to dissipate today, which is expected to be another warm and sunny day. / SAFETY, CRIME: A California man has been arrested after trying to scale a White House fence, according to the Secret Service. The agency said the incident happened at 10:25 p.m. Sunday. Fifty-four-year-old Jerome R. Hunt of Hayward, California is scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court in Washington on a charge of unlawful entry. The Secret Service said "this individual was immediately arrested by USSS Uniformed Division Officers." The agency has been beset by a series of security lapses, including an incident last Sept. 19 in which authorities said a man with a knife jumped a fence and ran inside the executive mansion, looking for the president. It was the sixth time someone had jumped the fence in 2014 and the 16th in the past five years, according to the Secret Service. / TERRORISM: Authorities in Minnesota have charged six men they say attempted to travel to Syria to join the Islamic State group. A criminal complaint unsealed this morning charges the men with conspiring to provide and attempting to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization. The complaint says the suspects sought to reach countries

near Syria by flying from the airports in San Diego and New York City, but were stopped. It also alleges they were in contact with another Minnesota man who has worked to recruit Western fighters. Authorities say a handful of Minnesota residents have traveled to Syria to fight with militants in the past year, and at least one has died. ; A husband and wife who lost limbs in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing are joining the family of an 8-year-old boy who was killed, in opposing the death penalty for convicted bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev (joh-HAHR' tsahr-NEYE'-ehv). Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes are asking the federal government not to put Tsarnaev to death, just as the parents of Martin Richard requested last week. Kensky and Downes tell The Boston Globe, "If there is anyone who deserves the ultimate punishment, it is the defendant. However, we must overcome the impulse for vengeance." About 30,000 runners are expected to participate in today's Boston Marathon, the second one since the bombing. /

TERRORISM, COMMUNITY: Rain is falling at the Boston Marathon starting line, and forecasters warn that it will be a soggy race for the 30,000 runners and 1 million spectators. In a sign of enhanced security two years after terrorist bombings killed three spectators and wounded more than 260 others, runners and others were being scanned with a metal-detecting wand at the start in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. ; The Boston Marathon includes 26.2 miles, 34 elite athletes, 30,000 runners, 87 countries, one million spectators and \$830,500 in prize money. It also contains 992 portable toilets, 28,200 bananas, 33,984 fruit cups, 35,000 gallons of water and 1.4 million paper cups. Today's 119th running of the Boston Marathon also features 9,000 volunteers as well as 1,900 medical personnel and a full complement of security including 3,500 uniformed police officers and 320 National Guardsmen. Workers will erect 30,000 feet of fencing, string 63,360 feet of rope and haul away 10,000 trash bags. And for those who finish, there are 3,300 pounds of pasta doused with 2,825 quarts of tomato sauce; 35,300 energy bars; 500 bags of ice; 500 barf bags; 5,000 adhesive bandages; and 91 trophies. ; The elite women are started their run in the Boston Marathon less than half an hour ago and Americans are pinning their hopes on Shalane Flanagan to break a 30-year drought for the olive wreath. The women's field includes two former Boston champions from Kenya and last year's winner from Ethiopia. Flanagan was seventh last year and fourth in 2013. She was third in last year's Berlin Marathon in a personal best of 2 hours, 21 minutes, 14 seconds. The last U.S. women's victory was in 1985. ; Defending champion Meb Keflezighi (kehf-LEHZH'-gee) and the other elite men have started the Boston Marathon. Keflezighi's victory last year, the first after the deadly bombings, was the first by an American since 1983. Making his Boston debut is American Dathan Ritzenhein, who ran 2:07:47 in Chicago in 2012. The first of three waves of 10,000 runners each went off with the elite men. The elite women started one-half hour earlier and the wheelchair contestants were the first off the starting line, about 75 minutes ago. ; It's three in a row for Tatyana McFadden, the Russian-born U.S. Paralympic athlete who this morning won the wheelchair race at the annual Boston Marathon. It was an emotional moment. McFadden's jersey was adorned with the Number Eight, in honor of eight-year-old Martin Richard, who died in the 2013 Marathon bombing. The elite runners are still on the course: With roughly 25 minutes remaining, American women's favorite Shalane Flanagan has dropped back seven seconds behind the lead runners, which includes a tightly-packed bunch of ten. And in the men's race, with about 40 minutes remaining, former Oregon-based runner Dathan Ritzenheim is leading with defending champion Meb Keflezighi (kehf-LEHZH'-gee) close behind in a group of other top runners. /

COMMUNITY, HEALTH, POLITICS, CRIME: This is "4:20 Day," an informal holiday celebrated by fans of marijuana. It started in Marin County decades ago, when a group of high school students met at 4:20 every afternoon to light up. Since then, it's evolved into a major day of recreational pot smoking, with large gatherings in Colorado and Washington state, where weed is legal and permits

are issued for some events. Oregon's recreational marijuana law goes into effect in July so next year should see a number of larger, legal gatherings. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The Eugene Police Major Collision Team is investigating what they're calling a "high-speed fatal crash" on MLK Blvd. near Kinsrow. It happened at 2:16 this morning, when police say a Dodge Challenger was traveling east on MLK when it left the roadway and struck a tree. The driver and a passenger were pronounced dead on scene. Two passengers survived the crash. One passenger was taken to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries and another passenger was released on scene. The names of those involved in the accident are being withheld until relatives are notified. MLK was closed for about four hours while officers investigated. ; Eugene Police Advisory at 9:20 a.m.: Please avoid I-105 Eastbound near 6th and 7th Avenues - Emergency Vehicles Responding to Crash. Travelers are asked to avoid I-105 eastbound near 7th and 6th Avenues. Both lanes of traffic are completely closed at this time due to a crash. EPD and Fire are responding to the incident. The area will be closed for an undetermined amount of time. ; Interstate 5 northbound was experiencing heavy congestion south of Cottage Grove due to weekend traffic through a construction zone (milepost 162-169). Traffic backed up about five miles, with anticipated delays of about one hour. Motorists were advised to avoid the area and consider alternate routes. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **ECONOMY, POLITICS, SENIORS:** The Oregon Supreme Court ruled Thursday that some of the 2013 cuts to public-employee retirement benefits are unconstitutional. The decision wipes out much of the savings lawmakers were aiming for and raises pension costs for state and local governments. The justices said workers were promised an annual inflation increase of up to two percent, and that the Legislature can't scale it back retroactively. Officials with cities and school districts said they're disappointed in the ruling. They warn it will lead to larger class sizes and diminished government services. They also called on the Legislature to find new Public Employees Retirement System cuts that might be acceptable to the court. It was the second time in a decade that the state's high court has dealt a setback to the Legislature's efforts to curtail already-incurred pension benefits, and Democratic legislative leaders are showing little interest in trying again. The Number Two Democrat in the Oregon House, Representative Val Hoyle of Eugene, said there isn't anything more that's constitutional that can be done. In a statement, Democratic Governor Kate Brown said she's reviewing the decision and "assessing next steps." Lawmakers tried to reduce PERS payments after the Great Recession took a \$17 billion bite out of the pension system's investments, meaning state and local governments faced a big hike in their employee pension costs. To give them a reprieve, former Gov. John Kitzhaber brokered a deal to cut benefits while raising taxes on mostly wealthy taxpayers and cutting them for certain businesses. But the justices ruled cuts to the cost-of-living adjustment could not be reduced for any work done before Oct. 8, 2013, when the law took effect. It's not immediately clear how much the decision will cost taxpayers, but the make-up payments will need to be funded during the 2017-2019 budget cycle. / **SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** May is Oregon Wildfire Awareness Month. Oregon experiences its heaviest wildfire activity during the summer, but fires occur all seasons of the year including spring. During May, federal, state, tribal and local fire agencies will be spreading the word about wildfire prevention and the steps Oregonians can take to stop most fires before they start. When it comes to preventing wildfires, there's a lot at stake - lives, personal property, and the many values provided by Oregon's forests and rangelands. During the 2014 season, 1.3 million acres in the Northwest were consumed by wildfire, which includes 868,399 in Oregon and 425,136 in Washington. The total cost to date exceeds \$460 million. Closer to home, 705 human-caused fires burned around 20,000 acres on lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry, nearly six times the 10-year average acres. ODF's gross large-fire costs were \$75.6 million, and timber losses totaled roughly \$227 million. The fires destroyed numerous homes, threatened large communities and decimated key fish and wildlife habitats. Wildfires that occur in the wildland-urban interface often are started by human activity and then spread to the forest. Once underway a fire follows the fuel, whether it is trees or houses. Spring is the perfect time, she said, to remove dead

flammable vegetation and limb up trees around the yard. To get an early start on Wildfire Awareness Month, join your neighbors and reduce your community wildfire risk by taking part in National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 2. The National Fire Protection Association has teamed up with State Farm Insurance to encourage residents to commit a couple of hours, or the entire day, to help raise wildfire awareness and work together on projects that can help protect homes and entire communities from the threat of wildfire. /

ECONOMY, EDUCATION: The last two Heisman Trophy winners were the first two players taken in Thursday's NFL draft at Chicago. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have used the first pick in the NFL draft to select Jameis Winston, the Florida State quarterback and 2013 Heisman winner. Then Tennessee selected quarterback Marcus Mariota of Oregon with the second pick. Mariota was last year's Heisman winner after his stellar junior season with the Ducks. And the Titans need a play-caller, so much so that Mariota could start the season opener Sept. 13 against Winston and the Buccaneers. You'll recall it was Mariota who led Oregon to a 59-20 rout of Winston's Florida State Seminoles in the national semifinals. Another Duck, defensive lineman Arik Armstead, is heading to the San Francisco 49ers, who selected him as the overall 17th pick. ; Winning a Heisman Trophy and playing in the national championship game should be enough for everyone to know how to pronounce Marcus Mariota's name by now. Well, almost everybody. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell struggled with the pronunciation Thursday when announcing Mariota as the No. 2 pick overall by the Tennessee Titans, going with "Mario-toe." It's pronounced Mario-tah. Goodell also bobbled Oregon, going with Ora-gone. Not that Mariota noticed. "I didn't even hear it because I was on the phone, but I'm sure my parents will talk to me about that later," said Mariota, who watched the draft at a party in his native Hawaii. /

ECONOMY, MINORITIES: Oregon is about to get its tenth tribal casino. Officials with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians say they are opening a gaming establishment in the city of Coos Bay next week. The tribes already operate the Three Rivers Casino in Florence. But they say their Coos Bay facility will be a smaller, Class Two casino under federal rules governing such tribal businesses. Tribal leaders say that means it'll be more limited in the kinds of gambling it can offer than the Class Three casinos that are allowed to run table games. Tribal chairman Bob Garcia likens it to a neighborhood bar rather than a full casino. The Coquille tribe has a Class III casino at North Bend. It's only a few miles from the location of the Three Rivers Coos Bay casino, but the Coquille tribe hasn't objected. He said the new facility is expected to employ nearly 110 people. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, POLITICS: U.S. senators from six states, including Oregon, are proposed that the government charge companies a special fee if they want to ship oil, ethanol and other flammable liquids in the type of older railroad tank cars that have been involved in fiery explosions. The fee would start at \$175 and increase to \$1,400 per car by 2018. The money would help train first responders, clean up any spills and relocate rail tracks around populated areas. Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon says they would be paired with tax breaks for upgrades to newer tank cars, so they can better withstand derailments. Fellow Oregon Democratic U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley is a co-sponsor. The idea is to speed up the phase-out of the older, less safe tanker cars. Rail shipments of oil and ethanol soared over the past decade following huge increases in domestic production, and the trains now pass regularly through hundreds of cities and towns. Each tank car carries roughly 30,000 gallons of fuel. /

ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME: Despite the economic recovery, U.S. families are getting squeezed more on housing costs. An analysis of Census data by Enterprise Community Partners, a nonprofit that helps finance affordable housing, finds that for more than one in four renters, housing and utilities consume at least half their family income. The government defines housing costs in excess of 30 percent of income as burdensome. /

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LIBERTIES: There have been no major incidents on the third night of a curfew in Baltimore. Demonstrators are planning large protests in the city and around the country today -- adding civil rights and the slogan "black and brown lives matter" to the traditional May Day events that promote labor issues. Some community leaders are critical of Baltimore authorities for not releasing more details of the investigation into the arrest of Freddie Gray, who died a week later of spinal injuries. ; The Maryland state medical examiner's office says it has sent the autopsy report on Freddie Gray to prosecutors. Officials said this morning that the report is now in the hands of State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby. A spokesman says the medical examiner won't release the report publicly while the case is under investigation. Gray died April 19 of spinal injuries he suffered while in police custody. ; Eighteen black women who were told decades ago that their babies had died soon after birth at a St. Louis hospital are now wondering if the children in fact lived and were taken from them. A video that went viral shows Melanie Gilmore reuniting with her birth mother, Zella Jackson Price. DNA confirmed with near 100-percent certainty that they are mother and daughter. Price was 26 in 1965 when she gave birth, only to be told hours later that her daughter had died. Her lawyer says other women are reaching out. He says city officials are trying to help, but no one can locate birth records from the hospital, which closed in 1979. ; Police in Portland are appealing for patience if two separate events planned for May Day in the downtown area disrupt traffic. A May Day celebration and march organized by the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition has a permit to wind through the downtown area this afternoon. A group called Don't Shoot Portland also plans its own rally. / **POLITICS:** A lawyer for former Oregon first lady Cylvia Hayes goes before a Salem judge today to argue that Hayes should not be forced to release her emails that deal with public business. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum ruled earlier this year that Hayes must disclose the emails from her personal accounts to the Oregonian, which requested them under Oregon's public records law. / **SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION:** The pilot of a small plane that crashed on a flight from Creswell to southwest Washington has been positively identified as a 41-year-old Vancouver, Washington man. The state medical examiner used dental records to identify Lee Cheshire Leslie III. The single-engine Piper PA-28 Cherokee disappeared from radar late on the afternoon of April 21 after taking off from Hobby Field in Creswell. Volunteers with the Oregon Wing of the Civil Air Patrol searched for the plane for four days before it was spotted by the crew of an Oregon National Guard helicopter on Mount Tom in southern Linn County. / **SAFETY, POLITICS:** House lawmakers have passed a bill allowing people with concealed handgun licenses from other states to use them in Oregon. Under the bill approved Thursday, the same protections offered to Oregon concealed carry permit holders, such as the ability carry a firearm into certain public buildings, would be offered to out-of-state permit holders. But the concealed handgun license requirements in those other states would have to meet the same criteria as Oregon's. The State Department of Justice is tasked with making a list of states whose license requirements are as stringent as Oregon's. Supporters say those states would also have to recognize Oregon's concealed handgun license, creating full reciprocity. The bill passed 57-1. It now heads to the Senate. / **HEALTH, POLITICS:** The Oregon House has advanced legislation allowing patients to have information about their benefits sent directly to them, and not the insurance policyholder. Supporters argued Thursday the measure ensures insurance communications are private. They say some people, such as children in abusive homes, might too scared to seek medical treatment if they know information about their doctor's visit is sent to the policyholder, who could also be their abuser. Critics said federal law already requires insurance companies to offer protections for abuse victims who want their information kept private. They also said policyholders could find out about the medical treatments anyway when they're sent the bill. The bill passed 34-25 and now heads to the Senate. /

SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, POLITICS: A bill banning the use of drones in hunting and fishing is on its way to Gov. Kate Brown. The Senate backed the bill unanimously on Thursday after the House approved it last month without opposition. Sporting groups that requested the bill say using drones is an affront to the hunting principle of a fair chase. While there's no evidence drones are widely used to hunt in Oregon, a handful of videos online show people using unmanned aircraft to locate game. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, a lobby group, says eight states have enacted drone bans. / **TRANSPORTATION, POLITICS:** Motorists traveling along rural roads in Oregon are one step closer to being able to pump their own gas. Oregon drivers haven't been able to pump gas since 1951. Oregon and New Jersey are the only two states that don't offer self-service gasoline. But, under a bill passed unanimously by the House this week, gas station operators in remote sections of the state could choose to keep their stations open when no owner, operator or employee is around the pump gas for customers. Supporters said this would allow drivers to still get fuel, even when there's no one around. The law would be limited to counties where there are less than 40,000 residents. The bill now heads to the Senate. / **ECONOMY, POLITICS:** President Barack Obama will campaign for free trade legislation during his Oregon trip next week. A White House statement said Thursday that Obama will attend an event at Nike headquarters May 8 in Beaverton. He plans to talk about how workers would benefit from what the statement calls "progressive, high-standards trade agreements that would open up new markets and support high-quality jobs" for businesses large and small. The Democratic president faces opposition from the left within his own party to legislation that would limit Congress to an up-or-down vote — no amendments — on a 12-nation trade deal that's in the works. But Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden has been a key Democratic backer of what's known as "fast-track" legislation. Obama arrives in Portland on Thursday for a private fundraising event. / **SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT:** A Deschutes County sheriff's officer says a 29-year-old Bend, Oregon, man has died in a skiing accident at Mount Bachelor. Sgt. Ronny Dozier said Peter Sky was skiing with a friend Thursday afternoon when he lost control and hit a tree. Dozier says Sky died despite first aid efforts by citizens, the Mount Bachelor Ski Patrol and Bend Fire Department medics. He was described as an accomplished skier who was wearing appropriate gear, including a helmet. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED MILITARY, ECONOMY, EDUCATION: Did you attend Saturday's University of Oregon football squad's Spring Game? If so, you probably saw some of the video "shout outs" recorded in Kabul by some of our Oregon National Guard soldiers serving in Afghanistan. More than 300 members of the 2-162 are wrapping up their overseas deployment and returning home this month. A smaller advance group returned in March. They are part of several waves of Oregon's citizen-soldiers who are returning from Afghanistan and Kuwait in the coming months. / POLITICS: Former technology executive Carly Fiorina says she's seeking the GOP presidential nomination. She's likely to be the only prominent woman to seek the GOP nomination. Also this morning, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson is formally announcing his run for president. He's expected to be the only African-American to run for president as a Republican. / CRIME, TERRORISM: The FBI says agents are searching a Phoenix, Arizona, apartment as part of the investigation into the deadly shooting outside a suburban Dallas, Texas, venue hosting a provocative contest for artists who have drawn cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad. Sunday's shooting left two gunmen dead and a security officer wounded outside the center in the community of Garland. ABC News cites a senior FBI official in reporting that one of the gunmen, a resident of the Phoenix apartment, was known to authorities and was the subject of an investigation. The ABC report says the man was convicted five years ago of lying to federal agents about plans to travel to Africa, in an apparent attempt to join a terror group there. The event was sponsored by an organization known as the American Freedom Defense Initiative. Organizers offered a \$10,000 prize for the best cartoon depicting the Prophet Muhammad. For many Muslims, images of the Prophet are considered an insult. / SAFETY, CRIME, CIVIL RIGHTS: The Maryland National Guard is continuing to draw down about 3,000 troops who were brought into Baltimore because of last Monday's rioting and looting following the funeral for a black man who was injured and died while in police custody. Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan plans to keep a state of emergency in effect for another couple of days. But Baltimore's city-wide curfew was lifted yesterday. / HEALTH, FAMILY: The U.S. Supreme Court has turned away a challenge to New Jersey's ban on so-called "gay conversion" therapy for patients under 18 years old. The justices did not comment on their order this morning, which followed similar action last year that left California's therapy ban in place. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie signed it into law in 2013. The therapy seeks to change a child's sexual orientation from homosexual to heterosexual. Many medical experts say the therapy does not work and should be illegal because it can lead to anxiety, depression and destructive behavior in children. Supporters of the therapy tried unsuccessfully to persuade the justices to support such therapy by presenting the law it as a restriction on the free speech rights of counselors and doctors. Oregon lawmakers are considering a similar ban. / MILITARY, CRIME, WOMEN: A senator leading a

push to tighten policy on military sex assaults says the number of sex-related crimes in military communities is far greater than the Defense Department has publicly reported. In a report released today, Democrat Kirsten Gillibrand says the spouses of service members and civilian women who live or work near military facilities are especially vulnerable to sexual assault. The New York senator says they "remain in the shadows" because neither is counted in surveys conducted by the Defense Department to determine the prevalence of sexual assaults within the ranks. The Defense Department says it is making progress against sexual assaults. It estimates sex crimes are decreasing and victims are more confident offenders will be held accountable. / CRIME, SAFETY: Some South Carolina law enforcement agencies are offering their parking lots as a safe place to finalize deals made on Craigslist and other online marketplaces. Officers say they won't get involved in the deals. But officials hope that, by doing the transactions at a police station or sheriff's department, people will be less likely to cut a shady deal — or get violent. At least two people have been killed in South Carolina when online transactions went wrong. In 2013, two men were charged with murder after authorities said they killed a Charleston man they met because he was selling his truck on Craigslist. Last year, two men were charged with murder for arranging to meet two brothers to buy a car in Lexington County, then killing one of them. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials says 23 states combined to spend a billion dollars to keep the roads open last winter. The first of its kind survey finds that states used 6 million tons of salt, huge quantities of brine and other liquid deicing chemicals. Plowing and road treatment from October to March consumed 8 million work hours. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED TRANSPORTATION, CRIME, SAFETY: His license has been suspended for one year for medical reasons and he might face eventual charges for careless driving or other traffic violations. But no criminal homicide charges will be filed against the Springfield man whom investigators believe ran a red light in his pick-up truck in February, killing three children in a crosswalk and seriously injuring their mother. Lane County prosecutors announced Monday that they decided against filing charges against 68-year-old Larry LaThorpe after reviewing a Springfield police investigation into the collision at 54th and Main streets. The newspaper reports that District Attorney Alex Gardner said that although the investigation showed that LaThorpe "unwittingly ran a red light" immediately before his pick-up struck the victims, the evidence does not support criminal charges. Gardner said police and prosecutors "share in the community sorrow for the tragic loss of life." But he told The Register-Guard that Oregon courts have ruled that "mere inadvertence, brief inattention or errors in judgment" are not sufficient reasons to charge a person with criminal homicide. LaThorpe had told police that he thought the traffic light was green when he entered the intersection while headed east on Main Street, killing the four, five and eight-year-old children. He told The Register-Guard in a March interview that "what happened was an accident. I'm sorry it happened." / SAFETY, CRIME: Oregon is about to become the eighth state to require background screening before firearms could be transferred between private, unrelated owners. That legislative bill expanding background checks to encompass nearly all gun sales in the state made it through the Legislature yesterday, overcoming obstacles that stymied two previous attempts to pass similar laws. The measure now heads to Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, who has indicated support. Supporters tried twice before to expand background checks in Oregon, seeking to close what they say is a loophole that allows people to purchase firearms online without a review. This year's passage came after Democrats increased their majorities in both chambers after last year's election. The bill that cleared the Oregon House on a 32-28 vote yesterday requires background checks on most private sales and transfers, except those between close family members such as spouses or siblings. There are some exceptions, such as sharing a gun while hunting or handing over a firearm for use at a shooting range. Once the measure takes effect, private sales would need to happen in front of a licensed gun dealer who would run the check through Oregon State Police. There is an exception for gun sellers and buyers who live more than 40 miles from each other. In that case, the seller could send the firearm to a dealer near the buyer, who would then run the check and hand over the gun to the buyer if they're cleared. Oregon's effort is the latest after the long-running debate over gun rights intensified following the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. Last year, Washington state passed a ballot initiative requiring background checks on all gun sales and transfers. Backers say they have the

signatures for a similar ballot initiative in Nevada. / SAFETY, CRIME, CIVIL RIGHTS: The new U.S. attorney general is visiting Baltimore today, the scene of last Monday's rioting and looting following the funeral for a man who died in police custody. Other Justice Department leaders will accompany Attorney General Loretta Lynch. The FBI and the Justice Department are investigating the death of Freddie Gray for possible civil rights violations, and in coming weeks the Justice Department is expected to release results of a separate review of the police department's use of force practices. / MILITARY, ENVIRONMENT: It started out a mountain picnic. But seven decades ago in a remote part of Southern Oregon, it turned into a wartime tragedy—one that was largely hushed up at the time by government officials. Today is the 70th anniversary of the deaths of six Oregonians who are believed to be the only Japanese-inflicted casualties on the U.S. mainland during World War II. It came when a minister and his wife led a picnic for five children in the woods near the community of Bly. The children stumbled across a Japanese balloon bomb, one of close to 9,000 incendiary devices launched from northern Japanese in hopes of igniting wildfires and spreading terror among American civilians here in the Pacific Northwest. The devices never had their intended effect—very few even made it across the ocean and most of those never exploded. The minister told investigators he was unloading the picnic food when he heard one of the children exclaim, "Look what I found!" His wife and the other youngsters ran to see. That's when the balloon bomb exploded, killing them instantly. Only the minister survived. In 1995, Japanese students sent 1,000 paper cranes, a Japanese symbol of peace and healing, to the families of the victims. Six cherry trees were also planted at the site. The site is maintained by the United States Forest Service and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. / TERRORISM, CRIME: Federal authorities say they were already investigating one of the suspects in the weekend shooting at a Texas cartoon contest featuring images of the Muslim Prophet Muhammad. They say the man's social media posts had raised suspicions. Now, investigators are working to determine how the two gunmen—who were fatally shot during the incident—planned the attack and whether they had any co-conspirators. The Islamic State group today claimed responsibility for the attack. But analysts say it's too early to determine whether that is a legitimate claim or simply an opportunistic one. It was the first time that the Islamic State group, which frequently calls for attacks against the West, had claimed responsibility for one in the United States. The deliberately provocative cartoon contest had been expected to draw outrage from the Muslim community. According to mainstream Islamic tradition, any physical depiction of the Prophet Muhammad - even a respectful one - is considered blasphemous. Drawings similar to those featured at the Texas event have sparked violence around the world. / CRIME: The Register-Guard is quoting investigators who say it will be at least a couple of days before the identities are released of those involved in Saturday's shooting in Cottage Grove, which left one man dead and another wounded. The wounded man was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. His newspaper reports his condition was not known Monday evening. Lane County Sheriff's Office said Cottage Grove police arrived at the residence on Curry Avenue just before 6 p.m. on Saturday, after a report of shots fired. Neighbors said the dead man is the one who did the shooting lived across the street and that he was allegedly upset over what he claimed was a lot of traffic at the victim's home. Oregon State Police are assisting in the investigation. ; A former head of a national charity has been sentenced to more than three years in prison for his role in a scheme that stole \$4 million from the nonprofit, depriving hundreds of poor Native American students of a chance for college scholarships. The Oregonian reports that Brian Brown was sentenced yesterday in federal court in Portland. Federal prosecutors said Brown established a nonprofit called Charity One when he stepped down as president of Texas-based National Relief Charities in 2005. Charity One did business as the

American Indian Education Endowment Fund. Prosecutors say Brown and a co-conspirator induced his former charity to fund Charity One with \$4 million, which Brown said would be used for scholarships but wasn't. / **POLITICS, ELECTIONS:** Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee is preparing another bid for the Republican presidential nomination. It comes eight years after his first efforts to expand on the support of evangelical Christians helped him win eight states in the 2008 primaries. The ordained Baptist minister turned politician returns today to his hometown of Hope, Arkansas - the same small town where former President Bill Clinton was born. In a strategy aimed at working-class cultural conservatives, Huckabee and his aides say his second run will present him as an economic populist and foreign affairs hawk who holds deeply conservative views on social issues such as abortion and gay marriage. The 59-year-old Huckabee is an author and former Fox News host and the latest entry in a growing GOP field. Yesterday, former technology executive Carly Fiorina and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson launched their campaigns. / **LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, COMMUNITY:** Are Lane County's homeless numbers falling? Officials say the results of late January's one-night homeless count tallied 14-hundred and 73 people—a 19 percent drop from 2013's event. Volunteers visited areas along streets and under bridges, in 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. Officials think increased housing resources—including 227 additional permanent housing beds might be making a difference. There are also growing community efforts to help individuals and families transition from temporary to more permanent housing. Among this year's homeless, close to half were considered chronically homeless. But one out of every seven counted were members of homeless households with children. Another 210 are homeless veterans, close to 400 are living with mental illness, and more than 200 have chronic alcohol and/or substance abuse issues. / **TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY:** During the month of May, 26 Eugene and Springfield schools are participating in the Oregon Walk+Bike to School Challenge. This is more than ever for our region! The Walk+Bike to School Challenge is a month-long event in which students are encouraged to use active transportation such as walking or bicycling to travel to and from school during the month of May. It coincides with National Bike Month, which is also celebrated locally in the Eugene-Springfield area. Walking or bicycling to and from school is an excellent way to add physical activity into your daily routine. Kids need at least sixty minutes of physical activity every day to keep them healthy – and many kids in Oregon just don't get enough! Walking and bicycling to school can help kids improve their strength and endurance, decrease anxiety and stress, and maintain a healthy weight. Positive experiences gained through walking and biking to school will pave the way for being physically active throughout life. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Today is Cinco de Mayo and if you're heading to any parties or events tonight, remember to use a designated driver. Police are upping their patrols and will be on the lookout for intoxicated drivers. Don't be one of them. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED **MILITARY:** Another group of Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers returned from their deployment yesterday. A crowd was on hand at Medford's airport as close to 70 members of the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry, for their return from Afghanistan. The rest of that battalion will return in late June with a demobilization ceremony set for August. Meantime, more than 300 members of the Springfield-based 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, return later this month with a demobilization ceremony set for June 13th at the Linn County Fairgrounds. A smaller "advance group" returned in March. / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, ECONOMY:** The Register-Guard is reporting that a federal agency has ordered the Eugene Water & Electric Board to replace all of the hydraulic motors that raise and lower the three rollgates that regulate the flow of water through Leaburg Dam. The utility already has replaced the motor for rollgate No. 2, which failed in January of 2012. Now, the newspaper reports the dam's federal regulator has directed the utility to replace the motors on the other two rollgates after one failed and the other experienced a brief malfunction. The failed motor was set for replacement this year but EWEB had not set a date for replacement of the third motor. The Register-Guard reports the directive from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission also puts that project on a fast track. The entire project at Leaburg Dam is expected to cost more than \$5.7 million. The utility has said the costs are being covered from existing reserves and existing capital budgets. Leaburg Dam, 27 miles east of Eugene, was built in 1931. / **ECONOMY:** Comcast, long dogged by a terrible reputation for customer service, is planning to hire thousands and is rolling out new tools to improve its interactions with customers. The company has set aside \$300 million for efforts to improve customer service and will add to that, he said. The Philadelphia company will add 5,500 customer service jobs over the next two to three years. It's also building three new call centers and adding technicians. Comcast is the country's biggest cable company. Its attempt to buy its next-biggest rival, Time Warner Cable, was recently quashed by regulators because of antitrust concerns. Asked if Comcast's customer-service issues were a factor in the government's rejection of the \$45 billion deal, Comcast Corp. CEO Brian Roberts said he didn't know, although he didn't think it was decisive. Among the company's new efforts, starting in the third quarter, it will give customers a \$20 automatic credit if their technician is late for an appointment. It also wants to be more transparent about prices and promotions in its bills and will begin testing new versions in Portland, Oregon, in June. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police yesterday sent representatives to the Oregon Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Salem. It comes ahead of next week's observances of National Police Week. For Eugene officers, the observances are intensely personal: It was just four years ago they lost one of their own, Officer Chris Kilcullen, who was killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop. A contingent from Eugene and Lane County is taking part in the Police Unity Tour, a bicycle ride that begins in New Jersey and ends at the

National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C. Its goal is both to raise awareness about those officers who have died in the line of duty and raise money for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial. / ENVIRONMENT: If you had to make dramatic cutbacks in your water use, could you do it?

Californians are failing in their efforts to cut back voluntarily, so yesterday state water regulators adopted sweeping, unprecedented restrictions on how people, governments and businesses can use water amid the state's ongoing drought.

The rules would force cities to limit watering on public property, encourage homeowners to let their lawns die and impose mandatory water-savings targets for the hundreds of local agencies and cities that supply water to California customers. It comes amid the four-year drought and word that, during the month of March, Californians who were asked to voluntarily curtail water use by an average 20 percent instead cut back by only four percent. As reservoirs and wells run dry, the new target is to cut urban water use by 25 percent—and by up to one third in some communities.

But it's still unclear what punishment the state water board and local agencies will impose for those that don't meet the targets. ; A National Weather Service forecaster says there is a small chance that storms carrying large hail and tornadoes could hit parts of the Great Plains today, an area stretching from Nebraska, through Kansas, Oklahoma and North Texas. How severe might it get?

One meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center warns of the possibility of tennis-ball-sized hail and tornados. Thunderstorms and heavy rain are also in the forecast. / ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: Some big changes at the top for The Register-Guard.

After three decades with the newspaper, publisher Tony Baker says he's retiring soon and that Chris Anderson—currently chairman of the Oregonian Media Group—will take the helm. The Register-Guard is now in its third generation of ownership by the Baker family. This will be the first time a non-family member will lead the newspaper.

Anderson oversaw The Oregonian's transition as it became primarily a digital news organization. Anderson grew up in Eastern Oregon, graduated high school in Albany, attended Oregon State and has worked at newspapers throughout the West, including the Orange County Register in southern California. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: About 60 firefighters worked through the night to contain a 100-acre wildfire north of Glendale, Oregon. Kyle Reed of the Douglas Forest Protective Association says the Peavine Creek fire was discovered Tuesday afternoon. It's burning on industrial timber lands and has damaged two pieces of logging equipment. The fire is not threatening homes in the southwest Oregon community. Reed says firefighters on Wednesday will finish making a trail around the fire and then begin the mop-up phase. Investigators are still trying to determine what started the blaze. ; Oregon's record-low snowpack and dry spring have fire officials concerned about drought and the potential for the driest summer wildfire conditions in 25 years. May is Oregon Wildfire Awareness Month, and the Oregon Department of Forestry, Keep Oregon Green, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, and fire educators statewide are spreading the word on ways to help prevent human-caused wildfires, as well as how to protect a home in the event a fire encroaches. In a large fire event, firefighters may not have the capacity or resources to defend every home. Just as you lock the doors to keep your home and family safe, think of creating a fuel-free defensible space around your home to reduce fire danger and provide safe access to firefighters so they can protect it.

The true culprits are a wildfire's hot embers. They can travel through the air, a mile or more ahead of a wildfire, and come to rest in the leaf debris on the roof or in flammable plants in the landscaping where they eventually smolder and ignite. "You can't control where these embers land, but you can control what happens when they do." The best place to start is with the house and the first 30 feet that extends from the outermost part of the house, including detached garages and sheds. The roof is the most vulnerable part of the home. Regularly clear leaves or

needles from the roof and gutters, and cut back tree limbs that overhang the roof. Remove any combustible natural or human debris, such as leaves, branches, and gas or paint cans that tend to collect near the home, under stairs, decks, and porches. Also important: Relocate firewood at least 30 feet from the home or store it in an enclosed shed. Landscaping should contain low-growing, fire-resistant plants that are spaced carefully so as not to lead a fire to the home. Rake leaves and debris from the yard, mow grass, prune trees six to 10 feet up from the ground, and keep plants well-watered to prevent a surface fire from climbing into the crowns and carrying flames from trees to the house. Properly placed deciduous trees can actually protect a home by blocking a wildfire's intense heat. Fuel breaks, such as driveways, gravel walkways, and green lawns can stop the advance of a fire by starving it of flammable vegetation. / POLITICS, ECONOMY: President Barack Obama visits to Oregon later this week to, among other things, promote the largest trade deal the U.S. has ever negotiated. On Friday, the President will attend an event at Nike's headquarters in Beaverton. He'll discuss how he thinks workers and Oregon businesses will benefit from the new trade agreement. But not everyone's a fan of what's known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) or the effort to fast-track such deals. The bipartisan trade legislation was introduced this month by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden and Utah Senator Orrin Hatch. But Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio is among the critics. DeFazio complains such trade deals allow little to no input from Congress. And he says he fears the Trans-Pacific Partnership will reinforce trade policies that he says led to record profits by multi-national corporations and sent thousands of American jobs overseas. / SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS, MINORITIES: Baltimore's mayor is asking federal investigators to look into whether the city's police department uses a pattern of excessive force or discriminatory policing. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said today that the community has a "fractured" relationship with police. Her request came a day after new Attorney General Loretta Lynch visited the city. The mayor says Lynch understands the urgency of her request. Baltimore saw days of unrest after Freddie Gray, a black man, was taken into custody and suffered critical injuries. He died a week later. ; With national attention focused on the use of force by police, the Oregon Legislature is looking to create parameters for recording video of interactions between officers and the public. The state House overwhelmingly approved two bills police video bills on Tuesday, sending both to the Senate. One bill would require police departments that use cameras worn by officers to come up with a policy for retaining and dispersing videos. It would allow law-enforcement agencies to keep videos secret unless ordered to release them by a judge. Officers would not be required to tell people they're recording if doing so isn't practical. The other bill would make it clear that citizens have a right to videotape police activity as long as they don't interfere. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: There was no way for passengers to know -- but the co-pilot of a flight from Germany to Spain in March was apparently practicing for a disaster he would cause just two hours later. Investigators say Andreas Lubitz was setting the altitude on that flight as low as 100 feet above the ground, although the plane never actually descended to that level. It was on the return flight to Germany later that day that authorities believe he deliberately sent the plane into a controlled descent, crashing it into a mountain and killing all 150 people on board. ; The exit ramp from southbound I-5 to OR 34 (Corvallis-Lebanon Hwy.) at milepost 228 is now open after a log truck overturned earlier. The truck will remain on the ramp shoulder until tonight, when it will be removed. During the removal of the truck, the ramp will need to be temporarily closed. In the meantime, travelers should use the ramp with caution and reduced speed. / ENVIRONMENT, CRIME: Authorities are trying to find whoever drained a reservoir east of Prineville. The Bulletin newspaper reports that someone opened the head gate last month on the dam holding back Peterson Creek Reservoir. The reservoir sits on land in the estate of late Central Oregon tire baron Les Schwab.

No one lives near the site and Crook County Judge Mike McCabe said it was likely draining for two weeks before anyone noticed. He says the culprit had to have used a big wrench, so it was no accident. Investigators do not have a clear motive for why anyone would empty it. The act occurred the same month Gov. Kate Brown declared a drought emergency in Crook County. A \$5,000 reward has been offered for information leading to a conviction. / ENVIRONMENT: Two environmental groups are threatening to sue a federal agency over what they deem its failure to develop a recovery plan for the Oregon coast coho salmon. The formal notice of intent to sue was filed Tuesday by the Center for Biological Diversity and Oregon Wild. The Oregon coast coho has been protected as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act since 2008. Despite this, the two groups say, the National Marine Fisheries Service has failed to develop a recovery plan for the fish. The plan would entail reforming logging and other land-management practices, which the groups say contribute to the decline of the salmon. The Fisheries Service says the lawsuit is unnecessary. The agency is working on the plan and will release a draft sometime this fall. ; Federal authorities have given rare approval to farmers to use drones large enough to carry tanks of fertilizers and pesticides. The drone developed by Yamaha Corp. U.S.A. is a remotely piloted helicopter that weighs 207 pounds. Small drones weighing a few pounds already had been approved for limited use to take pictures the help farmers identify unhealthy crops. / CRIME, EDUCATION: Reports of sex offenses on college campuses have nearly doubled over a five-year period. Education Department officials say they believe the increase is the result of federal enforcement efforts and growing public attention to the issues of campus sexual assault. A letter the department sent to California Sen. Barbara Boxer says in 2009, there were 3,357 sex offense cases reported to the department in annual crime statistics reports. In 2013 there were 6,073. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: The Russian cargo ship that failed in its mission to deliver supplies to the International Space Station is expected to fall from orbit tomorrow. The Progress was launched April 28, but entered the wrong orbit and went into an uncontrollable spin. Russian flight controllers were unable to bring it under control. The Russian space agency Roscosmos says some fragments from the spacecraft may hit Earth tomorrow, but most of it will burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere. ; A big rig without a driver? Daimler officials have rolled out their truck of the future — a driverless big rig they're comparing to man's first steps on the moon. The company's Freightliner of the future was revealed at a news conference Tuesday in Las Vegas. Nevada allows driverless vehicle testing on public roads as long as a driver is present. Company officials say it could be years before a fully self-driving truck would be used on roadways. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED SAFETY, CRIME, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY: For three-quarters of a century, it was a local-- and eventually a National Historic-- landmark. Eugene's Civic Stadium is no more, gutted by a massive fire that broke out shortly before 5:30 yesterday evening. Overnight, crews continued to douse "hot spots" as investigators embarked on what promises to be days if not weeks of work to determine what or who sparked the blaze. For residents returning home to their hastily evacuated neighborhoods, keep an eye on the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's Facebook page for tips on clean-up of ashes, embers and debris, as well as any precautions that might be needed around potentially unhealthful materials. We'll learn in the coming days about everything from the logistics of the clean-up to the details of insurance coverage to what this devastating fire means to those who worked so hard to raise funds to preserve the site and develop a new community sports complex. A couple of quick updates in the wake of yesterday's massive fire that gutted Eugene's Civic Stadium: Traffic surrounding the stadium might still be restricted in places during the morning commute. Keep an eye out for slowdowns and detours. Investigators could use your help as they work to determine the cause of the blaze. If you saw anything or have photographs or videos at the scene that you can share, call the Tip Line at 541-682-8888. If your home was located downwind or near the fire, keep an eye out for smoldering embers in any bark areas, dry vegetation around house, gutters and roofs. It's likely most of this stuff went out overnight but if you find anything that concerns you, please call 9-1-1. ; It took two hours to bring that devastating fire that gutted Eugene's historic Civic Stadium under control last night. And with a grandstand built in 1938 with what became highly seasoned wood, fire crews say the blaze burned high and fast: Within minutes of receiving the first call, crews arrived to find flames shooting to twice the height of the stadium roof. The two-alarm fire led to the evacuation neighborhoods within a two-block radius. As the fire was put out and residents returned to their homes, experts with L-RAPA, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, advised they use care in handling and removing and ash, embers or debris that might contain unhealthful materials. Officials were still working to determine what materials in addition to the wooden grandstands might have burned. Among the suggested precautions: 1. Mist the debris gently with a spray bottle (do not use a hose) 2. Use gloves to place the wetted down material gently into a plastic bag 3. Seal plastic bag so that it is air tight. ; It's difficult to convey the scope of the inferno as historic Civic Stadium burned yesterday evening—or the emotional impact for those who mourned its loss. A lot of us have fond memories of relaxing summer baseball at Eugene's Civic Stadium. But after the devastating fire, memories are all that remain. Historic Civic Stadium was built in 1938 and over the years hosted baseball games, football games, rodeos, graduation ceremonies and so much more. But the grandstand was built with what became well-seasoned lumber and yesterday

burned too hot and fast for responders—battling not just the flames but 90-degree weather in full protective gear—to save the structure. The fire prompted the evacuation of neighbors within a two-block radius. They were allowed to return to their homes later that evening, but advised to keep an eye out for any smoldering embers or debris. This morning, the investigation is underway in earnest to determine what or who sparked the blaze. ; A spectacular fire destroyed Eugene's historic Civic Stadium on Monday evening and prompted the temporary evacuation of a two-block area, the fire chief said. Fire crews found flames shooting twice the height of the structure when they were called to the stadium at about 5:30 p.m., police spokesman John Hankemeier said. Smoke was visible throughout the city, which is about 100 miles south of Portland. The stadium's dry, seasoned lumber caused the blaze to spread quickly, Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief Randy Groves said after the fire was controlled at about 7 p.m. He said the cause is under investigation. No one was hurt. The stadium was approved by voters in 1938 during the Great Depression and opened that same year. Labor was provided by the Works Progress Administration, and materials were donated by lumbermen in the area. The Eugene Emeralds, a minor league team, had been a long-time tenant, but vacated in 2009. A nonprofit group of community activists bought it in April, with plans to eventually build a soccer field and a park on the property. "We're really heartbroken," said Derek Johnson, co-founder of the Eugene Civic Alliance, which worked for years to secure the stadium from the city of Eugene. "It's a hard day. "When I first heard, I was desperately hoping that something could be saved of the stadium," he told The Register-Guard newspaper. "It's a magnificent structure but it was wood, and that was one of the parts of it that was really beautiful. But that wood ... that's an impermanent structure." One spectator said he saw the fire start. "I looked over and there was a small fire, just a couple feet wide, inside the press box, about 20 to 30 feet up from home plate," said Danny Sales, South Eugene High's head baseball coach. Sales said he immediately called 911. "And by the time I got off the phone with the operator, the whole stadium was on fire," he said. ; Members of the Eugene Civic Alliance say they plan to press on with efforts to turn the stadium site into a youth sports venue. But the loss of the historic grandstand—which would have been a centerpiece of the development—hurts. Just two months ago, the group closed a deal to turn the 10-acre site into a community sports venue with a new fieldhouse and redesigned sports fields. In a post yesterday evening on the group's website, organizers answered a few questions, saying: Construction on the site was scheduled to begin next month but to their knowledge no volunteers or contractors were on-site yesterday. The structure was insured. We will work with our insurance representatives on next steps. Eugene Civic Alliance organizers add that it is too early to know how they will proceed but they'll be discussing it in the coming days and weeks. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: The lightning-caused Bunker Hill Fire (USFS) reported June 26 burning in timber 30 miles SE of Oakridge, OR., is 167 acres and 10 percent contained. ; Wildfires are chasing residents from their neighborhoods in Washington state, where 24 structures have burned. The wildfire started Sunday near Wenatchee and spread out of control in the hot and windy weather. In Southern California, flames got uncomfortably close to the historic La Purisima Mission, built in 1787. In Alaska, the state had more than 600 wildfires on Monday, but the rain has been helping firefighters. / ECONOMY: It's crunch time for Greece, with the European part of its international bailout expiring today and with it any possible access to the remaining rescue loans that it needs to pay its debts. Without an 11th-hour deal, the Greek government is unlikely to repay a debt of about \$1.9 billion to the International Monetary Fund that is also due today Non-payment would amount to default and would increase fears the country could fall out of the euro currency bloc. With banks still shuttered and Greeks limited to cash withdrawals of about \$67 per day, long lines continued to form at ATM machines. The capital controls began Monday

and will last at least a week, in an attempt to keep the banks from collapsing in the face of a nationwide bank run. Over the weekend, the Greek prime minister called for a referendum on creditor demands in return for bailout loans. He's argued that the demands from creditors for further, tougher austerity measures cannot be accepted after six years of recession. There was speculation on earlier today that a last-minute deal might be possible. Markets in Europe rose on the hopes for a resolution. In Brussels, European officials said there was discussion giving Greek leaders a belated way out of the financial crisis if they accept creditors' conditions on the bailout standoff and campaign for staying in the euro zone. / ECONOMY (SPORTS): The Women's World Cup semifinal clash between top-ranked Germany and the second-ranked United States will feature two of the best goalkeepers in the game: Nadine Angerer and Hope Solo. The two women will be the last line of defense Tuesday night for their teams, with is each seeking a spot in the final match. Historically, when the Germans have met the Americans in the World Cup, the winner has gone on to win the title. Both teams have won it all twice: The United States in 1991 and '99, and the Germans in 2003 and '07. This is the fourth meeting between the two teams at the World Cup. In each instance the winner has gone on to claim the title. The victor will face the winner of the other semifinal between defending champion Japan, ranked No. 5 in the world, and sixth-ranked England at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton on Wednesday night. The final is set for next Sunday at BC Place in Vancouver. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, EDUCATION: A big debate over tightening rules for vaccine exemptions in California. A bill headed to California Governor Jerry Brown for his signature strikes down much of the state's personal belief exemption for vaccines. Brown has not said whether he would sign the bill. He has 12 days to consider. California children without a medical exemption, which will still be granted to those with serious health issues, will either have to be homeschooled or get fully vaccinated by kindergarten and seventh grade, the state's two vaccine checkpoints. It applies to public and private schools, as well as day care facilities. If California's strict school vaccine bill becomes law, experts believe it could help prevent another situation like the measles outbreak in December traced to the Disneyland theme park. It infected over 100 people in the U.S. and Mexico, including a Lane County man. Supporters say tighter rules would increase immunization rates and help contain the spread of disease. The bill has prompted the most heated legislative debate of the year, with thousands of California parents taking to social media and flooding the Capitol in recent weeks to oppose the bill at legislative hearings. Similar legislation was dropped in Oregon earlier this year because opposition was so fierce. Though California's overall vaccination rates are stable, some suburban pockets of the state have vaccination rates hovering near 50 percent. This poses major problems for what immunologists call "herd immunity," or the percentage at which enough people are vaccinated to protect the community as a whole. Herd immunity for measles is between 92 and 94 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Still, parents opposed to the bill are holding firm. They have said that the measure infringes upon informed consent and violates equal access to education. Some have even vowed to take legal action, though the issue has previously been upheld in court. / POLITICS: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who spent three years as president of his high school class, is returning to his alma mater today to announce he's running for president of his country. The Republican governor is set to launch his campaign from the old gymnasium of Livingston High School in the town of Livingston, New Jersey, where he experienced some of his first political victories. Christie remains close to many of his former classmates, who had inklings even then that a career in politics was in his future. Christie's remarks, to be delivered without a TelePrompTer, will be aimed at reintroducing himself to a national audience that has seen him fade from favor among Republicans and then try to climb back. He'll draw heavily on how his upbringing

shaped him in articulating his vision for the country. The governor faces a tough sell with many conservatives, while seeming to find his stride at times in visits to early voting states with the lively town hall meetings he's known for at home. / ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, POLITICS: President Barack Obama says a lot more American workers should be getting overtime for putting in more than 40 hours a week. The president is proposing today that any salaried employee paid up to \$970 a week be eligible for overtime pay. Right now, only salaried employees making less than \$455 per week have to be paid overtime. The U.S. Supreme Court will consider limiting the power of government employee unions to collect fees from non-members in a case that union officials say could threaten membership and further weaken organized labor. The justices said this morning they will hear an appeal from a group of California teachers who say it violates their First Amendment rights to have to pay any fees if they disagree with the union's positions. The teachers want the court to overturn a 38-year-old precedent that said unions can require non-members to pay for collective bargaining costs as long as the fees don't go toward political purposes. Public workers in half the states are required to pay "fair share" fees if they are represented by a union, even if they are not members. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a new case about the drawing of state legislative districts in Arizona by an independent commission, one day after the justices upheld the commission's congressional map-drawing. The justices said they will consider in their new term whether the legislative districts are unconstitutional. Eleven Republican voters had sued the commission, claiming that it illegally shifted Republican voters from some districts to make them more likely to elect Democrats to the state Legislature on the premise of complying with the federal Voting Rights Act. A panel of federal judges found that the state's redistricting commission did not violate the Constitution's equal-protection clause by putting more voters in some districts. / ECONOMY: U.S. home prices have been increasing at a solid clip. They rose by nearly five percent in April, led by double-digit jumps in Denver and San Francisco. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index covers 20 cities -- and about half of U.S. homes. Strong job growth and low mortgage rates have prompted greater demand for housing, boosting home values. But the continued gains are at roughly double the pace of wage growth, potentially pricing out many would-be buyers. / ENVIRONMENT: The planets are aligning and it's going to be spectacular. During the past month, the two brightest planets in June's night sky—Venus and Jupiter—have been moving through their orbits in such a way that they appear to be approaching one another. Tonight, they will appear to close together that if you held out your hand, you could cover the two with the tip of your finger. Experts say the two planets will be in what's known as "conjunction"—just one-third of a degree apart—and will look a bit like a double star. You can spot them just after sunset, fairly low in the western sky. But you'll have to check it out early in the evening, before the planets "set" below the horizon. Jupiter and Venus will remain fairly close together through the holiday weekend. Astronomers say Venus is actually in its crescent phase this week but will still appear very bright. And just to the upper left of the pairing you'll be able to spot Regulus, the brightest star in the constellation Leo. It should be a gorgeous evening sky. If you miss it this year, no worries: Mark your calendar for August 27th of 2016. Experts say they'll be separated by just one-tenth of one degree. / HEALTH, FAMILIES: Federal health officials are considering new warnings and child-resistant packaging on liquid nicotine packets used with e-cigarettes and other next-generation tobacco products. The Food and Drug Administration says it is responding to an uptick in nicotine poisonings reported by emergency rooms and poison centers nationwide. Liquid nicotine is primarily used to refill e-cigarettes, a fast-growing market encompassing hundreds of products and an estimated \$2.1 billion in sales. The agency will seek public comment on a number of questions surrounding the proposed warnings and safe guards,

according to a government memo posted online. Under a 2009 law, the FDA gained authority to regulate some aspects of cigarettes and other traditional tobacco products. A year ago, the FDA released a proposal bringing e-cigarettes under its authority. That rule has not been finalized. / **LOW-INCOME, ELDERS, HEALTH, COMMUNITY:** Some changes that organizers hope will improve our local "Meals on Wheels" program. FOOD For Lane County—the area's local food bank—will soon begin handling some of the deliveries of hot meals to senior citizens in Eugene through the Meals on Wheels program. The program offers both the nourishing meals and a regular safety check to homebound seniors, ages 60 and older, who need help with meal preparation. Since 1972, the local chapter of the American Red Cross has partnered with Senior and Disability Services (a division of Lane Council of Governments) to provide Meals on Wheels in the Eugene area. But FOOD for Lane County takes over the deliveries tomorrow to better allow the local Red Cross chapter to focus on its mission of disaster preparedness, relief and recovery. So FOOD for Lane County will, beginning tomorrow, provide meals in Eugene. L-COG's Senior and Disability Services, meanwhile, will continue to provide meals in Springfield and six outlying communities. All of the agencies involved say they're committed to a smooth transition for clients and volunteers. And the program is always looking for volunteers and would love to hear from people who have a few hours a week to help seniors continue to live independently in their own homes. To request Meals on Wheels service or to volunteer in the Eugene area, call 541-607-5065. Outside Eugene, call 541-682-3353, toll free 1-800-441-4038, or TTY 541-682-4567. / **TRANSPORTATION, POLITICS:** Slow drivers in passing lanes on Oregon freeways would sometimes have to make way for motorists with heavier right feet under a bill under consideration in the Legislature. Lawmakers are advancing several traffic-related bills as they push to wrap up the legislative session. One would designate the left lane on highways as a passing lane when there isn't congestion, requiring slow drivers to move over for faster-moving traffic. That measure passed the Senate on in a 23-6 vote on Monday, sending it back to the House. Another bill would raise the speed limit on certain stretches of freeway in Eastern Oregon. It would increase Oregon's top speed limit to 70 mph on some stretches of Interstate 84 and Highway 95. That bill is awaiting action in the Ways and Means Committee. / **ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY:** A plugged water intake at a southern Oregon fish hatchery has left 400,000 baby salmon dead. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says a fish carcass plugged an intake at the Rock Creek Hatchery on the North Umpqua River, causing water to drop in a raceway where fish were being raised for release next spring. The department says an alarm was not triggered, and the problem was discovered within an hour, but it was too late to salvage any fish. Hatchery director Dan Meyer says the carcass that plugged the intake may have gotten into a water line during a power outage last month. The department says the losses will be primarily felt by Umpqua River anglers in 2018, when several thousand of those fish would have returned as adults. / **POLITICS, MINORITIES, IMMIGRATION, ECONOMY:** You're fired! That's NBC's message for The Donald. The network is cutting all business ties to Donald Trump. NBC is pulling the plug on the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants. The move follows Trump's comments about Mexican immigrants made during his announcement that he's running for the GOP presidential nomination. NBC and producer Mark Burnett are exploring ways to continue "Celebrity Apprentice" with a new host. Trump counters that NBC is "is weak, and like everybody else is trying to be politically correct." Trump says he might sue the network. During his presidential kickoff speech, Trump said Mexican immigrants are "bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists and some, I assume, are good people." /