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

Third Quarter, 2022: July 1 through September 30

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

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

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

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

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

PROGRAMMING

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

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

	McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING ISSUES LIST
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	Third Quarter – July 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022
	<i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings</i>
1	<u>ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, FINANCES, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO SPORTS, EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT:</u> Economic reopening and pandemic recession recovery; Inflation: Rising housing, fuel, food, and other prices; Unemployment, workforce training; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; UO-OSU Athletics; World Athletics Championships and other sports events; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, city hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
2	<u>DISASTERS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, WILDFIRES, WILDFIRE RECOVERY, ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, WEATHER, CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, RECREATION:</u> Continued 2020 and 2021 wildfire recovery; 2022 wildfire season budgeting and preparations; Community and residential “hardening” against wildfires; Climate change and the prolonged drought; Aftermath of the 2021 record heatwave; General disaster preparedness; Earthquake preparedness; Severe weather preparedness; Air quality; Climate change and health; Legislative “cap & trade” debate; Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable landscaping; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Cougar, wolves; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Power generation; Alternate energy; Hazardous materials; Offshore drilling; Wind and Solar farms; Pipelines; Oil trains.
3	<u>CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS:</u> Drug & alcohol abuse, opioid epidemic; Addiction treatment; Mental health; Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; Illegal cannabis farms and businesses; Traffic safety; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Terrorism.
4	<u>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, PANDEMIC:</u> COVID-19; Omicron and variants; COVID-19 vaccines; Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis; Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA battles; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Legal battles over abortion and reproduction; Childcare shortage; Women’s health; Flu, STDs; Measles, other outbreaks, debate over vaccines; Immunizations; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.
5	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, CHARITY:</u> Homelessness and Safe Sleep sites issues; Neighborhood, business, and community impacts; Crime, substance abuse, and homelessness; CAHOOTS and other alternate enforcement; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; “The Working Poor”; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances; Wildfire housing /
6	<u>SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, & EDUCATION:</u> Schools and students, post-pandemic; Academic recovery post-pandemic and amid wildfire rebuilding; Community college and higher education funding and program adjustments; College affordability; Curriculum, academic standards; Student honors; Student activism; Teacher contracts; New schools; Families; The childcare shortage.
7	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT, COURTS:</u> Mid-term elections and the political divide; Legislative control and local races; Secession movements; Follow-ups on Oregon revenues and Legislative Emergency Board funding; Federal stimulus, state and local programs; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Biden Administration, Congressional, and federal and state courts decisions impacting Oregon; Cybersecurity, data breaches /

8	<u>RACIAL JUSTICE, RACISM, BIPOC (BLACKS, INDIGENOUS, PEOPLE OF COLOR), LATINX, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, DISABILITIES, LEGAL, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, CHILDREN, YOUTH, OLDER ADULTS, RELIGION, WOMEN, LGBTQ, GENDER ISSUES, SEXUAL HARASSMENT, ANIMALS:</u> Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; COVID-19; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.
9	<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u> COVID-19; Infrastructure needs and projects; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Airline disruptions; Boeing 737 investigations; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety.
10	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> COVID-19; Veterans, jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; hacking and privacy.
	<i>The 3rd Quarter, 2022, Issues List was formulated by Tracy Berry - KGNU-FM and from previous quarters' ascertainments, conversations, phone calls, and emails with listeners and community leaders. As always, the list is updated to reflect developing issues over the course of the quarter.</i>

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

ISSUES: *Recreation, Family, Youth, Environment, Health, Community, Development*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/03/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Michael Wargo, Kenny Massingham, Willamalane Park & Recreation District

Contact information: 541-736-4350

City and State: Springfield, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We finally have some summer weather to go with the summer calendar, so this morning we learn more about Springfield's Willamalane Park and Recreation District. They have a very busy indoor and outdoor summer schedule including youth camps and outings. The focus is on keeping children active and busy as we emerge from the pandemic. There are also plenty of activities for adults. Willamalane has a diverse park system, which includes urban parks and forested preserves with a growing network of hiking and bicycling trails. There's history and riverfront habitat at places like Dorris Ranch. And there are Willamalane's swimming pools and indoor fitness facilities, sports courts and athletic fields. Willamalane also has its "Sounds Like Summer" concert series at Island Park, a place for people to gather and spend a pleasant summer evening. There are still challenges as we emerge from the pandemic, including challenges hiring seasonal staff. Willamalane also provides food to needy families and individuals with its locations that are part of our local food pantry network.

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

ISSUES: *Wildlife, Community, Environment, Agriculture, Health, Education*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/10/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Julie Collins, Kit Lacy, Cascades Raptor Center

Contact information: 541-485-1320

City and State: Eugene, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It was founded 30 years ago by Louise Shimmel, a woman who was committed to rehabilitating injured wildlife and enhancing education. Today, the Cascades Raptor Center has a robust rehabilitation program and its education mission continues to grow. Julie Collins and Kit Lacy share an update, including the focus on raptor rehabilitation. They say birds that can be released into the wild are. Those that can serve as animal ambassador raptors remain at the center to provide up-close educational opportunities. Staff and volunteers share their mission and details of training and rehab with visitors. There was a strong virtual program during the pandemic. Now, there's a gradual return to in-person education. But there's also some caution, especially amid the recent outbreak of avian flu among wild birds. The raptor center added additional precautions to protect their wildlife, including asking people to change their shoes before coming and sanitize their shoe soles before entering the facility. They say the center's goal is to appreciate the importance of raptors in our environment and create a more welcoming habitat for them.

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

ISSUES: *Community, Recreation, Events, Sports, Business*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/17/22 and 07/24/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Brian Movalson, Revere Event Management / Rikki Wright, Comcast Business Services

Contact information: via Amy Keiter, Comcast Business: Amy_Keiter@comcast.com

City and State: Eugene, Beaverton, and Portland, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It features entertainment and activities throughout the day, a big screen streaming the action from Hayward Field, food booths, artisans and vendors, and a terrific view of the Willamette River as it flows through the heart of town. And admission is free! For the duration of the World Athletics Championships, the Eugene Riverfront Festival takes place in the new Eugene Riverfront Park—on the south side of the Willamette on some of the former Eugene Water & Electric Board property, across the river from Alton Baker Park and just a short distance away from downtown and the University of Oregon. Organizers say it's a chance to showcase the community, its culture, and allow visitors and residents to come together and enjoy a relaxing outdoor setting. The Eugene Riverfront Festival's opening weekend takes place between noon and 10 p.m. today, Saturday, and Sunday. The festival continues from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday of next week, then is back to noon to 10 p.m. for the closing three days. Among the entertainment highlights are bands including the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Ozomatli, along with many other local, regional, and national performers. There are two ziplines that allow you to soar above the festivities. The Kid's Zone includes interactivity activities from the Adventure! Children's Museum, Eugene Recreation, the Eugene Public Library, and Nurturely. Many corporate partners came together to create the offerings in Eugene's newest park. Revere, an Oregon-based company that creates entertainment and crowd venues at festivals and events including the College Football Championships, is the lead contractor for the project. Comcast Business installed essential infrastructure including the high-speed Internet that handles both video and audio and Wi-Fi systems both for vendors and attendees.

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

ISSUES: *Health, Mental Health, Youth, Women, Education, Safety, Social Services*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/31/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Teri Conklin, Communications Director, Ophelia's Place

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City and State: Eugene, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Its goals are important ones: Help girls develop healthy relationships and a positive body image and reduce bullying and harassment. Lane County-based Ophelia's Place is expanding its offerings to the Linn County city of Albany. Ophelia's Place started in Eugene-Springfield. As is the case here in Lane County, the new Albany location offers a safe spot for girls to spend their free time before or after school. The resource centers offer counseling and therapy services, skill-building activities and games, a place to do homework, and a chance of girls to relax as a group and "just be themselves." Ophelia's Place also offers curriculum and presentations to middle schools, community and business groups. We chat with Teri Conklin about the effort, the expansion, how programming continued during the pandemic, and what new efforts lie ahead.

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ISSUES: *Animals, Community, Social Service, Low-Income, Safety, Family*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 08/06/22 and 08/13/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Megan Burrows, Community Engagement & Humane Education Manager, Greenhill Humane Society

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City and State: Eugene, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Our local animal shelter and leading animal care agency, Greenhill Humane Society, has weathered the challenges the pandemic, had successful capital campaigns to expand its facilities, handles everything from lost pet calls to animal neglect cases, and works to educate the community about its mission and the humane treatment of animals. We speak with Megan Burrows about all of those topics. She also offers advice to pet owners who adopted animals during the pandemic on how to acclimate their animals when the people return to in-person work and school. She discusses the importance of spaying, neutering, microchipping. She also discusses poverty in our community and aging adults and how Greenhill's staff works to keep pets with their people whenever possible to avoid them surrendering their animals for economic reasons. She also discusses the importance of volunteers and donations.

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

ISSUES: *Health, Mental Health, Low-Income, Pandemic, Community, Social Services, Homelessness, Law Enforcement*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 08/21/22 and 08/28/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Kim Freuen, Dental Coordinator, White Bird Clinic / Nicole Nemath, NEST (Naviagtion Empowerment Services Team) program, White Bird Clinic / Arlo Silver, CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out on the Streets), White Bird Clinic.
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City and State: Eugene-Springfield, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: It's an essential local non-profit that provides affordable medical, dental, and crisis care to people who lack access to medical care and insurance, are homeless, or struggling with mental health issues. But as is the case with so many businesses and organizations, hiring remains a challenge for the Eugene-based White Bird Clinic. This month, White Bird issued an urgent request for Dental Assistant applicants for its programs. White Bird's website at whitebirdclinic.org lists more than two dozen other openings, ranging from a Family Practice or Internal Medicine physician, to crisis intervention counselors and medics, members of White Bird's nationally acclaimed CAHOOTS team, and even an accounting specialist and a payroll and office clerk. We sit down with three managers with the White Bird Clinic to learn more about their services and hiring needs. We talk about White Bird's role over the decades in Eugene-Springfield. And we learn more about CAHOOTS, the nationally recognized program that helps intervene when people are in mental health crisis to help assist law enforcement and often get individuals in crisis into care and treatment rather than jail. It's hailed by local law enforcement agencies and has become a national model for similar programs.

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

ISSUES: SAFETY, HEALTH, OUTDOORS, WEATHER, RECREATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/04/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Scott Lucas, State of Oregon Search & Rescue Coordinator, Oregon Department of Emergency Management

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City and State: Salem, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Summer is always a busy time for Oregon's Search and Rescue programs, and 2022 has been no exception. State coordinator Scott Lucas says the good news is that search-and-rescue missions are down 22 percent from this time last year. But injuries are up 35 percent over the same span, meaning there might be fewer missions, but crews are encountering people with greater injuries. Many rescue missions involve those with hiking injuries, often among people who were ill-prepared for their adventure. Oregon is known for year-round outdoor recreation. With the opening of archery hunting season and Oregon's new rules of drawing tags, many hunters will be in new and unfamiliar locations. Plus, there are a number of closures because of current wildfires or clean-up continuing from blazes the past couple of summers. That, combined with folks looking to squeeze in the last bit of summer, might escalate the risk and resulting SAR missions. There's also a greater risk of human-caused fires as we hit the height of wildfire season. Over the past decade, alpine rescues are up 100 percent and 19 percent over the last year alone. Officials say climbing injuries are up 26 percent, often because people do not know the area, the proper routes, or their own limits. That has meant more extreme lifesaving helicopter missions. Additionally, experts say social media posts sometimes lure people to try outdoor challenges for which they might be ill-prepared—and give them a false sense of security as they embark. One positive trend is that more people are using of GPS tracking and location devices, which makes it easier for those who are lost or injured to be found. They say far too many rely on their cellphones, even though they might be headed to a location with no cell coverage and no place to recharge their phone's

batteries. Experts say when heading outdoors, familiarize yourself with the area where you're headed, carry a printed map, checking local fire restrictions, pack appropriately, travel with a companion, and always let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. Lucas also talks about the importance of local search and rescue teams, many of whom specialize on horseback, snow, or water. And he speaks about the ongoing need for volunteers to supplement the professional staff in each county.

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

ISSUES: *Employment, Economy, Business, Government, Growth*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/11/22 and 09/18/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Brian Rooney, Regional Economist, Oregon Employment Department / Henry Fields, Employment Analyst, Oregon Employment Department

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City and State: Eugene-Springfield, OR

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Oregon's unemployment rate rose a bit to 3.7 percent in August from 3.5 percent in July. This was the first increase in Oregon's unemployment rate since April 2020. But the numbers don't tell the entire story. State analysts Brian Rooney and Henry Fields give us some perspective on what the statewide and local numbers mean. They say more people are looking for work. They say Oregon has recovered all the jobs lost during the start of the pandemic—although they've come back in different ways in different sectors. And they say the overall workforce is now larger than it was before the start of the pandemic in March of 2020—with employers still trying to hire more people amid continued and unprecedented consumer spending and demand. Oregon's unemployment rate ticked up from 3.5 to 3.7 percent last month. But that remains close to historic lows. The biggest gains came in areas including Government, Leisure and Hospitality, Construction, Professional and Business Services, and Manufacturing. The only areas shedding some jobs last month were Other Services and Financial Activities. With the rapid gains in total nonfarm payroll jobs in July and August, Oregon reached a record employment total of 1,974,700 jobs in August, which was 2,500 jobs above the pre-pandemic peak reached in February 2020. The private sector has also regained all of the jobs it lost during the pandemic recession. During the Great Recession of 2007-2008, it took 82 months for Oregon's payroll workforce to recover to its previous levels. But during the recent pandemic-caused recession, it only took 30 months. Lane County's unemployment rate edged up to 4.0 percent in August compared with 3.8 percent in July. With the start of the school year, there was a large gain in education, as well as in health services. But

there were large declines in professional and business services and retail trade. But even though the unemployment rate ticked higher, more people are in the local workforce. Lane County's payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 100 jobs in August after increases of 800 in July and 300 in June. The county has regained 88 percent of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. In the past year alone, local employers added more than 5,700 jobs. Among the big gainers over the past 12 months: Leisure and Hospitality (1,900), Education and Health Services (700), Construction (600), Manufacturing (600), and Financial Activities (600). While that's higher than the county's record low jobless rate of 3.6 percent in November 2019, it is well below the number from a year ago of 4.9 percent. Oregon's August rate was 3.7 percent, matching the national unemployment numbers for last month. Rooney and Fields discuss the importance of startups and other new businesses, the effects of an aging workforce, and the importance of educational and career technical programs. And they discuss some of the analytical services their offices provide to local employers and others seeking insight into the Lane County labor market.

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

ISSUES: *Housing, Low-Income, Homeless, Community, Economy, Growth, Social Services*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/25/22

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

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

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

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City and State: Lane County, OR

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

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SPORTS, BUSINESS, EDUCATION: A seismic shift in the world of college sports. Leaders of the Big Ten yesterday voted unanimously to add Southern California and UCLA as conference members beginning in 2024. The move shakes up traditional and geographic rivalries. It also could lead to more Pac-12 defections and conference realignments across the country. The main driver of the realignment: College football television revenues, which a major share of funding for athletic departments. The Big-12's addition of the two Los Angeles schools and its expansion to 16 teams will coincide with the end of the Pac-12's media rights contracts with Fox and ESPN. It's anticipated that the new broadcast deals with the Big Ten will be substantially larger. Already, the Big Ten's marquee teams—including Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, and Penn State—take in more TV revenue and grab more nationally broadcast games than Pac-12 schools. The realignment also means the Big Ten becomes the first conference to stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific—reducing the likelihood that USC and UCLA will have to schedule night games to accommodate East Coast TV schedules. But the shake-up will further weaken the Pac-12, leading to speculation yesterday that the conference might dissolve if powerhouse Oregon and possibly Washington seek to move to another conference. But it also puts schools such as Oregon State and Washington State in a bind. They might not have national powerhouse programs right now, but they are working to build new dynasties and are investing in program and facility expansions. The moves by USC and UCLA—and any future moves by Pac-12 Conference schools—also have implications for other sports, including men's and women's basketball. They could see longer road trips across the country, rather than same-day trips up and down the West Coast. College recruiting also could see big shifts, as prospective players look to joining schools affiliated with the new superleague. Just last year, Oklahoma and Texas announced plans to join the Southeastern Conference in July 2025. That could make the SEC and the Big Ten the major players in college football, leaving other conferences to disband or accept minor status. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: The Saudi-backed LIV Golf tour's second event got underway yesterday at a course west of Portland. The controversial series is backed by the Sovereign Wealth Fund of Saudi Arabia. The LIV Golf Invitational at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club outside Hillsboro attracted protesters, including a group of

families who lost loved ones on September 11, 2001, and want the Saudi government held to account for the terrorist attacks. Fifteen of the 19 September 11 hijackers were Saudi citizens. About 10 family members and survivors spoke at a small nearby park honoring veterans. The 54-hole tournaments feature 48 players drafted into 12 four-man teams, with the first seven events having \$20 million purses with an additional \$5 million split among the top three teams each week. There's also money for team championships and top players at the close of the tour. Players have been drawn to the LIV tour by its multimillion-dollar signing bonuses, large prize purses, and no-cut events. / **TRANSPORTATION, EVENTS:** If you're flying this holiday weekend, be prepared for crowded airports, full planes, and higher-than-normal chances that your flight will be delayed or even canceled. Airlines have stumbled badly over the last two holiday weekends, and the number of Americans flying over the July Fourth weekend is expected to set records for the pandemic era. Problems have been popping up already, with high numbers of cancellations this week, some of them caused by thunderstorms that snarled air traffic. Tracking service FlightAware says American Airlines canceled 8 percent of its flights on Tuesday and Wednesday, and United Airlines scrubbed 4 percent of its schedule on those same days. / **HEALTH, PANDEMIC:** New options for those seeking COVID-19 vaccines and boosters. Lane County Public Health has partnered with the Oregon Health Authority to open a vaccination storefront in Valley River Center. The goal: Make it easier for people to get vaccines, ranging from initial doses and boosters to pediatric doses for children. It also places the clinics in a comfortable environment for individuals and families who are already visiting the mall to shop, eat, or see a movie. There's ample parking and Valley River Center is a major stop for Lane Transit District buses. No appointments are needed at the walk-in clinic. All vaccination doses are free. The clinic is located inside Valley River Center between Round 1 and the Department of Motor Vehicles. Doors are open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from noon to 7 p.m., and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ; The Food & Drug Administration is recommending that COVID-19 vaccine booster doses used this fall be modified to better match more recent variants of the coronavirus. The FDA decision comes after Pfizer and Moderna tested doses updated against the omicron mutant that surged last winter. But those boosters are already somewhat outdated, with two new relatives of omicron now the main threat, so a new formula will be needed for this fall's doses. / **HEALTH, FINANCES:** Help is coming for many people struggling with medical debt on credit reports. Starting today, the three major U.S. credit reporting companies will stop counting paid medical debt on their reports, which banks and others use to judge creditworthiness. The companies also will start giving patients a year to resolve delinquent medical debt that has been sent to collections before reporting it. That's up from six months. Next year, the companies also will stop counting unpaid medical debt under \$500. Patient advocates cheer these moves, but they want more. They question whether medical debt should remain on credit reports at all. / **WILDFIRES, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT:** Is your home or property at risk for wildfire? The state yesterday launched a new online mapping tool that lets you enter your address to see whether your home is in a wildfire risk zone. The Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer categorizes every property in Oregon, whether a home, business, or piece of land, a risk category that can range from "zero" to "extreme." The goal is to give residents, business, and property owners not just a sense of how vulnerable they

might be to wildfire, but to encourage people to take action to reduce that risk and better protect vulnerable properties. About half of all tax lots in the state are considered to lie in what's known as the "wildland-urban interface." These are areas, often on the edge of or just outside communities that butt up against forest and rangelands that are prone to wildfire. That includes big sections of Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon. But there are similar higher-risk zones in the Willamette Valley, Cascades, and Coast Range—including areas threatened or devastated by recent blazes. Among the factors that drive increased wildfire risk: weather, climate, topography, vegetation, and nearby buildings. State officials also are using the map to create updated building codes and zoning requirements that factor in the wildfire risk. Property owners who disagree with the wildfire risk classification of their tax lots may appeal. The new map is part of a wildfire preparedness and prevention package approved by state lawmakers in the wake of 2020's devastating blazes that destroyed thousands of Oregon homes.

EVENTS, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: We're heading into the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Fireworks are a traditional part of many celebrations. But keep it safe! Sharing several things here: details on this weekend's Illegal Fireworks Turn-In and on areas where there is a fireworks ban. Here's the news release from the City of Eugene, Eugene Police Department, and Eugene Springfield Fire: If you have illegal fireworks at your home, there is an opportunity for you to get rid of them without getting cited. Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Turn-in Day will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3. Locations: Eugene, 1705 W. 2nd Avenue (Emergency Services Training Center) and Springfield 1225 28th Street (Eugene Springfield Fire Station 3). The event is only open to private individuals, not commercial parties. Do NOT take fireworks to a police or fire station. In June 2021, Eugene City Council voted unanimously to temporarily ban all fireworks in the south hills, south from 18th Avenue and east of Agate Street through 2022. This ban was a necessary step for public health and safety. The ban includes legal fireworks like fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners and wheels. The temporary ban penalty is a fine not to exceed \$500. The presumptive fine is \$250. Fireworks went on sale June 23 and can be sold through July 6. Consumer fireworks discharges within the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3 and 4, and December 31 and January 1. Commercial public displays with the Eugene city limits are restricted to July 3-5. Oregon law prohibits illegal fireworks, which include any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground, throughout the entire city, without a permit. Fireworks commonly called bottle rockets, Roman Candles, and firecrackers are illegal in Oregon. ; Quick reminder from the Eugene Water & Electric Board: EWEB will continue the annual closure of its College Hill Reservoir over the Fourth of July holiday and prohibit fireworks on the property grounds. For the past several years, the utility has restricted access to the reservoir surface around the Fourth of July to ensure people do not set off fireworks which can damage the roof and potentially impact drinking water quality. Last year, the City of Eugene passed an ordinance banning the use of fireworks in a segment of south Eugene due to the area's drought conditions and the potential for wildfires. The city ordinance bans fireworks in areas south of 18th Avenue or east of Agate Street, which includes College Hill, through 2022. The fireworks prohibition includes the entire College Hill water storage site, including the blacktop surface of the old, decommissioned reservoir to the north of the College Hill structure. However, only

the surface of the south water tank will be closed over the holiday—EWEB will lock the gates to the surface Thursday, June 30. The gates will re-open Tuesday, July 5. / **ANIMALS, EVENTS, SAFETY:** Keep your pets safe over the July 4 holiday weekend. Some notes and safety tips from the Greenhill Humane Society: Loud noises, especially over prolonged periods of time, can frighten and confuse animals. While some pets don't seem to mind, others hide, tremble, or run away. When they are in that state of fear a screen door or fence might not stop a dog that is trying to get away. Unfortunately, every year at this time, many pets and their people get separated. Greenhill Humane Society is the stray intake shelter for most of Lane County. If your pet is missing, please check the shelter's website, www.green-hill.org, or call 541-689-1503. The shelter's website is updated in real time as animals are brought to the facility. Greenhill will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Fourth of July. Safety tips for pet owners: Do not bring your pet to fireworks displays. When fireworks are being used, keep pets indoors, including outdoor cats. Scared pets may dig under fences, climb fences, or break through gates when spooked by the sound of fireworks. Keep your pet in a quiet room, play calming music, turn on a fan, or provide other background noise to help soothe them. Shut the windows and curtains and use treats to distract a scared animal. For pets that are extremely stressed by fireworks, make an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss medications and other alternatives to help calm your pet before the holiday. Make sure your pet is wearing current and accurate identification, even if they are kept inside. A tag with a working phone number can get your pet home much faster. Greenhill recommends a microchip for your pet in case their collar comes off. If your pet is microchipped, verify that your information is up to date. If you have lost or found a pet, immediately contact your local animal control office. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police say they arrested two people and raided a home and a business in West Eugene as part of a narcotics and firearms investigation. It happened Wednesday afternoon when police with the SWAT team, Street Crimes unit, and Drone Team served warrants at 3272 Kevington Avenue and 2177 West 7th Place. Investigators said they had received numerous complaints about frequent, short-stay traffic and suspected drug dealing at the residence. 43-year-old Daniel Fraser Caldwell and 48-year-old Angel Careagagonzaes were taken into custody in connection with the case. Police say they seized three firearms (one of which was stolen), heavy and soft body armor, a sound suppressor, a handgun conversion kit for Glock handgun, money counter, more than 80 grams of suspected Cocaine, more than 62 grams of suspected Methamphetamine, and more than \$11,000. ; A woman is facing charges for allegedly assaulting and causing serious physical injuries to a Springfield family member with mental disabilities. Investigators say the assaults occurred during repeated incidents over the past two years. Police charged 47-year-old Jennifer Mast after investigators say at least one of the incidents was recorded on camera. Officials say in several incidents, Mast assaulted the head, groin, and hand of the victim, at one point breaking some of the man's fingers. Mast was arrested earlier this week. She is charged with charges of second-degree assault and three counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment. / **SAFETY:** On Thursday evening shortly after 5 p.m., Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 36 and Dorsey Lane about three miles west of Junction City. Preliminary investigation revealed a southbound red Jeep Renegade,

operated by 91-year-old Evelyn Carder was stopped on Dorsey Lane at the intersection of Hwy 36. Carder proceeded into the intersection and was struck by a westbound yellow Freightliner dump truck, operated by 67-year-old Fred Morgan, Jr., of Creswell. Carder died from her injuries. Morgan had minor injuries. Highway 36 was closed for approximately 4 hours. / LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES: In a blow to the fight against climate change, the conservative majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has limited how the nation's primary anti-air pollution law can be used to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. In a 6-3 vote, the justices ruled the Clean Air Act does not give the Environmental Protection Agency broad authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants that contribute to global warming. Instead, the EPA is limited to plant-by-plant regulation. It came in a case where 19 Republican-led states appealed the ruling in a case involving a coal-fired power plant in West Virginia. The case originated during the Obama administration. Legal analysts say the decision could complicate the administration's plans to combat climate change and could also undermine efforts to create systems known as "cap and trade," which provide economic incentives for businesses to control pollution. Environmental advocates, dissenting liberal justices, and President Biden said the decision was a major step in the wrong direction. The Supreme Court's new climate change ruling is likely to hinder the Biden administration's plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by the end of the decade and make the electric grid carbon-free by 2035. Power plants account for roughly 30 percent of carbon dioxide output. The decision also could have a broader effect on other agencies' regulatory efforts. The nation has been gradually transitioning away from coal to cleaner sources of electricity such as natural gas, solar energy and wind, often because they are less expensive. The ruling could slow the transition to clean energy in the future because it imposes constraints on what the EPA can do without exceeding its legal authority.; Earlier this week, Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed the state's clean energy bill into law. It sets one of the nation's most ambitious timelines for moving to 100 percent clean electricity sources. The legislation lays out deadlines for the state's two major power companies — Portland General Electric and Pacific Power — to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity sold to Oregon consumers. The private utilities will submit plans to reduce emissions by 80 percent by 2030, 90 percent by 2035 and 100 percent by 2040. Additionally, the new law bans the expansion or new construction of power plants that burn fossil fuels. And it allocates \$50 million in grants for community-based energy projects, among other measures. At least 17 other states and the District of Columbia have already adopted similar goals, according to the Clean Energy States Alliance. But officials say Oregon's timeline is more aggressive than nearly every other state that has adopted a clean power plan, including Washington and California. Supporters say the state's clean energy bill is a huge victory, especially as the state and country continue to see the worsening effects of climate change. But opponents have criticized the move, saying it will raise Oregonians' energy prices and put strain on the power grid—possibly leading to rolling blackouts. /

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EVENTS: It was a day of traditions yesterday as Oregonians celebrated the Fourth of July. There were parades and fireworks spectacles, family gatherings, the Eugene Pro Rodeo, and the annual Butte-to-Butte. Creswell welcomed back its official July 4 parade, which featured local entries and a military flyover. The weather was generally mild, warm, and mellow. There were some thunderstorms over the weekend that sparked small wildfires in parts of Central and Southern Oregon. Crews responded quickly, trying to catch them before they could grow beyond an acre in size. / WILDFIRES: U.S. officials are testing a new wildfire retardant after two decades of buying millions of gallons annually from one supplier. But some watchdog groups say the expensive strategy is overly focused on aerial attacks at the expense of hiring more ground crews. The Forest Service says tests started last summer are continuing this summer with a magnesium-chloride-based retardant from the company Fortress. Fortress contends its retardants are effective and better for the environment than products offered by Perimeter Solutions. That company says its ammonium-phosphate-based retardants are superior. The Forest Service used more than 50 million gallons of retardant for the first time in 2020 as increasingly destructive wildfires plague the West. / SAFETY: On Saturday, at approximately 7:45 PM, Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a vehicle versus pedestrian crash on Hwy 126W at Territorial Road. Investigators said a male pedestrian who was crossing 126 against the crosswalk lights was struck by two vehicles that were turning onto the highway from Territorial. The man died from his injuries. Officials are working to identify him. / HEALTH: Heading into the holiday weekend, Lane County reported two presumed monkeypox cases. They are the second and third presumptive cases reported in Oregon. Public health officials say they are working to determine whether there is a link between the two cases. They said on Friday that the first case was not travel-related. Monkeypox is a rare but potentially serious, viral illness that typically involves flu-like symptoms, swelling of the lymph nodes and a rash that includes bumps that are initially filled with fluid before scabbing over. Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. But those with a more serious case might develop a rash and lesions on their face and hands that can spread to other parts of the body. Most people recover fully without treatment, but monkeypox can cause

severe illness in children and some other vulnerable groups. And even for those who are not seriously ill, it can take weeks to recover. Monkeypox is a cousin of smallpox and is spread by intimate, person-to-person contact. In this outbreak, almost all cases so far have been reported among gay or bisexual men. Federal and local health officials say the risk to the general public remains very low. Illness could be confused with a sexually transmitted infection like syphilis or herpes, or with varicella zoster virus (chickenpox). Most infections last two to four weeks. Monkeypox is not like COVID. It is not as easily spread. But the outbreak is at a critical stage where health officials say there is an opportunity to stamp it out before cases spread further and potentially affect more vulnerable people. Monkeypox is endemic in parts of Africa. In May, cases began emerging in Europe and the United States. It's possible that monkeypox, if allowed to widely circulate, could become endemic in the United States and threaten the general population, though many health experts said that outcome is unlikely given the nature of the virus and how it spreads, plus the existence of effective vaccines to stop it. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Lots of infections but relatively few deaths. COVID-19 is still killing hundreds of Americans each day, but for many people the virus is not nearly as dangerous as it once was. But the still-evolving virus and its increasingly contagious subvariants continue to spread. The Omicron subvariants known as BA.4 and BA.5 have together become dominant among new coronavirus cases. BA.5, particularly, is spreading rapidly and accounted for more than one-third of new cases across the country last week. And because it has so many mutations, experts say they're seeing many repeat infections with a sizeable share of those infected facing the lingering symptoms of long COVID-19. Lane County is one of a number of Oregon counties with a "high" level of spread. However, the true spread of COVID is harder to know these days, because so many people are testing themselves with at-home kits. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: Should be a lot of behind-the-scenes discussions this week among leaders at Oregon and several other Pac-12 schools after last week's big announcement that USC and UCLA are leaving the conference in 2024 to join the Big Ten. The move shakes up traditional and geographic rivalries. It also could lead to more Pac-12 defections and conference realignments across the country. The main driver of the realignment: College football television revenues, which a major share of funding for athletic departments. The Big-12's addition of the two Los Angeles schools and its expansion to 16 teams will coincide with the end of the Pac-12's media rights contracts with Fox and ESPN. It's anticipated that the new broadcast deals with the Big Ten will be substantially larger. Already, the Big Ten's marquee teams—including Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, and Penn State—take in more TV revenue and grab more nationally broadcast games than Pac-12 schools. Amid concerns that the shake-up will further weaken the Pac-12, there is speculation that the conference might dissolve if powerhouse Oregon and possibly Washington seek to move to another conference. But there's also discussion about whether the Pac-12 might seek to recruit new members. /

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SPORTS, EVENTS: We are fewer than ten days from the start of the World Athletics Championships and the "Oregon22" celebration. Things get underway on July 15 and continue through July 24. Yesterday, the World Athletics local committee unveiled the medals that will be awarded to the top three finishers in each event. One side of the medals is inspired by the cross-section of a tree and includes seven rings representing the seven regions of Oregon. It carries the World Championships or WCH logo at its center. The edge of the medal is textured to feel like tree bark. The other side features one of seven landscapes showcasing the seven regions of Oregon. These stylized scenes might feature a lighthouse or a façade reminiscent of Oregon's capital building. Other medals highlight the state's mountains and forests. All seven regions are represented across each color of medal - so if an athlete wins multiple medals, each one might feature a different Oregon design. Rather than being diecast, the medals are carved from a material known as Corian, then inlaid with highlights of gold, silver, and bronze. The medals were designed by Eugene-based creative agency AHM Brands and crafted by a Portland-based fabrication company, Steelab. ; One of the featured runners at the World Athletics Championships will be Allyson Felix, who is competing on her 10th U.S. world championships team. Felix, whose 18 medals are the most in world-championship history, has announced that this will be her final season in track. At last month's national championships, she finished sixth in the 400 meters and did not qualify for any individual events. But the 36-year-old was named to the mixed relay pool when USA Track and Field released its 151-person roster for the worlds. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: The Pac-12 is pushing up negotiations for its next media rights agreements in the wake of the decision by UCLA and USC to leave for the Big Ten. The two schools are leaving for bigger television revenues. Pac-12 Conference officials say they intend to go forward with their TV rights negotiations with its 10 remaining members. But there is a possibility more could be added to the mix, according to a Pac-12 source, if the conference recruits new members. The current media rights deal expires in 2024, but the Pac-12 accelerated the timeline for negotiations for the next one with two of its marquee programs prepare to head out the door. With UCLA and USC leaving for the Big Ten in 2024, the Pac-12 is losing the Los Angeles media market, the nation's second largest. It's estimated those departures could reduce

the overall value of the Pac-12's television deals from \$500 million to \$300 million. Meantime, CBS Sports reported yesterday that Big 12 is involved in deep discussions to add multiple Pac-12 programs as a way to shore up its membership as the competing Big Ten adds USC and UCLA. A merger between the two conferences also is being discussed. At least four teams are being considered as Big 12 additions, including Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah. But there is also consideration of whether to try to add Oregon and Washington to make the Big 12 an 18-team league, which would be the largest in the FBS. / SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Eugene Police say they had a good response during their Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Events late last month ahead of the July 4th holiday weekend. Metro Explosive Disposal Unit experts say residents turned in 125 pounds of illegal or aging fireworks at their Eugene event, and another 120 pounds in Springfield. / CRIME: A Springfield woman was arrested early this morning, accused of setting fire in two dumpsters in Eugene. Police say it happened around 3:15 this morning in the area of West 7th Alley and Madison Street. One officer estimated the flames from one of the fires went climbing 10-feet above the lip of the dumpster. Eugene Springfield Fire responded to extinguish the fires. No reported injuries. The suspect, 44-year-old Shannon Michele Riggs was arrested after first trying to walk away from police toward a nearby convenience store. Riggs was jailed on charges of Second-Degree Arson. / SAFETY: Rain and wet roads might have contributing to a pair of accidents reported in the Veneta-Elmira-Noti area this morning. Watch for emergency crews on Highway 126 and territorial Highway. They're responding to a report of a rollover crash on Vaughn Road near Milepost 5 and Noti. There's also an accident reported at the intersection of Wolf Creek Road and Territorial, just south of Crow. ; A pick-up truck crashed into two vehicles in a residential neighborhood earlier this morning at 63rd and E Streets in Springfield. No word on the cause or the condition of the driver. A person at the scene says it appeared the truck struck one parked vehicle and then a second a block later before the pickup left the road and struck a tree in a residential front yard. ; Crews this morning cleared the debris and reopened the southbound lanes of Interstate 5 just south of Ashland after two trucks carrying wood products crashed under the railroad overpass yesterday near Exit 11. There was a detour in place overnight. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: As COVID-19 cases continue to climb across much of the Pacific Northwest, experts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are encouraging people in 24 counties in Oregon and 15 counties in Washington state to resume mask-wearing in public indoor spaces and on public transportation. Lane and Douglas counties are among those considered high-risk. Other Oregon counties with that designation include much of Southern and Eastern Oregon, along with a handful of northern coastal counties. Note: The counties are Lane, Douglas, Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Wasco, Sherman, Hood River, Clackamas, Washington, Multnomah, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Baker, and Malheur counties. While cases might have eased a bit in the past week, Lane County still received new reports of well over 700 new infections. Oregon saw more than 10,000. And experts say those numbers are low, since more people are using at-home tests but not always reporting positive results to their county public health agency. Lane County's testing positivity rates are running around 10 percent. And while hospitalizations and deaths are lower than they were during

the Delta and Omicron surges, we still are seeing a handful of local residents dying from the virus and its complications each week. Our pandemic death toll stands at 570. / ENTERTAINMENT: There's already been a healthy pre-sale. This morning at 10 a.m., tickets go on sale to the general public for the national touring company's performances of the hit Broadway musical, "Hamilton." Performances are scheduled for September 13-25 at Eugene's Hult Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets will be sold online at BroadwayInEugene.com and in person at the Hult Center Box Office. Phone sales begin at noon at 541-682-5000. There is a limit of eight tickets per account for the entire run. Prices will range from \$49–\$169 with a select number of premium seats available from \$199. Closer to the performance dates, there will be a lottery for 40 \$10 seats for all performances. Those details will be announced at a later date. While many sites will offer tickets to the shows, many of those are fraudulent or are ticket resellers that will offer overpriced seats. Coordinators of the tour encourage you to make your purchases through the official website. "Hamilton" sets the story of American founding father Alexander Hamilton to a musical score that blends hip-hop, jazz, R&B, and Broadway. The Tony-winning show was created by Lin-Manuel Miranda. ; There's definitely pent-up demand for outdoor concerts. Tickets for the Eugene Symphony's July 31 "Symphony in the Park" at Eugene's Cuthbert Amphitheatre sold out yesterday, the same day they went on sale, But organizers say no tickets are needed for the program on Monday, August 1, at Bohemia Park in Cottage Grove or on Tuesday, August 2, at Stewart Park in Roseburg. The programs feature popular tunes, including the song "Moon River" from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*; selections of John Williams' movie music; "America the Beautiful"; "Casey at the Bat"; and more. / EVENTS: After a two-year hiatus, the Oregon Country Fair returns to its site west of Veneta on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The event was held online during the height of the pandemic. But as tens of thousands of fairgoers prepare to head to the woods for the three-day event, there are COVID-19 precautions in place to keep the crowds safer. Attendees must show proof of vaccination or results of a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours of their attending the event. Only children ages five and under are exempted from the requirement. The fair also capped the number of tickets sold each day at lower levels than normal, to allow more space for attendees. The Oregon Country Fair, which has strong roots in our local counterculture, features more than 300 artisans selling hand-crafted goods, more than 80 food booths, 17 entertainment stages, and more. Tickets are available through TicketsWest online and at its local outlets. There's also a charge for parking at the site. Free shuttle buses are available to fairgoers at Lane Transit District's Downtown Station at 10th and Willamette or from the far-Northwest parking of Eugene's Valley River Center. Bicyclists may park their bikes for free at the shuttle lots. / LEGAL, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, AGRICULTURE: A federal judge on Tuesday threw out a host of actions by the Trump administration to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species. The decision restores some protections under the Endangered Species Act. For the past year, the Biden administration has been conducting reviews aimed at strengthening species protections. Environmental groups hailed the decision by the U.S. District court judge in Northern California, saying it both eliminated Trump-era rules and speeded up needed protections and designation of critical habitat designations for threatened species, including salmon in the Pacific Northwest. The ruling comes as two

federal agencies — the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service — review five Endangered Species Act regulations finalized by the Trump administration, including critical habitat designations and rules requiring federal agencies to consult with other agencies before taking action on threatened or endangered species. Industry groups and Republicans in Congress have long viewed the Endangered Species Act as an impediment to economic development. / WILDLIFE: Southern Resident killer whales have not had enough food for several years, which could affect their already small numbers. That's according to a study by the University of British Columbia. Researchers looked at the availability of prey for Northeastern Pacific Southern Resident killer whales. The study found a fluctuating level of salmon from spawning areas on rivers had a detrimental effect on killer whale health, threatening a small and fragile group of whales. About 75 of the Southern Resident killer whales span from the California coast to British Columbia's Queen Charlotte Islands. But a decrease in salmon threatens that population. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, GOVERNMENT: Oregon voters will decide in November whether to amend the state's Constitution to penalize any lawmakers who boycott the Capitol in an effort to kill legislation they oppose. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that state elections workers yesterday finished verifying that the well-funded union-backed campaign to get the Initiative Petition 14 on the ballot had collected the more than 149,000 signatures necessary to qualify. Reporter Hillary Borrud notes that if passed by voters, the ballot initiative would punish state lawmakers by preventing them from serving their next term in office if they have 10 unexcused absences from floor sessions. Under Oregon's Constitution, two-thirds of lawmakers must be present for the House or Senate to introduce or vote on bills. Only a handful of states have such a high quorum requirement, and Initiative Petition 14 would not change it. Senate Republicans wielded the walkout tactic to stall legislative work twice in 2019 and again in 2020, when House Republicans also joined in using it. Senate Republicans succeeded in killing vaccine, gun control and greenhouse gas cap-and-trade bills in 2019. Republicans targeted the reincarnation of the climate change bill in 2020, although that year several Senate Democrats also opposed the plan. Democrats hold supermajorities in both chambers of the Oregon Legislature but the minority party still holds the power to bring lawmaking to a halt by withholding the two-thirds quorum necessary to conduct business. /

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DISCUSSED SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Note for Boaters: Rodakowski Landing, located on the McKenzie River in North Springfield remains closed today for removal of a hazardous tree. Boaters are encouraged to use the boat ramp at Armitage Park to put in or take out instead. / CRIME: More seizures in connection with a law enforcement crackdown on an alleged illegal firearms manufacturing operation in Springfield. On Friday, Lane County Sheriff's investigators say they served a search warrant at a storage unit on Pierce Parkway belonging to the lead suspect, 38-year-old Andrew William Rogers. They say they recovered numerous additional firearms and firearm parts. Officials say Rogers, a convicted felon, is believed to have been running a large-scale firearm and firearm-suppressor manufacturing operation. He was arrested last Thursday at his residence in the 3600 block of Springfield's Ambleside Drive. During that initial search, deputies seized more than 60 fully assembled firearms, dozens of homemade firearm suppressors, and what they said were enough various parts to assemble as many as 100 more firearms. Investigators said only five of the seized firearms had serial numbers and two of those were reported stolen. The firearms that are assembled without serial-numbered components are often referred to as "ghost guns." Law enforcement also seized equipment used to create the firearm parts including milling machines, 3D-printers, and a large laser engraving machine. Investigators also found what they described as "commercial amounts" of suspected fentanyl and methamphetamine. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: It's not just Southern Oregon that's seeing large-scale illegal marijuana grows. In Central Oregon, law enforcement raided an operation on the outskirts of Bend on Wednesday, seizing more than 6,800 plants at a pair of sites. The street value for the illicit cannabis: an estimated \$3.5 million. Several people were charged in the case. Another suspect is being sought. Investigators illegal marijuana grows in Central Oregon are not just a criminal concern, but an environmental one. The region is in its third year of exceptional drought. Officials say they've uncovered illegal grows that divert or steal significant amounts of water from nearby homes, commercial farms, from irrigation canals, or even directly from pumps connected to underground sources. Additionally, investigators say illegal marijuana farms often use pesticides and insecticides that threaten residential water supplies and endanger those who drink it. / SAFETY:

Investigators say a chain-reaction, five-vehicle crash Tuesday on Highway 38 midway between Scottsburg and Elkton was caused by a motorist who went into oncoming traffic. Investigators say a Toyota Corolla driven by 24-year-old Cedric Lossing of Myrtle Point was traveling east overtaking a motorhome in the passing lanes when his vehicle crossed the centerline and crashed head-on into a westbound Jeep Cherokee. The driver of a dump truck behind the Jeep tried to avoid the collision and steered into the eastbound lane, where it struck a travel trailer being pulled by a pick-up truck. The pick-up struck another dump truck that was also pulling a flatbed trailer hauling a grader. A 70-year-old passenger in the Jeep died from his injuries. Two people were hospitalized, two were treated at the scene, and two were uninjured. The investigation is continuing. /

TRANSPORTATION, EVENTS: Summer is a busy season for highway construction projects. But some key local projects will pause for the better part of two weeks as when tens of thousands of athletes and visitors arrive in Eugene-Springfield for the World Athletics Championships. Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation say most construction and maintenance projects that could have major impacts on traffic headed to or from Hayward Field—including some along major highways leading to the metro area—will be affected. Construction in other parts of the state will continue as scheduled, as will any emergency road repair projects. / EVENTS, SPORTS, BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT: As we head into a very busy month capped by the arrival of competitors and fans for the World Athletics Championships, local businesses continue to staff up for the flood of visitors. That includes local hotels and motels, which already are seeing high occupancy rates with the return of conferences and sports events. Many still need staff to work everywhere from the front desk and in kitchens to housekeeping and maintenance. Local tourism officials say our area has about 4,400 hotel and motel rooms that World Athletics visitors will be staying in up and down the Interstate Five corridor. Airbnb and other home-rental companies are working to accommodate the overflow—and Airbnb even created a special tool for homeowners interested in renting a spare room to track and field visitors. Eugene Airport is seeing record passenger traffic with the addition of new carriers and flights during the past year. One shortage that's affecting both airport arrivals and visitors in-town is the low number of taxi and ride-hailing drivers. We had a couple thousand such drivers in the metro area before the pandemic but late this spring were down to an estimated 400. Taxi companies have been working to hire new drivers, and Uber and Lyft officials have contacted some former drivers to see whether they are available to work during the summer visitor surge. Yesterday, officials with Lane Transit District announced they were adding an airport shuttle that would bus World Athletics visitors to 16 of the larger hotels in the area. Some but not all will have door-to-door service. Others will have shared pick-up and drop-off points. The LTD airport shuttle schedule was designed to supplement existing taxi and ride-hailing services. The bus shuttles will operate during peak flight arrival and departure times. They will begin a few days before the July 15 start of the international meet and will conclude a few days after. ; Lane Transit District is expecting increased ridership during the World Athletics Championships as visitors take the bus to stops near Hayward Field. There also will be some disruptions to several bus routes on the morning of Sunday, July 17, when the men's marathon takes place, and on the morning of Monday, July 18, when the

women's marathon is run. Over the next week, LTD is distributing information about those temporary changes to regular riders. Updates are always available online at www.ltd.org and at the transit system's Customer Service Center during regular hours. But LTD staff will be at key transit hubs at times during the next week to ensure morning and afternoon commuters receive the added information. That includes this morning from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at Lane Transit's Eugene Station and tomorrow morning from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at LTD's Springfield Station. /

GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY, FAMILIES: The Biden administration is looking to help makers of baby formula outside the U.S. remain in the American market long-term. It's part of an effort to diversify the industry after the closure of the largest domestic plant sparked a nationwide shortage. The Food and Drug Administration yesterday was set to announce plans to help overseas producers—who received emergency approval to address the infant formula shortfall—meet existing regulatory requirements. The goal is to prevent future shortages. The Biden administration has worked to boost supply of baby formula after regulators in February shuttered a Michigan plant run by Abbott, the largest domestic manufacturer of baby formula, over safety concerns. The facility reopened June 4 after the company committed to additional sanitizing and safety protocols, but closed again in mid-June after severe weather caused damage to the plant. Company officials say they need time to assess damage and sanitize the factory. In May, the FDA eased federal import regulations to allow baby formula to be shipped to the U.S., and President Biden authorized the use of the Defense Production Act, providing federal support to secure formula from other countries. By this weekend, officials say that effort will have the equivalent of 43 million 8-ounce bottles of infant formula into the U.S. /

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EVENTS: After a two-year hiatus, the Oregon Country Fair returns to its site west of Veneta today, Saturday, and Sunday. The event was held online during the height of the pandemic. But as tens of thousands of fairgoers prepare to head to the woods for the three-day event, there are COVID-19 precautions in place to keep the crowds safer. Attendees must show proof of vaccination or results of a negative PCR test taken within 24 hours of their attending the event. Only children ages five and under are exempted from the requirement. The fair also capped the number of tickets sold each day at lower levels than normal, to allow more space for attendees. The Oregon Country Fair has strong roots in our local counterculture. It features more than 300 artisans selling hand-crafted goods, more than 80 food booths, 17 entertainment stages, and more. Tickets are available through TicketsWest online and at its local outlets. There's also a charge for parking at the site. Free shuttle buses are available to fairgoers at Lane Transit District's Downtown Station at 10th and Willamette or from the far-Northwest parking of Eugene's Valley River Center. Bicyclists may park their bikes for free at the shuttle lots. / EVENTS, SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police will be conducting high-visibility traffic enforcement patrols in the Veneta area during the Oregon Country Fair. Deputies and Troopers will focus on DUI enforcement, as well as speeding, seat belt, and cell phone use violations. Patrols will continue through Monday, July 11, and include areas around private campgrounds. The Oregon Country Fair brings extremely high volumes of vehicle and pedestrian traffic to the Veneta area. To maintain a safer driving and pedestrian environment, speed limits have been reduced and the lower limits posted. Other posted restrictions include no parking and no U-turns along Highway 126 and Suttle Road. Drivers attending the event or traveling through the area should anticipate heavy traffic. Flaggers will be present on Hwy 126 near milepost 45 at the Fair's main vehicle entrance during peak times to control traffic flows through the area. Slow down, wear your seat belt, drive sober and without distraction. / EVENTS: If you thought you glimpsed a large shark flying over the Willamette Valley on the Fourth of July, you weren't hallucinating. "Shark Week" begins on July 4 on Discovery—the channel's most popular programming of the year with its mix of science programs, "Sharknado" films and more. And a specially decorated "Shark Week" blimp is touring the West

Coast to promote the shark-centric shows. The dirigible is 128 feet long and 44 feet high. It's able to travel at speeds of up to 50 miles per hour and has a range of 250 miles per day. Decorated with a "skin" that makes it look like a giant shark and emblazoned with the words "Shark Week," it's hard to miss. It also has a twin making a similar series of publicity flights up and down the East Coast. The blimp is expected to make another couple of passes over Eugene-Springfield on Sunday and Monday. No scheduled times. But if you hear the distant hum of blimp motors, keep an eye on the skies. / HEALTH, CRIME, SAFETY: An Oregon Health Authority analysis has found that drug overdose deaths in Oregon more than doubled between 2019 and 2021, driven largely by misuse of the powerful synthetic opioid fentanyl. Experts with the state health agency said yesterday that preliminary data indicate that the trend is continuing this year. They say counterfeit pills are one of the biggest dangers and that unless a pharmacist directly hands you a prescription pill, assume one you receive on the street, at a party, or from anyone else is counterfeit and contains potentially deadly fentanyl. Officials also say anyone taking pills should do it with others and have the rescue drug naloxone available. They also are encouraging you to educate yourself and your loved ones—including young people—about the importance of naloxone, which can reverse overdose effects and revive someone who has stopped breathing. Oregon Health Authority experts say it is important to know how to use naloxone in an overdose emergency, and where to access it. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Health analysts this week issued a new forecast that predicts a rise in Oregon COVID-19 cases, related hospitalizations, and deaths in the next few weeks. It's due to the spread of the highly contagious Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5. by later this month, infection rates are expected to be similar to last winter's Omicron wave. The good news is that while the new subvariants can evade vaccine antibodies, illnesses among those who are fully vaccinated are milder. Health officials also have some newer treatments at hand, including Paxlovid. If a person begins taking it within a few days of when they first show symptoms, it can knock down much of the infection and lead to quicker recoveries. The Oregon Health Authority encourages people to mask up in crowded indoor places and stay up to date on vaccinations and boosters. In Lane County, we're averaging more than 90 new infections daily and seeing testing positivity rates at and above ten percent. While deaths have slowed, the pandemic claimed three more local lives in the past week, putting Lane County's death toll at 571. ; U.S. pharmacists now can prescribe the leading COVID-19 pill directly to patients. The Food and Drug Administration this week gave permission for pharmacists to begin screening patients to determine that they are eligible, then prescribe Pfizer's drug Paxlovid. Previously, only doctors could prescribe it. Paxlovid has been shown to curb the worst effects of COVID-19, but it has to be started within five days of symptoms. It is intended for people with COVID-19 who are more likely to become seriously ill. That includes older people and those with other health conditions. ; Nearly 300,000 children under age 5 have received COVID-19 vaccines in the two weeks since they became available. That's a slower pace than for older groups. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has given a look at how many parents are making their kids under 5 available for the vaccination doses. So far, the numbers show the pace is off compared to other groups. Close to 18 million youngsters are eligible for the vaccines. / HEALTH, LGBTQ: Health officials say they have confirmed six cases

of monkeypox in our state. Experts with the Oregon Health Authority said Thursday that the cases — all affecting men — include one in Multnomah County; three in Lane County; and two in Washington County. There have been no deaths. Health officials are communicating with local health providers, sharing details about what symptoms to watch for, encouraging greater testing of those who are at higher risk, and sharing information about how to get vaccines and treatment. Monkeypox is a cousin of smallpox and is spread by intimate, person-to-person contact. In this outbreak, almost all cases so far have been reported among gay or bisexual men. Federal and local health officials say the risk to the general public remains very low. Monkeypox is a rare but potentially serious, viral illness that typically involves flu-like symptoms, swelling of the lymph nodes and a rash that includes bumps that are initially filled with fluid before scabbing over. Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. But those with a more serious case might develop a rash and lesions on their face and hands that can spread to other parts of the body. Most people recover fully without treatment, but monkeypox can cause severe illness in children and some other vulnerable groups. And even for those who are not seriously ill, it can take weeks to recover. Illness could be confused with a sexually transmitted infection like syphilis or herpes, or with varicella zoster virus (chickenpox). Most infections last two to four weeks. Monkeypox is not like COVID. It is not as easily spread. But the outbreak is at a critical stage where health officials say there is an opportunity to stamp it out before cases spread further and potentially affect more vulnerable people. Monkeypox is endemic in parts of Africa. In May, cases began emerging in Europe and the United States. It's possible that monkeypox, if allowed to widely circulate, could become endemic in the United States and threaten the general population, though many health experts said that outcome is unlikely given the nature of the virus and how it spreads, plus the existence of effective vaccines to stop it. /

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DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, CHILDREN, ANIMALS: A heat wave is in the forecast this week. Protect your child: NEVER leave them in hot cars. More than three dozen children die of in hot cars annually in the United States. Heatstroke can happen when the temperature is as low as 57 degrees, and car interiors can reach well over 110 degrees even when the outside temperature is in the 60s. Avoid accidental child deaths in hot cars: Never leave children alone in a vehicle to run even a short errand. Use drive-thru windows at banks, dry cleaners, and restaurants whenever possible. Use a debit or credit card to pay for gas at the pump. Put a purse, cellphone, or other item you will need in the back seat of your car. This will ensure that you check the back seat before leaving the vehicle. Make a habit of opening the back door of your car and checking the back seat whenever you exit it. Keep a stuffed animal or toy in your child's unoccupied car seat. Put that item in the front seat when you place the child in the seat as a reminder that the child is in the back of the car. If a child is missing, immediately check the car, including the trunk. If you see a child alone in any vehicle for more than a few minutes, get the child out and call 911. ; As the weather heats up, keep your pets safe: Leave pets at home when running errands. Leaving your animal in a parked car, even for just a few minutes can easily cause heat stroke or brain damage. A car's interior temperature can increase in minutes, even with the windows slightly open. Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat stress because they do not sweat in the way that humans do; they release body heat by panting. Keep pets inside during the heat of the day; do not leave them outside unattended. Make sure pets have access to water bowls full of cool, fresh water. When pets are outside, be sure there are shaded areas for them to rest in and invest in a misting hose or kiddie pool for a cool place for your pets to play. Limit or skip on exercise at the dog park during the heat of the day. Always test the pavement or sand with your hand before stepping out (too hot to touch is too hot for your pet). Walk early in the morning or late at night when it is cooler, carry water and take frequent breaks in shady spots. If you suspect your pet's paws have been burned, contact your vet immediately. Dogs should not ride in uncovered pickup truck beds. The hot metal truck bed can burn your pet's paw pads. Heatstroke symptoms can include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, vomiting and lack of

coordination. If your animal is overcome by heat exhaustion, consult your veterinarian right away. ; Eugene Police say a four-year-old Great Dane left in a dangerous hot vehicle on Friday is recovering and should suffer no long-term effects. The dog was rescued from the VW Passat when a Valley River Center security officer spotted the animal inside. The vehicle was parked in direct sunlight with the windows slightly rolled down. Police officers said they were able to reach in to open a door and free the Great Dane, named Hercules. They say the interior temperature of the vehicle had risen to 113 degrees and was climbing. They say the dog was suffering the effects of the heat, panting vigorously and swaying in the back seat and then collapsing. After rescuers pulled the dog from the car, they poured water on him to help revive him and cool him down and he was taken first to an emergency veterinarian and then to the Greenhill Humane Society for care. Police say the owners returned to their vehicle to find an officer waiting for them. Investigators say 43-year-old Joshua Paul Randall of Oakridge and a family member had been inside the center at a movie theatre for more than two hours. Randall was arrested and lodged at Lane County Jail on a charge of First-Degree Animal Neglect. Eugene Police and Eugene Animal Services is urging you: Do not leave your pets unattended inside a vehicle, even for a just few minutes. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise quickly, easily causing an animal to experience heat stroke or brain damage, even with windows slightly open and the vehicle parked under shade. Animals do not have to experience distress or heat stroke for a person to be cited for animal neglect. Under Eugene Code, minimum care requires an animal have access to water and not be confined in an area where air temperature is not suitable. To help investigate cases of animal neglect, animal welfare officers and police officers carry equipped with digital thermometers. / CRIME: A 37-year-old man is in custody in connection with Friday night's fatal assault in the Leaburg area. Lane County Sheriff's investigators said on Saturday they located Nickolas Trevor Jessee, who had been initially described as a person of interest. It came after deputies were called to a residence Friday night off the McKenzie Highway near Leaburg about the assault. Officials say a male victim in his 70s was hospitalized for his injuries but later died from them. The victims' name has not yet been released. / EVENTS, SPORTS, ECONOMY, BUSINESS, HOUSING: The World Athletics Championships get underway Friday at Eugene's Hayward Field. The 10-day event is the high point of a year that's been filled with outstanding competitions at the complex. Visitors are arriving by the thousands over the next few days, filling local hotels, motels, and short-term rental housing. The athletes' village will occupy the residence halls at the University of Oregon, housing three thousand competitors. In addition to the competition at Hayward, Eugene's new Riverfront Park will host a special multi-day festival throughout the World Athletics Championships. ; Track and field officials have confirmed that Russians will not be allowed to compete at this month's world championships due to the war in Ukraine. The federation banned Russians from major international events shortly after the country invaded Ukraine in February. At the time, World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said the unprecedented move appeared "to be the only peaceful way to disrupt and disable Russia's current intentions and restore peace." World championships begin next Friday and run through July 24. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Fuel prices continued to fall a bit over the past week and the weekend. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, the average price for

a gallon of regular unleaded is \$5.33. That's down 13 cents from last week, but still \$1.66 higher than it was this time last year. But diesel prices remain stubbornly high with little change from last week. This morning's local average price is \$6.50. / FAMILIES, HEALTH, BUSINESS: Abbott Nutrition says baby formula production has resumed at the Michigan plant whose February shutdown over contamination contributed to a national shortage. Damage from severe thunderstorms had halted Sturgis plant operations in mid-June after just two weeks of renewed production. Abbott says EleCare, a specialty formula, is being made at Sturgis following a July 1 reboot and that Similac production will resume as soon as possible. Abbott is one of just four companies that produce 90 percent of U.S. formula. Its recall in February of several leading brands squeezed supplies already strained by supply chain disruptions and stockpiling during COVID-19 shutdowns. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, SAFETY, CIVIL LIBERTIES: Backers of a proposed initiative in Oregon that would require individuals to secure permits to buy firearms say they have gathered enough signatures to put the issue before voters in the November election. The Rev. Mark Knutson, a chief petitioner of the initiative, delivered the signatures Friday afternoon to the Oregon secretary of state's office in Salem, accompanied by students and other volunteers. Election officials, who work under Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, will verify that the signatures are from registered voters. The initiative supporters needed to deliver at least 112,080 registered voters' signatures by the Friday deadline. Proponents say they delivered 161,545 signatures. /

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UTILITIES: Officials at the Emerald People's Utility District say Monday's outage affecting Pleasant Hill, Goshen, portions of Eugene, Jasper, and Fall Creek was caused by an equipment failure on the system. That equipment was replaced. Utility officials thank you for your patience while crews worked to restore service. / EVENTS, SAFETY, TERRORISM, MILITARY: They're planning for a safe, uneventful week-and-a-half. But they're remaining vigilant. Some members of the Oregon National Guard have spent the past few weeks preparing for a deployment to the World Athletics Championships in Eugene. They'll assist with security during the ten-day event that is attracting elite athletes and their national delegations from across the globe. While some of the training is in basic security assessment, some National Guard members have fairly refined skills in detecting things like Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives. The Department of Homeland Security, state and local law enforcement also encourage visitors and residents to keep an eye out for anything suspicious—part of the nationwide “See Something, Say Something” campaign. / BUSINESS, EVENTS: As preparations continue for Friday's start of World Athletics Championships in Eugene, tourism officials are working with local restaurants on a new program called “Dine After 9.” Coordinators say many of the thousands of international spectators, officials, athletes, and coaches who are coming to town will be looking for places to eat after the day's sessions conclude. In many cultures, late-night dining is very popular. Travel Lane County has a special “Dine After 9” webpage to ensure those visitors have a list of local eateries, including restaurants, bars, and food carts, staying open later. Local Chambers of Commerce also are spreading the word to their members. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY RECREATION: Oregon Department of Forestry experts say all of their management districts across the state now are in wildfire season. This means that public use restrictions might be in place where you live or at where you work, camp, or play in the outdoors. The restrictions are intended to help reduce the risk of human-caused wildfires. Our heavy rains in the months of May and June helped delay the start of the season. But as we saw yesterday, things can heat up quickly and that means all that lush vegetation can dry out and become fuel for blazes in wildfire-prone areas. One large concern among experts is what are known as “ground fuels,” including grasses, which grew tall due to the spring rains

but will dry out quickly. Among the safety tips to prevent causing wildfires: Make sure your campfire is cool to the touch before going to sleep or leaving your site. Don't forget to Drown, Stir, Repeat. Check debris burn sites to make sure nothing reignites due to the heat. Don't park your car over dried grass and make sure it is regularly maintained in order to reduce the risk of sparks. Don't flick cigarettes on the ground. They spark grass fires. Ensure your vehicle and trailer tow chains are secured and not dragging on the pavement during travel. Those can throw sparks. Check local restrictions and fire danger levels at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx> The Oregon Department of Forestry protects more than 16 million acres of private, county, state, and federal land from wildfire. The wildfire season usually concludes around the end of October. This year, the Southwest Oregon district was the first to declare on June 1, and the Northwest Oregon district was the last to declare on July 11. Learn more at keeporegongreen.org / [AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE](#): Forestry officials in Oregon said Monday that an invasive beetle known for decimating ash trees throughout North America and Europe was recently discovered west of Portland and might be starting to spread across the state. Experts with the Oregon Department of Forestry say the Emerald ash borer—a beetle with an iridescent green appearance—is considered the most destructive forest pest in North America. It has been detected in 34 other states and was discovered in Forest Grove on June 30. Officials say it's the first discovery of the insect on the West Coast. The beetle is believed to have come from Asia through Canada to the U.S. about 20 years ago. The insects have killed up to 99 percent of the ash trees in some North American locations. They lay eggs in crevices in the tree's bark, and when larvae hatch they chew into the tree's nourishing cambium layer, eventually girdling and killing it. When infestations are discovered, trees must be cut down and chipped to prevent the pest's spread. The Emerald ash borer was discovered in Oregon by Dominic Maze, an invasive species biologist for the City of Portland. He was waiting outside a summer camp in Forest Grove to pick up his children when he noticed several ash trees carrying the distinctive D-shaped exit holes in their bark. Recognizing the holes as a sign of the emerald ash borer, he and his son spotted several the beetles. He called the Oregon Department of Forestry. An entomologist and two other invasive species specialists confirmed the invasion. The infested trees in Forest Grove were cut down and chipped within 48 hours of the discovery. Oregon Ash trees are considered ecologically important. They often line rivers and streams, shading waterways to keep water temperatures cooler for fish and other aquatic creatures. Oregon Department of Forestry specialists say the roots of Oregon Ash trees stabilize streambanks, reducing erosion. Many animals, birds and insects eat the seeds and leaves. Losing vast swaths of the trees would have a significant impact on these ecosystems." In 2021, the Oregon Invasive Species Council finalized the Emerald Ash Borer Readiness and Response Plan for Oregon to guide the state in its response. The Oregon Department of Forestry already has collected seeds from Oregon ash trees across the state to try and preserve as much of the tree's genetic diversity as possible. Researchers will test the seeds to see if any have resistance to ash borers and if so, they may be able to breed resistance into local strains and replant them. Officials say residents and communities should consider removing ash trees that are already in poor health or growing in spaces too small for them, and remove ash trees from approved street tree lists. That could help

blunt the effects of a mass die-off. Here in the southern Willamette Valley, a similar infestation by the Bronze birch borer sickened and killed many birch trees. / FISHERIES, UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT; The Biden administration has released two reports arguing that removing dams on the lower Snake River may be needed to restore salmon runs to historic levels in the Pacific Northwest. The reports say replacing the electricity created by the dams is possible but will cost \$11 billion to \$19 billion. The reports were released by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Council chair Brenda Mallory says business as usual will not restore salmon. Her office is leading multi-agency efforts to restore "abundant runs of salmon to the Columbia River Basin." Mallory cautioned that the Biden administration is not endorsing any single long-term solution, including breaching the dams. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators yesterday released the name of the victim in Friday night's fatal assault in the Leaburg area. They identified him as 71-year-old Gary Stuart Coulter. The suspect in the case, 37-year-old Nickolas Trevor Jessee, initially fled but was taken into custody on Saturday. Deputies say they were called to a residence Friday night off the McKenzie Highway near Leaburg about a dispute between two men. They say the suspect had recently been staying at the victim's house. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police investigators have released the name of the pedestrian who died after he was struck by a pair of vehicles on Saturday evening, July 2, on Highway 126W at Territorial Road. Investigators said 49-year-old Gary Pecevich was crossing 126 against the crosswalk lights when the crash occurred. The two vehicles were turning onto the highway from Territorial. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: The Justice Department has named the director of Oregon's prison system to run the federal Bureau of Prisons. In picking Colette Peters, the Biden administration is turning to a reform-minded outsider as it seeks to rebuild the beleaguered agency. Peters championed steeply reducing Oregon's inmate population and will inherit a federal agency plagued by myriad scandals. The hiring of Peters comes about seven months after Bureau of Prisons Director Michael Carvajal submitted his resignation amid mounting pressure from Congress. Investigations by The Associated Press had exposed widespread corruption and misconduct in the agency. Peters says she takes inmate and guard safety and security "very seriously." /

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ECONOMY, FINANCES: Want to summarize the latest government inflation report in a single word? How about "Ouch"? U.S. inflation reached a new 40-year high in June, driven by a spike in gasoline costs, more expensive food and rent, and pricier cars and hotel rooms. A government report this morning finds that in the past 12 months consumer prices soared 9.1 percent. That is the biggest yearly rise since December 1981. The new inflation figures pretty much guarantee members of the Federal Reserve Board will raise interest rates another three-quarters of a point at their meeting in two weeks. Higher rates are intended to cool consumer and business spending and slow the economy and inflation. But the rate increases mean you'll be paying more for credit cards debt, home and auto loans, and more. Some economists have held out hope that inflation might be reaching or nearing a short-term peak. Gas prices, for example, have fallen from the eye-watering highs of mid-June — and are down 15 cents per gallon in the past week here in Eugene-Springfield. But they're still averaging \$5.29 per gallon—far higher than a year ago. In addition, shipping costs and commodity prices nationwide have begun to ease. Still, rising costs have seeped into nearly every corner of the economy. Grocery prices have jumped 12.2 percent compared with a year ago, the steepest such climb since 1979. Rents have risen 5.8 percent, the most since 1986. New car prices have increased 11.4 percent from a year earlier. And airline fares, one of the few items to post a price decline in June, are nevertheless up 34 percent from a year earlier. In the immediate aftermath of the 2020 pandemic recession, as Americans focused their spending on items for the home, like furniture, appliances and exercise equipment, supply chains became overwhelmed and prices for physical goods soared. But as consumer spending has gradually shifted away from goods and toward services like vacation travel, restaurants meals, movies, concerts and sporting events, some of the highest price increases have occurred in the services sectors. Housing costs have also risen sharply. A shortage of houses for sale has kept prices high just as mortgage rates have also soared. With many people priced out of the market for houses and looking instead to rent, demand for apartments has sent rental rates beyond affordable levels. The average cost of new leases has jumped 14 percent in the past year, according to real estate brokerage Redfin, to an average of \$2,016 a month. Consumers have started to pull back on spending,

home sales are falling as mortgage rates rise and factory output slipped in May. Yet steadily robust job growth points to an economy that is still expanding, with little sign of an imminent recession. / EVENTS, SPORTS, MILITARY, ENTERTAINMENT: Organizers with the World Athletics Championships say crowds will see three military flyovers during the event's opening days at Eugene's Hayward Field. They include an F-15 fighter jet flyover at 5 p.m. on Friday, right before the finals of the 4x400m (four by 400 meter) mixed relay. On Saturday evening, another F-15 jet flyover is set for 7:45 p.m., ahead of the men's 100-meter final. On Monday around 5 p.m., a military Black Hawk helicopter will make a ceremonial pass over the track-and-field stadium. As part of the evening's "Women in the Spotlight" events, the flyover will feature a female pilot. ; It features entertainment and activities throughout the day, a big screen streaming the action from Hayward Field, food booths, artisans and vendors, and a terrific view of the Willamette River as it flows through the heart of town. And admission is free! On Friday, and for the duration of the World Athletics Championships, the Eugene Riverfront Festival takes place in the new Eugene Riverfront Park—on the south side of the Willamette opposite Alton Baker Park and just a short distance away from downtown and the University of Oregon. Organizers say it's a chance to showcase the community, its culture, and allow visitors and residents to come together and enjoy a relaxing outdoor setting. The Eugene Riverfront Festival's opening weekend takes place between noon and 10 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The festival continues from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday of next week, then is back to noon to 10 p.m. for the closing three days. Among the entertainment highlights are bands including the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Ozomatli, along with many other local, regional, and national performers. There are two ziplines that allow you to soar above the festivities. The Kid's Zone includes interactivity activities from the Adventure! Children's Museum, Eugene Recreation, the Eugene Public Library, and Nurturely. Many corporate partners came together to create the offerings in Eugene's newest park. Revere, an Oregon-based company that creates entertainment and crowd venues at festivals and events including the College Football Championships, is the lead contractor for the project. Comcast Business installed essential infrastructure including the high-speed Internet that handles both video and audio and Wi-Fi systems both for vendors and attendees. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: University of Oregon athletic director Rob Mullens has announced the hiring of Jerry Schumacher to lead the Oregon cross country and track and field program. Schumacher spent the past 15 years at the helm of the Nike Bowerman Track Club, establishing himself as one of the premier distance coaches in the world through his work and results with the Beaverton-based group. "Jerry Schumacher is a world-class track and field leader with a unique ability to build a dynamic team atmosphere to support a first-class experience for the athletes," said Mullens. "He understands the modern athlete, the importance of building connection and developing young people to their fullest potential. His commitment to the athlete through his tireless work ethic is well known and we are excited that his leadership and passion will add to the tremendous legacy of the Oregon track and field and cross country programs." As director and head coach of the Bowerman Track Club, Schumacher has coached 28 Olympians, seen his athletes win 10 Olympic and World Championship medals, and was named the 2017 USATF Coach of the Year. Schumacher jumps back into the collegiate ranks having

spearheaded the University of Wisconsin men's distance and cross country program between 1998-2008. During his time in Madison, the Badgers won two NCAA team titles—2005 cross country, 2007 indoor—and he was named the 2005 National Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year. / CRIME: Eugene Police say a man faces charges including Manslaughter, Hit-and-Run, Reckless Driving, and DUI after his vehicle struck and killed a 19-year-old bicyclist. It happened Monday night, shortly before 11 p.m., in the area of Royal Avenue and Greenhill. The suspect left the scene. Police say they located the truck and arrested 37-year-old Joshua Kane Mellow shortly after midnight. The name of the male bicyclist will be released after relatives are notified. ; Eugene Police say they arrested a 27-year-old man on Saturday after reports that a handgun had been fired during a fight between two men. It happened early Saturday morning near West Broadway and Willamette Alley. Investigators say Spike Elvis Kirumira and the other man fled before police arrived. Kiramura was arrested a short time later and charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Unlawful Use of a Firearm. The firearm was recovered. A man described as a friend of Kiramura, 36-year-old Emmanuel Bagumira, also was detained. / BUSINESS, SAFETY, CRIME, LABOR: Starbucks is closing 16 U.S. stores—including two in Portland and six in its hometown of Seattle—because of repeated safety issues, including drug use and other disruptive behaviors that threaten staff. The coffee giant also is closing six stores in Los Angeles, one each in Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Starbucks officials said employees will be given the opportunity to transfer to other stores. They add the closures are part of a larger effort to respond to staff concerns and make sure their stores are safe and welcoming. But some employees are angered, saying they were given no input on the closures. / GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, BUSINESS, LGBTQ: The state of Oregon has slashed financial penalties it assigned a baker who refused to bake a wedding cake for a lesbian couple almost 10 years ago. State Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle announced yesterday that the Bureau of Labor and Industries is ordering Aaron Klein to pay \$30,000 damages, instead of \$135,000, in compliance with a state appeals court ruling earlier this year. Laurel and Rachel Bowman-Cryer filed the initial complaint against the bakery owners in 2013. The lesbian couple said the bakery refused to bake their wedding cake. The Oregon Court of Appeals twice upheld a ruling that found the bakery illegally discriminated against them. But the court in January found the state agency did not exhibit religious neutrality in issuing the fine. Bakery owner Aaron Klein said his Christian faith did not allow him to support same-sex weddings. A portion of the state's original \$135,000 penalty relied on a determination Klein had caused the women immense pain by calling them "abominations." But Klein said he had been citing a Biblical verse. The damages were thrown out in 2018, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker who'd also been fined for refusing service to a same-sex couple on religious grounds. Justices ordered the Oregon Court of Appeals to take a fresh look at its case. / SAFETY, CRIME: Microsoft yesterday released updates to fix at least 86 security vulnerabilities in its Windows operating systems and other software, including a weakness in all supported versions of Windows that Microsoft warns is actively being exploited. According to cybersecurity reporter Brian Krebs, the software giant also has made a controversial decision to put the brakes on a plan to block macros in Office documents downloaded from the Internet. That's of concern to security experts because macros have long

been a way for cybercrooks to trick people into running malicious code. Microsoft Office by default warns users that enabling macros in untrusted documents is a security risk, but those warnings can be easily disabled with the click of button. Separately, Adobe yesterday issued patches to address at least 27 vulnerabilities across multiple products, including Acrobat and Reader, Photoshop, RoboHelp, and Adobe Character Animator. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: State health officials say those newer Omicron subvariants-- BA.4 and BA.5—are now the predominant COVID-19 variants not just across the U.S. but here in Oregon. And while the illness caused by those subvariants is not necessarily more severe, BA.4 and BA.5 are more transmissible than the previous subvariant which caused an uptick in cases over the spring. If you've recently been sick with COVID-19 or are vaccinated, you have some immunity against infection. But state health officials say BA.4 and BA.5 can sidestep either form of immunity and cause reinfection. In recent weeks, the Oregon Health Authority and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended masking in indoor public spaces in two dozen Oregon counties, including Lane and Douglas. Officials say it is doubly important to mask up around people who are vulnerable to severe COVID-19 illness. ; Deaths and hospitalizations from COVID-19 are lower in than they were during winter and spring's infection surges. But we have logged four new coronavirus-related deaths in Lane County in the past week. We're also averaging 136 new reported infections each day and Lane County Public Health says testing positivity rates are at 11 percent. But officials add those numbers are low because so many residents now test at home and many never report their infections. /

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TIME OF BROADCAST	5:30AM-8:30AM / KKNV-FM
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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>SPORTS, EVENTS: On July 17-18, the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 holds its marathons-- Sunday morning for the men, Monday morning for the women. The races start and finish outside Autzen Stadium, head through Alton Baker and Day Island Park, make a pass through Glenwood and briefly dip into Springfield before finishing back in Eugene. There will be road disruptions in some areas between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. both days. ; Jesse Owens' running singlet. Michael Johnson's "golden spikes." Get a closer look at the rich history of track and field at the Museum of World Athletics. The temporary exhibit is being hosted just a short walk from Hayward Field inside the University of Oregon's Erb Memorial Union. / EVENTS: The 20th annual U.S. Air Guitar National Championships take place in Portland Saturday. The winner will represent USA at the Air Guitar World Championships in Finland. ; Perhaps you attend the annual Lane County Fair to ride the rides, see the exhibits, or catch a concert. Or maybe you're there for the food. Fair organizers know a lot of fairgoers like to dine their way through the event. Every year, they unveil the list of participating food vendors. The list was released this morning. It includes fan favorites like the locally created Fri-jo's. There's slow-cooked barbecue, teriyaki chicken, fried ravioli, Mexican specialties, pizza, burgers, hot dogs, curly fries. Plus, there's ice cream cookies, elephant ears, lemonade and more. Among this year's new offerings: Dippin' Dots; Moop Ping Thai Food; Mike and Mitty's gourmet grill cheese; Most Wanted Espresso. The Lane County Fair opens its 2022 run on Wednesday of next week and continues through July 24. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION SPORTS: Oregon Ducks tight end Spencer Webb died yesterday afternoon in an accident at a popular Coast Range recreation site west of Triangle Lake. Lane County Sheriff's officials say they responded around 2:30 p.m. to a section of Lake Creek known for its natural water slides and swimming holes carved into the bedrock. They learned that a 22-year-old man, later confirmed by family, friends, and Oregon Football officials as Spencer Webb, had fallen on a steep hillside and struck his head. Bystanders and responding paramedics were unable to revive him. Lane County Sheriff Search and Rescue assisted with bringing Webb's body back to the roadway from its location approximately 100 yards down a steep trail. Oregon head football coach Dan Lanning tweeted, "So full of life in every moment of the day. Your smile and</p>

energy will be missed Spencer. I love you!" / CRIME: A coalition of local and federal law enforcement personnel on Tuesday arrested two commercial burglary suspects at a forest campsite outside of Westfir. Officials say they recovered a cargo trailer that had been taken from a Springfield contractor along with other stolen personal property. One of the suspects was wanted in connection with burglarizing a Eugene-area tactical supply store in May, allegedly stealing more than \$30,000 in body armor and firearm parts. Investigators say an Oregon State Police Trooper and the U.S. Marshall's Service located the camp and confirmed the presence of 29-year-old David Joseph Essary. They say when the Sheriff's Special Response Team, Springfield Police SWAT Team, and U.S. Marshals moved on the camp, Essary attempted to flee by jumping into a nearby river but was quickly detained. Essary's girlfriend, 22-year-old Brenda Ann Crow, was also taken into custody. During a search of the campsite, officials say they located a loaded handgun and the stolen cargo trailer. Essary was arrested and jailed on multiple charges, including Aggravated Theft, Burglary, being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Felon in Possession of Body Armor, Criminal Mischief, Arson, Criminal Trespass, Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle, Tampering with Evidence, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Crow also was lodged on multiple charges. ; Eugene Police yesterday released the name of the bicyclist killed during Monday night's hit-and-run crash in the area of Royal Avenue and Greenhill Road. They say 19-year-old Samuel James Moyes of Eugene was struck by a pickup truck driven by 37-year-old Joshua Kane Mellow. Mellow faces charges including Manslaughter, Hit-and-Run, Reckless Driving, and DUII. / LAW ENFORCEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, HOMELESSNESS: Eugene Police officers and staff yesterday cooked and serving hot dogs, chips, sodas, watermelon, and ice cream to close to 350 people in need and to the staff who support them at St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County's Lindholm Center. The day shelter assists adults experiencing homelessness by providing basic support including food, day shelter, clothing, laundry, showers, supplies, and other stabilizing assistance. Eugene Police have hosted an annual holiday dinner at the Lindholm Center. But Officer David Clark, who organized yesterday's event, coordinated the summer activity to further recognize the services the day shelter and its staff provide. Sponsors included both the Eugene Police Charity Fund and Eugene Police Foundation. A number of local businesses also stepped up, including Brad's Car Tunes, Sanipac, Bruns' Apple Market, Bigfoot Beverages, and the Oregon Ice Cream Company. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Alarmed by the recent increase in local COVID-19 cases tied to a pair of highly contagious subvariants of the virus, officials with Lane County Public Health yesterday recommended a return to masking in indoor spaces, ranging from businesses to other community locations. It's not a mandate. But officials say the recommendation follows recent guidance from the Oregon Health Authority and Centers for Disease Control. Public health experts say the precaution is especially timely because thousands of visitors from across the country and around the globe are arriving in the area for a variety of events, including the ten-day World Athletics Championships. Senior Public Health Officer Dr. Patrick Luedtke says our area is particularly vulnerable. He says the local medical system currently is strained and we have high COVID case rates. He says precautionary indoor masking can go a long way toward ensuring that everyone in Lane County who needs emergency care is able to receive it. Additionally, Lane County Public

Health officials recommend getting vaccinated if you have not done so already, and ensure you receive your COVID-19 booster doses if you have completed their initial vaccination. While the new viral subvariants are causing some breakthrough infections, they say those who are vaccinated generally have milder symptoms and a much lower risk of hospitalization and death. ; Officials say Lane County is averaging 116 new reported COVID-19 cases daily and that testing positivity rates are at 11 percent. Officials know those infection numbers are far below actual totals, since many people now test at home and do not report positive tests or contact their health care providers if they become ill. They also say a number of people who had earlier COVID-19 infections are being reinfected by the new Omicron subvariants, which are mutated enough from earlier strains to evade some immune protections provided either by previous illness or vaccination. Lane County Public Health officials say they received reports during the past week of four additional coronavirus-related deaths, raising our pandemic death toll to 575. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: As Oregon drafts the rules for its new psilocybin program, the first of its kind in the U.S., residents are voicing concerns about the confusing patchwork of local ordinances that might emerge. In 2020, Oregon voters legalized the regulated, therapeutic use of psilocybin, the active hallucinogenic ingredient in what are commonly called "magic mushrooms." Advocates say psilocybin can be used to treat depression, anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, PTSD, and other mental health issues. But Oregon's legalization measure allows individual counties to opt out of the program, and several rural county commissioners have recently decided to put psilocybin center bans on their November ballots. Those election moves sparked some questions at an Oregon Health Authority listening session Wednesday from residents who otherwise are hoping to become licensed facilitators or manufacturers. /

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TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS, ENTERTAINMENT: With more than 1,900 competitors from 192 countries, it's going to be a great ten days of competition at Eugene's Hayward Field. The World Athletics Championships get underway later today at Eugene's Hayward Field. The 10-day event is the high point of a year that's been filled with outstanding competitions at the complex. This is the first time the event has been held in the U.S. and Eugene is the smallest city to ever host it. Visitors are arriving by the thousands. The athletes' village will occupy the residence halls at the University of Oregon, housing three thousand competitors. Tourism officials hope all the visitors translate into day- and overnight trips and spending in many Oregon communities. In all, they say the event will have a multi-million dollar daily economic impact. They say visitors have booked many of the roughly 4,400 hotel and motel rooms and rental units up and down the Interstate Five corridor. Eugene Airport is seeing record passenger traffic with the addition of new carriers and flights during the past year. Taxi companies have been working to hire new drivers, and Uber and Lyft officials have contacted some former drivers to work during the summer visitor surge. Lane Transit District also has added an airport shuttle to bus World Athletics visitors to 16 of the larger hotels in the area. Some but not all have door-to-door service. Others have shared pick-up and drop-off points. The bus shuttles are operating during peak flight arrival and departure times. ; The World Athletics Championships, known locally as "Oregon22," wouldn't be possible without an army of volunteers, meet officials, and coordinators. The local organizing committee has been working for years with local government, business, and tourism leaders. Volunteers include those greeting and providing information to arrivals at the airport, at Hayward Field, and throughout the community. Some volunteers stepped up because they're fluent in one of the languages spoken by the thousands of international competitors and visitors. Others wanted to help showcase the community and share details on their favorite spots. Still others are performing less visible but absolutely critical tasks at Hayward Field, and also along the marathon and race walk routes. And then there are the meet officials—many from across the globe but many locals who have spent years—sometimes decades—helping out at Hayward Field. It takes a lot of people to run a track and field meet—and a lot

more for a ten-day international event. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to making the World Athletics Championships a success. ; World Athletics Championship action gets underway shortly after 9:00 a.m. in and around Hayward Field. The Morning Session lasts until mid-afternoon. The first events include qualifying rounds in the men's and women's hammer throw, and men's high jump, preliminary rounds of the men's 100 meters and heats in the mixed 4x400 meter relay. ; Today's afternoon session of the Worlds Athletics Championships begins at 5 p.m. and includes qualifying in the men's shot put—where Oregon's Ryan Crouser is going for gold, as well as qualifying in the women's shot put, women's pole vault and men's long jump. Spectators also will see heats in the men's steeplechase, women's 1500 meters, and men's 100 meters. The evening final in the mixed 4x400 meter relay is set for shortly before 8 p.m. NBCSports, with its mix of broadcast, cable, and online platforms, is carrying much of the action over the next ten days. ; Organizers with the World Athletics Championships say crowds will see three military flyovers during the event's opening days at Eugene's Hayward Field. They include an F-15 fighter jet flyover at 5 p.m. on tonight (Friday, July 15) right before the finals of the 4x400m mixed relay. On Saturday evening, another F-15 jet flyover is set for 7:45 p.m., ahead of the men's 100-meter final. On Monday around 5 p.m., a military Blackhawk helicopter will make a ceremonial pass over the track-and-field stadium. As part of the evening's "Women in the Spotlight" events, the flyover will feature a female pilot. A Sheldon High School graduate, Navy Command Master Chief Amanda Davis, is the crew chief. ; The finals of the Women's and Men's 20-kilometer Race Walks will take place on a 1-kilometer looped course starting and finishing on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in front of Autzen Stadium. The women's final begins shortly after 1 p.m. The men's final begins shortly after 3 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the Fan Zone on the north side of the course. ; On July 17-18, the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 holds its marathons-- Sunday morning for the men, Monday morning for the women. The races start and finish outside Autzen Stadium, head through Alton Baker and Day Island Park, make a pass through Glenwood and briefly dip into Springfield before finishing back in Eugene. There will be road disruptions in some areas between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. both days. See the details and plan your route accordingly at <https://worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/impacts-marathon> Lane Transit District also is adjusting some Sunday and Monday morning bus schedules to avoid conflicting with activity on the marathon route. See details at www.ltd.org ; Refillable plastic water bottle: Yes. Camera cases and binocular bags: No. Learn what you may take to the World Athletics Championships Oregon22 and what to leave at home at <https://worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22/event-info/know-before-you-go> The web page also has the latest road closures, a map of the venue, and information on the event app for your mobile phones and devices. See all event information at <https://worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-championships/oregon22> ; If you're attending the World Athletics Championships, free shuttle buses leave the northwest parking lot of Eugene's Valley River Center beginning two hours before the start of the day's events. Free bike valet parking also is available—with one valet spot on the north side of Hayward Field and the other on the south side. Walking is also an option. There are a few parking garages near campus, but they

could see a lot of activity—especially on weekdays. Neighborhoods near Hayward are also fairly busy. Closer to Hayward Field, many on-street parking spots are hooded and not available. Some surrounding streets have two hour parking limits. ; It features entertainment and activities throughout the day, a big screen streaming the action from Hayward Field, food booths, artisans and vendors, and a terrific view of the Willamette River as it flows through the heart of town. And admission is free! This afternoon, and for the duration of the World Athletics Championships, the Eugene Riverfront Festival takes place in the new Eugene Riverfront Park—on the south side of the Willamette on some of the former Eugene Water & Electric Board property, across the river from Alton Baker Park and just a short distance away from downtown and the University of Oregon. Organizers say it's a chance to showcase the community, its culture, and allow visitors and residents to come together and enjoy a relaxing outdoor setting. The Eugene Riverfront Festival's opening weekend takes place between noon and 10 p.m. today, Saturday, and Sunday. The festival continues from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday of next week, then is back to noon to 10 p.m. for the closing three days. Among the entertainment highlights are bands including the Cherry Poppin' Daddies and Ozomatli, along with many other local, regional, and national performers. There are two ziplines that allow you to soar above the festivities. The Kid's Zone includes interactivity activities from the Adventure! Children's Museum, Eugene Recreation, the Eugene Public Library, and Nurturely. Many corporate partners came together to create the offerings in Eugene's newest park. Revere, an Oregon-based company that creates entertainment and crowd venues at festivals and events including the College Football Championships, is the lead contractor for the project. Comcast Business installed essential infrastructure including the high-speed Internet that handles both video and audio and Wi-Fi systems both for vendors and attendees. ; When you attend the Eugene Riverfront Festival, the best option is to park and walk in or bicycle to the event and take advantage of free valet parking. For those needing a lift or with mobility challenges, Riverfront Festival organizers and Lane Transit District are offering LTD's "Em-Go" shuttle service. The five-passenger EmGo vehicles will pick up passengers on Oak Street next to the Overpark parking garage and on 8th Avenue next to the Parcade parking garage. Riding EmGo is free but allow extra time should there be a line. ; During the World Athletics Championships, tourism officials are working with local restaurants to promote a program they call "Dine After 9." Coordinators say many of the thousands of international spectators, officials, athletes, and coaches in town are looking for places to eat after the day's sessions conclude. In many cultures, late-night dining is very popular. Travel Lane County has a special "Dine After 9" webpage to ensure those visitors have a list of local eateries, including restaurants, bars, and food carts, staying open later. Local Chambers of Commerce also are spreading the word to their members. See the page and its newest additions at <https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/blog/post/dine-after-nine/> ; Summer is a busy season for highway construction projects. But some key local projects are pausing for the better part of two weeks as when tens of thousands of athletes and visitors arrive in Eugene-Springfield for the World Athletics Championships. Officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation say most construction and maintenance projects that could have major impacts on traffic headed to or from Hayward Field—including some along major

highways leading to the metro area—will be affected. Construction in other parts of the state will continue as scheduled, as will any emergency road repair projects. Go to www.tripcheck.com for updates. ; World Athletics Championships coordinators are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast for the 10-day event. Last year's Olympic Trials included some record-hot days and there are concerns that summer wildfire smoke might intrude into the valley. Oregon22 coordinators say while they can't change the weather, but they can alter start times in some cases to minimize athlete exposure. U-of-O officials say if smoke makes its way into the region, researchers will collect air samples and other data to study the effects of poor air quality on athletic performance. ; They're planning for a safe, uneventful week-and-a-half. But they're remaining vigilant. Some members of the Oregon National Guard have spent the past few weeks preparing for a deployment to the World Athletics Championships in Eugene. They'll assist with security during the ten-day event that is attracting elite athletes and their national delegations from across the globe. While some of the training is in basic security assessment, some National Guard members have fairly refined skills in detecting things like Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives. The Department of Homeland Security, state and local law enforcement also encourage visitors and residents to keep an eye out for anything suspicious—part of the nationwide "See Something, Say Something" campaign. ; Allyson Felix's legacy on the track is unrivaled as she's set to compete in her final race before retirement. The 36-year-old will leave as Team USA's most decorated sprinter on the track. Her legacy off the track has been just as notable. She helped orchestrate change for new mothers. Felix wants that to be her lasting footprint over all her medals. She's looking forward to her next chapter after competing in the mixed relay at the world championships in Eugene, Oregon. That includes running her own shoe company, being a voice for women's rights and taking her daughter to soccer practice. ; Kenyan sprinter Ferdinand Omanyala is in a race to make his race at the world championships in Eugene, Oregon. The clock is ticking even before the medal contender in the 100 meters is due for his first qualifying heat at Hayward Field on Friday night. Omanyala is due to leave Kenya only on Thursday because of a delay in receiving his visa to travel to the United States. He'd given up hope of running, but the visa was finally issued a day before his race, and he's embarked on a late dash to make it in time. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: On Saturday, Oregon joins many other states in the nationwide launch of the new "988" Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. That new, easy-to-remember number, 9-8-8, connects people in need of behavioral health crisis support with experts who can assist them. You'll be able to call or text 988 in English or Spanish to receive compassionate care and support from trained crisis counselors. The new three-digit 988 number will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You also may chat in English <http://988lifeline.org/> The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline was established to improve access to crisis services amid the country's growing suicide and mental health-related crisis care needs. The 988 service can help you if you are experiencing thoughts of suicide or self-harm, grappling with substance use, or dealing with any other kind of behavioral health crisis. You may also dial 988 if you are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. The 988 dialing code connects callers to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and a network of local crisis call centers. ; In 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received nearly 2.4

million calls, and call volume is anticipated to significantly increase with the launch of 988. According to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, counselors resolve more than 95 percent of calls over the phone. The crisis counselors are trained to use the least-invasive interventions and are linked to a network of services. Often, a supportive conversation is all that is needed to help someone in crisis. When in-person support or intervention is needed, counselors may dispatch a mobile crisis team or first responder. The Oregon Legislature has set aside tens of millions of dollars to strengthen and expand the state's behavioral health crisis system. This includes staffing Oregon's two 988 call centers and sending more funds to Community Mental Health Programs to enhance and expand their community-based mobile crisis intervention services. In Oregon, Lines for Life has staff who can provide culturally and linguistically specific services around the clock and Northwest Human Services has expanded its staff to do the same. As the 988 crisis-response system expands, officials say additional funding will be required to sustain the call centers, response units and other services. ; Between now and Saturday morning, those in crisis should continue to use the current number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255). That phone number will continue to work after the 988 number goes live. 988 will be available through every landline, cell phone and voice-over internet device in the United States, as well as text and chat. The current technology for 988 will route callers by area code, not geolocation. 988 is not currently available when phones are locked or do not have prepaid minutes. The transition to 988 will not impact the availability of crisis services for veterans and military service members. They can call 988 and press 1 to connect with the Veterans Crisis Line. For support in Spanish, callers can press 2 to connect with the Red Nacional de Prevención del Suicidio. / LOW-INCOME, CHARITY, SOCIAL SERVICES, FINANCES, ECONOMY: Long lines are back outside food banks around the U.S. as working Americans overwhelmed by inflation increasingly seek handouts to feed their families. Many people are coming for the first time amid the skyrocketing grocery and gas prices. The food banks say they're struggle to help as federal programs provide less food as we leave the emergency phase of the pandemic. Grocery store donations are lowering in many communities. And cash gifts are not going nearly as far as inflation hits a 40-year high. But charitable food requests and distribution remain far above pre-pandemic amounts. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: Inflation? What's that? Consumers picked up their spending in June despite surging prices in gasoline and food. U.S. retail sales rose one percent last month, according to the Commerce Department. Sales at furniture stores rose 1.4 percent. There were slight sales upticks for consumer electronics stores. Online sales showed resurgence, posting a 2.2 percent increase. But department stores took a hit, posting a 2.6 percent decline. The report comes as U.S. inflation surged to a new four-decade high in June because of rising prices for gas, food and rent, squeezing household budgets and pressuring the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates aggressively -- trends that raise the risk of a recession. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: U.S. officials are asking for outside help as they craft definitions of old growth and mature forests under an executive order from President Joe Biden. Leaders with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management said Thursday that they want public input on a what they call a "universal definition framework" to identify older forests that need protection. Biden in April

directed his administration to devise ways to preserve older forests as part of the government's efforts to combat climate change. Older trees release large volumes of global warming carbon dioxide when they burn. Biden's order called for the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management over the next year to define and inventory all mature and old growth forests on federal land. After that, the agencies must identify the biggest threats those forests face and come up with ways to save them. But there's disagreement over which trees to count. Environmentalists say millions of acres of public lands should qualify. The timber industry and its allies have cautioned against a broad definition out of worries that could put new areas off limits to logging. The Forest Service manages 134 million acres of forested land, including about 56 million acres where trees are older than 100 years. The Bureau of Land Management oversees about 58 million acres of forests. / CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: Climate change is making the Pacific Northwest the perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes and so far, it's created the largest outbreak in more than a decade in Multnomah County, which is home to the city of Portland. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that after the wettest spring in 81 years followed by warm summer temperatures, Multnomah County is seeing tens of thousands more mosquitoes – the most since 2010. Similar trends might be playing out in other Willamette Valley counties, which saw similar spring rains. A Multnomah County public health team has been surveying the county — usually near the Columbia River — for breeding habitats and monitoring for mosquito-borne diseases. The team sets mosquito traps in 150 different locations. Last year, the team trapped about 6,000 mosquitos, with each trap catching an average of 100. This year, The Oregonian reports the number has increased dramatically—with upwards of 15,000 in a single trap. Mosquitoes prefer temperatures between 60 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit and are very active from June through August. Mosquitoes can lay up to 300 eggs at a time and those eggs hatch larvae that transform into flying mosquitoes in seven to 10 days. /

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EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT: The Lane County Fair today begins its 2022 run. Gates open at 11 a.m. and remain open until 10 p.m. The fair continues through Sunday. Daily admission is \$9.00 for those between the ages of 13 and 64, with discounts for youth, seniors, and military personnel. Kids ages 5 and under get in free. Opening Day is Grange Day. Children ages 10 and younger get in free when they arrive between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and bring a dressed-up fruit or veggie. Among the entertainment highlights throughout the day: Canine Stars, the Timberworks Lumberjack Show, the All-Alaskan Racing Pigs, Kids Tractor Pull, and more. There are plenty of great local acts at the Community Stage. There's even a Bingo Tent presented by the Bethel Education Foundation and Elks Lodge #357. Opening night entertainment is "One Night of Queen," a tribute concert by Gary Mullen & The Works. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Standard, Premium, and VIP reserved seat tickets are available. The fair is dotted with food booths. The offerings include fan favorites like the locally created Fri-jo's. There's slow-cooked barbecue, teriyaki chicken, fried ravioli, Mexican specialties, pizza, burgers, hot dogs, curly fries. Plus, there's ice cream cookies, elephant ears, lemonade and more. The Fair offers a five-day Season Pass—a \$45 value—for just \$22. There's also a three-day pass for \$18. Those discounted passes are only available through today at the fair ticket booths. Interested in getting in free? Register to donate blood between now and July 24 and receive a free Fair admission ticket from Bloodworks Northwest. Clear bags are required for Fair attendees wishing to carry items through the entry gates. See the security guidelines at the Fair's website. Clear bags are available for purchase at the ticket booths for just \$5.00. /

SPORTS, EVENTS: Today at the World Athletics Championships, action gets underway at 3:20 p.m. at Hayward Field. There are qualifying rounds in the Women's Javelin and heats in the Women's 5000 Meters and Men's 800 Meters. There are three semifinals—in the Women's 400 Meter Hurdles, Women's 400 Meters, and Men's 400 Meters. And there are two finals this evening. Finals in the Women's Discus Throw begin at 6:30 p.m. The Women's 3000 Meters Steeplechase final begins at 7:45 p.m. ; A new obstacle appeared out of nowhere on the steeplechase course at world championships. A cameraman. Trying to get a great shot of the triple jump competition going on nearby, a World Athletics cameraman stepped onto the track, unaware there was a live race going on

behind him. As a phalanx of runners was approaching the cameramen, the runners spread out to pass by and nobody was hurt. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, SAFETY, LEGAL, CIVIL LIBERTIES: Oregonians will decide in November whether people wanting to purchase a gun will first have to qualify for a permit, after one of the strictest gun-control measures in the nation landed on the ballot. Oregon's elections division has determined that the gun-safety campaign had delivered enough verified signatures of registered voters to put Initiative 17 on the ballot for the fall election. The measure would require a permit to purchase any gun. To qualify for a permit, an applicant would need to complete an approved firearm safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing, and pass a criminal background check. The chief petitioner in the initiative drive is a Portland pastor concerned about the surge in gun violence across the country, including the recent mass shootings in Buffalo, New York; Uvalde, Texas; and Highland Park, Illinois. The Reverend Mark Knutson said the incidents prompted many across Oregon to volunteer to collect signatures. The National Rifle Association's legislative lobbying arm has denounced the initiative, saying on its website that anti-gun citizens are coming after firearm owners and their guns. The measure would ban large capacity magazines over 10 rounds — except for current owners, law enforcement and the military — and require a permit to purchase any gun. To qualify for a permit, an applicant would need to complete an approved firearm safety course, pay a fee, provide personal information, submit to fingerprinting and photographing and pass a criminal background check. The state police would create a firearms database. Applicants would apply for the permit from the local police chief, county sheriff or their designees. The Associated Press notes that Oregon appears to be the only state in America with a gun safety initiative underway for the 2022 election, according to Sean Holihan, state legislative director for Giffords, an organization dedicated to saving lives from gun violence. / ANIMALS, COMMUNITY: Some of the 26 cats abandoned in a local hoarding case are being made available for adoption starting today. Eugene Police say the felines were recovered earlier this month, when a person contacted Lane County Animal Services to say they were leaving their apartment because they were being evicted and were leaving behind a lot of cats. The property management contacted Eugene Animal Services a week ago Sunday and provided food and water until the animals could be collected by officials the next day. Eugene Animal Services officials say the 26 cats had ringworm and were very frightened, but otherwise appeared healthy. Experts said the house's interior was covered in feces and urine and there was only one cat box in the apartment. The cats were taken to the Greenhill Humane Society and many now are awaiting adoption. Hannah Washington, Greenhill's Feline Program Manager, says staff and volunteers are providing care and treatment to the felines, but note that many are under-socialized and need an understanding home. Adopters will be provided with training and supplies to continue the cats' ringworm treatment. The cats available for adoption starting today range in age from six months to five years. While some of the cats are shy, many are very friendly and affectionate. Greenhill is also seeking homes that can foster cats who might not be ready for adoption and is asking for donations to assist with their care. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Health officials say U.S. adults who still have not received any COVID-19 doses should consider a new option from Novavax. The protein-based vaccine is a more traditional kind of formulation than

the three brands available in the U.S. Federal regulators authorized the two-dose vaccine last week for adults. Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention unanimously recommended the option on Tuesday and the agency agreed. The Maryland-based company hopes the U.S. also clears booster doses and teen use fairly soon. The U.S. has purchased 3.2 million doses of the Novavax vaccine. Most Americans have gotten at least their primary COVID-19 vaccinations by now, but CDC officials said between 26 million and 37 million adults haven't had a single dose — the population that Novavax, for now, will be targeting. All of the vaccines used in the U.S. train the body to fight the coronavirus by recognizing its outer coating, the spike protein — and the first three options essentially turn people's cells into a temporary vaccine factory. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines deliver genetic instructions for the body to make copies of the spike protein. The lesser-used Johnson & Johnson option uses a cold virus to deliver those instructions. In contrast, the Novavax vaccine injects copies of the spike protein that are grown in a lab and packaged into nanoparticles that to the immune system resemble a virus. Another difference: An ingredient called an adjuvant, that's made from the bark of a South American tree, is added to help rev up that immune response. Protein vaccines have been used for years to prevent other diseases including hepatitis B and shingles. Large studies in the U.S., Mexico and Britain found two doses of the Novavax vaccine were safe and about 90 percent effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19. When the delta variant emerged last summer, Novavax reported a booster dose revved up virus-fighting antibodies that could tackle that mutant. ; Lane County has recorded more than 900 new COVID-19 cases in the past week and six additional deaths. While hospitalization and death numbers are lower than during previous pandemic surges, public health officials remain concerned that infection numbers are far higher than are being reported, since so many people now test at home. ; While more than 1 million people in the United States died of COVID-19, many more survived ICU stays that have left them with a host of health issues. Some survivors were hospitalized for months and nearly died several times. Many of those who are home still can't go back to work and rely on oxygen to breathe. As the world moves on and mask mandates fall away, COVID-19 is not gone for them. They say they are left dealing with the long-term consequences. /

HOUSING, ECONOMY: Existing-home sales in the West decreased 11.1 percent from May to June, according to new numbers from the National Association of Realtors. But the West's median home price climbed to \$624,000, an increase of 9.6 percent from June 2021. First-time buyers were responsible for 30 percent of sales in June. All-cash sales accounted for 25 percent of last month's transactions, many involving individual investors or second-home buyers. /

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COVID-19 cases in the past week and six additional deaths. While hospitalization and death numbers are lower than during previous pandemic surges, public health officials remain concerned that infection numbers are far higher than are being reported, since so many people now test at home. / EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY: Oregon employers added another 8,700 jobs in June. According to Employment Department analysts, the largest gains came in sectors that included Construction, Health Care & Social Assistance, Leisure & Hospitality, and Other Services. The only major industry that shed jobs was the Government sector, which was down 600. State analysts say that as of last month, we've regained 94 percent of the jobs lost at the onset of the pandemic. Additionally, they say Oregon's private sector is close to a "full jobs recovery," having regained 98 percent of its pandemic recession losses. Construction employment has been a real bright spot. Activity rose rapidly over the past 12 months, reaching a record of 118,700 jobs in June. That is well above its pre-pandemic peak. Some construction industries grew more rapidly than others, with several growing by double-digits. Those include building finishing contractors (+13.2 percent), building equipment contractors (+11.5 percent), heavy and civil engineering construction (+10.8 percent), and specialty trade contractors (+10.7 percent). Leisure and Hospitality also rapidly expanded this and last year. The sector added 28,500 jobs and was up by 16.4 percent since June 2021. Despite these gains, leisure and hospitality still accounts for a large share of the jobs Oregon has not recovered since early 2020, with 14,600 jobs left to recover to reach the prior peak month of February 2020. Still, the industry has regained 87 percent of jobs lost early in the pandemic. Health Care and Social Assistance added jobs rapidly throughout the first half of this year—gaining 7,900 jobs through June—following a stagnant period throughout 2021. Most of the gains were seen in ambulatory health care services and in social assistance. Oregon's unemployment rate of 3.6 percent in June was essentially unchanged from 3.5 percent in May. Oregon's unemployment rate has been below 4.0 percent for the past four months. The U.S. unemployment rate was 3.6 percent in March, April, May, and June. / SPORTS, FINANCES: Sounds like there's plenty of interest in the much-anticipated September 3 college football matchup between Oregon and defending national champion Georgia. Officials say it's already sold out. The game will take place in Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium, which holds 71,000 spectators. The contest between the Ducks and Bulldogs—dubbed the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game—will feature two projected top-10 teams on college football's opening weekend. Plus, Oregon's new head football coach, Dan Lanning, was Georgia's defensive coordinator when he helped lead the Bulldogs to a National Championship earlier this year with a win over Alabama in the College Football Playoff title game. Kick-off for Oregon versus Georgia is set for noon on Saturday, September 3 on KEZI (ABC). This year's matchup marks only the second meeting between the teams, and the first in 45 years when the Bulldogs claimed a 27-16 victory at Sanford Stadium in 1977. The teams will battle for The Old Leather Helmet Trophy, one of college football's newest rivalry-style icons. Traditionally, winners of The Old Leather Helmet don the helmet on the field after the game, starting with the head coach and then rotating from player to player as the team celebrates its victory. Fans interested in locating tickets in the secondary ticket market can visit the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game's official ticket exchange on Ticketmaster. It is common for secondary market prices to exceed face value. /

SAFETY: Eugene-Springfield Fire crews say a fire gutted a recreational vehicle parked in alongside a West Eugene home. Firefighters were able to stop the blaze's spread shortly after arriving. But they said gusty winds and high temperatures helped drive the flames, damaging two adjacent residences located in the 2500 block of West Eugene's Haig Street. Crews say the flames also damaged some nearby trees. No reported injuries. The cause of the blaze is under investigation. / **CRIME:** Eugene Police are asking for public assistance in identifying a suspect in repeated theft from a local bookstore. Witnesses say he has been stealing items from the business and recently threatened to use weapons while committing his crimes. He is described as a white male, in his 20s, of average height and build, with reddish hair, full sideburns, and sometimes a short, scruffy beard. ; Springfield Police say an alert neighbor provided security camera images that helped them arrest a man who allegedly broke into and ransacked a home on Summit Boulevard. 39-year-old John Dwight Westbrook was arrested on residential burglary charges during a traffic stop on Tuesday at 42nd Street and Commercial Avenue. Police say some of the stolen property was recovered from the vehicle and the remaining missing property was recovered from Westbrook's residence. / **CRIME, WILDLIFE:** An Eastern Oregon couple has been sentenced for hunting offenses after shooting into a fleeing herd of elk and leaving five animals to rot. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say Chris and Stephanie Lardy were sentenced this month to jail time, fines and suspended hunting licenses. ODFW officials say the residents of the town of Hines killed five elk including two calves, two cows and a spike bull, then left them to rot. Two other cow elk were tagged and taken. Witnesses said that in December of 2021, they saw the driver of the vehicle stop twice to fire dozens of shots into the fleeing herd. Investigators say the Lardys then continued a short distance, shot again, then gutted and collected two cow elk before leaving the scene. The case is frustrating to wildlife managers, hunters, and state troopers because the couple showed little regard both for the wildlife and the safety of others in the field. In addition to jail time, fines, and suspended hunting licenses, Chris Lardy must write and publish an apology letter to the community in the Burns Times-Herald. / **ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT:** Federal regulators yesterday canceled a policy adopted under former President Trump that weakened their authority to identify lands and waters where declining animals and plants could receive government protection. The move was the latest by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service undoing changes to the Endangered Species Act that industry and landowner groups had won under Trump. President Biden ordered a broad review of his predecessor's environmental policies after taking office in 2021. One Trump measure required regulators to not designate areas as critical habitat if there would be greater economic benefit from developing them. In a 48-page document explaining withdrawal of the rule, the agency said the now-defunct guidelines gave outside parties an "outsized role" in determining which areas were needed for preserving imperiled species while undermining the Fish and Wildlife Service's authority. Environmental groups said the Trump-era rules forced the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to disprove speculative claims of environmental harm made by industries such as mining, logging, and oil and gas as they sought to extract resources from public lands. Under the original 1973 law, federal agencies cannot fund, permit or take actions that would destroy or severely damage critical habitats. It doesn't restrict activities on private land

unless government approval or financial support is involved. That allows regulators to deny critical habitat designation to areas after considering economic and national security issues, and other factors such as conservation activities underway in such areas. A federal judge this month threw out a number of Trump actions to roll back protections for endangered or threatened species. ; Monarch butterflies are now listed as endangered by one global environmental group because of fast-dwindling populations in North America. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature announced the designation for the orange-and-black butterflies. The group estimates that populations have declined between 22 percent and 72 percent over a decade. After wintering in central Mexico, the butterflies migrate north to Canada. They breed new generations along the way that begin the return trip at the end of summer. The butterflies are imperiled by loss of habitat and increased use of herbicides and pesticides for agriculture, as well as climate change. / ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION: One of the highlights of this year's Comic-Con is a 60th anniversary celebration of Marvel's Amazing Spider-Man comics. San Diego is home to the new Comic-Con Museum and one of its special exhibitions highlights the web-slinger's exploits, first in print, later in television and movies, toys, video games, apparel, and more. Among the co-curators who shaped the exhibit is University of Oregon Professor of Comic Studies Ben Saunders. Saunders founded the world's first undergraduate minor in comic studies at the UO in 2012. In recent years, he's helped curate museum exhibits about the history of comic-book art across the U.S. For the show at San Diego's Comic-Con Museum, he pulled together elements from the Marvel vaults and elsewhere, along with scanning hundreds of Spider-man images from his personal comics collection. They highlight the hero's secret life as Peter Parker and his web-slinging exploits, as well as newer depictions of the person behind the mask—both male and female. Saunders is series editor for Marvel Comics on a new anthology series with publisher Penguin Classics. They focus on the real-world origins and historical creation of the characters and the careers of their creators. Among the topics Saunders wants to explore with them: how their early vision for the heroes has shifted through time into the characters of today. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION: High diesel prices are driving up the cost of everything, from groceries to Amazon orders and furniture. That's because nearly everything that's delivered, whether by truck, rail or ship, uses diesel fuel. Truckers are turning down hauling jobs in the states with the most expensive diesel. They're choosing lighter loads and in some cases working longer hours to make up for the money lost on fuel. Farmers harvesting hay and planting corn with diesel-fired tractors are taking a hit of thousands of dollars per week. And many of these high costs are passed down to consumers. /

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EVENTS, YOUTH, ANIMALS, ENTERTAINMENT: The Lane County Fair continues its 2022 run. Gates open at 11 a.m. and remain open until 10 p.m. The fair continues through Sunday. This evening's Main Stage entertainment is K.C. & the Sunshine Band, with its unique fusion of R&B, funk, and a hint of Latin percussion groove. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. Fair officials say Standard, Premium, and VIP reserved seat tickets are available. Daily Lane County Fair admission is \$9.00 for those between the ages of 13 and 64, with discounts for youth, seniors, and military personnel. Kids ages 5 and under get in free. There is a "clear bag" policy in place. Clear bags are on sale for \$5 at fair ticket booths for those who need one. ; On Saturday, July 23, at 2 p.m. the Lane County Livestock Association holds the 79th annual Lane County Youth Livestock Auction at the Lane County Fair. The FFA and 4-H Kids and teens work hard to raise their animals. This is when they showcase their projects, from cattle and swine to goats, poultry, and rabbits. Animals are available for viewing on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. when the fair gates open. ; Country artist Russell Dickerson will be the headliner on Saturday night, July 23, at this year's Lane County Fair. He'll sing hits like "Blue Tacoma," "Every Little Thing," "Love You Like I Used to," and "Yours." / EVENTS, SPORTS: World Athletics Championships action got underway early this morning with the Women's 35 Kilometer Racewalk Final. The racewalk loop is along MLK Boulevard by Autzen Stadium. The Men's 35 Kilometer Racewalk Final takes place at the same location on Sunday morning at 6:15 a.m. Drivers: Watch for lane closures and consider alternate routes. There is an area for spectators to watch the racewalk action for free. ; Today's afternoon session of the World Athletics Championship begins shortly after 5 p.m. at Eugene's Hayward Field. There are qualifying rounds in the Men's Pole Vault and heats in the Women's and Men's 4x100 Meter Relays. The Women's 800 Meters Semifinal is next, followed by finals in the Women's and Men's 400 Meters and the Women's 400 Meter Hurdles. ; Jamaica's Shericka Jackson (say: shuh-REE'-kuh) is now a world champion after logging the fastest time run in 30 years in the Women's 200 Meters at the World Athletics Championships at Hayward Field. The 28-year-old had the second-fastest time ever, 21.45 seconds. ; Noah Lyles led wire to wire and routed the field in the 200 meters Thursday in 19.31 seconds, the third-fastest time ever, to lead America's second sprint sweep at world

championships. When Lyles saw the posting of the American sweep, he slammed his hands on the ground, ripped off his jersey and grabbed the gold medal from the waiting presenter. Teammates Kenny Bednarek and Erriyon Knighton grabbed the silver and bronze. ; Athletes are receiving their medals faster than ever at the world championships in Eugene. Presenters are handing them out right after the athletes complete their event so they may take a victory lap with the medals around their necks. Then they hand them back and receive their official medal at the awards podium. A 3-D printer at the stadium takes only 68 seconds to etch their name into their medal. Those “instant medals” have been a huge hit with the athletes. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A drowning Wednesday evening on Waldo Lake. Lane County Sheriff’s officials say they were called to the mountain lake shortly before 8 p.m. Wednesday after a report that a 24-year-old man had been sailing when he decided to go for a swim and his sailboat drifted away from him. The man was unconscious when recovered by bystanders, who administered CPR until medics arrived to take over. The man did not survive. His identity will be released after relatives are notified. A reminder as we head for another hot summer weekend: Use caution on local lakes and rivers where the water remains cold. ; The Oregon Football program held a memorial yesterday evening for Ducks tight end Spencer Webb, who died last week in an accident at a popular Coast Range recreation site west of Triangle Lake. The 22-year-old Webb was remembered by teammates and coaches for his smile, energy, and sense of life. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: President Joe Biden says he’s “doing great” after testing positive for COVID-19 yesterday morning. White House officials say the 79-year-old Biden is experiencing “very mild symptoms,” including a stuffy nose, fatigue and a cough. He’s taking Paxlovid, an antiviral drug designed to reduce the severity of the disease. Biden is fully vaccinated, after receiving two doses of the Pfizer coronavirus vaccine shortly before taking office, followed by a first booster in September and an additional dose at the end of March. Biden yesterday tweeted, quote, “I’m doing great. Thanks for your concern.” While the president is isolating, White House officials say he is carrying out his duties via phone and Zoom. Officials say the president will isolate for five days, then may return to his usual activities after a negative test. White House officials say they’re hoping details of Biden’s infection will help reassure Americans that those who get COVID can recover without too much treatment if they’re fully vaccinated and boosted and taken other precautions. ; Joe Biden is the second U.S. president to contract COVID-19. President Donald Trump became infected in late 2020. And the two years difference highlights how COVID-19 treatments have advanced and evolved. Trump’s illness came two months before the availability of the first approved vaccines, which can reduce the severity of coronavirus infection along with the risk of hospitalization and death. He was hospitalized for three days at Walter Reed Medical Center after his oxygen levels fell steeply and suddenly. At the time, Trump was treated with the antiviral drug remdesivir and a steroid designed to reduce potentially deadly inflammation. He also received an antibody cocktail developed by Regeneron more than one month before it was authorized by the FDA. ; Earlier this week, Oregon health officials urged people in 21 counties with high COVID-19 cases—including Lane County—to return to mask wearing in indoor shared spaces because hospital systems are again under extreme strain. They also urged Oregonians to reconsider and rework their summer travel plans to better protect themselves and others. The state’s elevated

case numbers are due to the spread of the highly contagious Omicron subvariant of COVID-19 known as BA.5. Lane County has recorded more than 900 new COVID-19 cases in the past week and six additional deaths. While hospitalization and death numbers are lower than during previous pandemic surges, public health officials remain concerned that infection numbers are far higher than are being reported, since so many people now test at home. / HEALTH: Lane County Public Health officials yesterday issued their weekly report on monkeypox infections. They said that, to date, they've received reports of three confirmed cases, seven presumptive cases, and four suspected cases of the virus. But they say the risk to the general public remains low. Monkeypox is not like COVID. It is not as easily spread. But the outbreak is at a critical stage where health officials say there is an opportunity to stamp it out before cases spread further and potentially affect more vulnerable people. Monkeypox is spread through prolonged, intimate contact. /

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DISCUSSED WEATHER, SAFETY, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: National Weather Service meteorologists in Portland say: High pressure building into the Pacific Northwest will bring an extended stretch of hot weather to inland valleys this week, with the warmest highs expected through Wednesday. There might be isolated thunderstorms Wednesday or Thursday along the Cascades crest. Upper-level winds could bring some smoke to the area on Tuesday afternoon from the wildfires in northern California, possibly creating a high haze that might also block enough sunlight to cool the afternoon high temperatures by a degree or two. ; A few notes for staying cool at home during this week's hot weather: Windows can help keep your home cool, if used properly: Open your home's windows at night to take advantage of the naturally cool night air. Opening multiple windows at night can increase cross-ventilation and provide a cooling draft. Close all your doors and windows before the day begins to warm up, so hot air doesn't have a chance to enter your home. Keep windows and doors closed during the hot part of the day. Shade the windows of your home. External shades and trees are best, but curtains and other window coverings also help prevent the sun from warming the inside of your home. Make sure partially open windows are secured with locks or dowels that allow them to open wide enough so cooler air can get in, but burglars can't. Fans can help cool your home: Put a fan in an open window at night to draw cool air into your house. Air feels cooler when it is moving around you. If you have an air conditioner: Make sure furniture and window coverings aren't blocking vents to maximize the cool airflow. Clean filters regularly during high-use seasons and follow the manufacturer's recommendations for replacing your filter. Regular maintenance and cleaning help the cooling system operate more safely and efficiently. Keep your cool in the kitchen: The oven or range can put off a lot of heat, so think twice before you decide to cook a meal in the oven. Consider using a slow cooker or pressure cooker, outdoor grill or outdoor camp stove. Do food prep before preheating the oven to avoid warming your kitchen longer than necessary. Keep the oven door closed, open only when necessary, and as quickly as possible. Use the appropriate-sized pot or pan so heat is warming the pan, not the room. Covering pots and pans helps heat food faster and contains heat. Microwaves are more energy-efficient than a cooktop or oven and help keep the kitchen from getting warm. Refrigerators need to work harder

with higher external temperatures and require regular maintenance to ensure they aren't working overtime. Keep the front grill free of dirt, this improves airflow to the condenser. Clean the condenser coil with a brush or vacuum. Keep door gaskets clean to ensure a tight seal. Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen. Run your dishwasher only when it's full. Run it at night to avoid warming the kitchen. Consider letting your dishes air-dry. ; This heat wave is nothing like the record-setting "heat dome" we had in late June of 2021. And there are some other key differences. Among them, reservoir levels. Those late spring rains helped swell river flows and top off many of our local reservoirs. Planning to play on the water this week or this weekend? Things are looking good at popular spots like Fern Ridge, which is 94 percent full according to the Army Corps of Engineers. Hills Creek Reservoir is looking better than it has in years, at 84 percent. Heading for the Oregon Jamboree this weekend? If you like to spend your free time at Foster Lake, it's looking 94 percent full. / WILDFIRES, WEATHER: Hot weather means a growing risk of grass fires, brush fires, and forest fires. Oregon has a coordinated fire suppression system involving federal, state, and local governments and agencies. Among those taking the lead at the states level: the Oregon Department of Forestry, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Office of Emergency Management, and Department of Environmental Quality. Officials say they have taken the harsh lessons from 2020's devastating wildfire season and used them to better prepare. That includes expanding and refining state and local emergency alert systems and urging residents to sign up to receive those alerts. With forecasts calling for Western Oregon to be in High to Extreme wildfire risk for most of the rest of summer, you're also being encouraged to prepare "Go" kits for every member of your household should you need to rapidly evacuate. Many utilities have worked the past few years to conducting additional patrols of power lines during hot weather. / EVENTS, SPORTS: Sydney McLaughlin took the last victorious lap of an all-American world championships. She pulled away in the 4-by-400 relay to close a U.S. runaway and give the Americans their record 33rd medal for the meet. McLaughlin turned a .73-second lead into a 2.93-second runaway on the anchor lap. That added to the world record the 22-year-old set two nights earlier in the 400 hurdles, when she shattered her world record by a whopping 0.73 seconds, in a blazing 50.68 seconds. It was marked the fourth straight major race in which she's bettered the mark. ; Allyson Felix came out of a brief retirement on Saturday to help the women's 4x400 relay make the final at the world championships. The most decorated sprinter was eating hot wings and sipping on a root beer float when she got the call to help out. She jumped on a plane back to Oregon and was on the track for the "last" time to help the team advance. Back into retirement she goes. She watched the final of the women's 4x400 from the seats. Felix did have the fastest one-lap split of her teammates as the U.S. posted the fastest time. ; For the U.S. women, it was a shocking upset Saturday in the 4-by-100 relay at world championships. They were a clear underdog to a Jamaican team that had won all but one of the six sprint medals at this meet. But they grabbed top honors when Twanisha Terry held off 200 gold medalist Shericka Jackson for a .04-second victory. ; The U.S. men finished second Saturday in the 4x100 relay after a sloppy baton exchange that has become a ritual for that star-crossed team. Canada took the gold in 37.48 seconds. ; They all had stories about how the distance runner known as "Pre" gave them motivation. How they considered it an honor to race in his backyard, in

his signature event, at one of the biggest track meets in the world. The presence of the late Steve Prefontaine looms large around these parts. This is the house that Pre helped build. The 5,000 was Pre's race. Jakob Ingebrigtsen of Norway ran the final at the world championships in a way Pre might have done it himself. He raced not only to win, but to dictate the way the race would be run. ; Track is a niche sport in the United States when it comes to the fan base, even though the country just hosted its first world championships. The stands were half-empty at times and opening-weekend TV ratings didn't beat out a routine NASCAR race. The sport's leaders would like that to change over the next six years. They say that with sagging viewership totals and flat revenue across the broader Olympic world, it's critical to bring the cornerstone sport of the games back to its glory days in the U.S. before the 2028 Summer Olympics return to Los Angeles in 2028. /

EVENTS, BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: Eugene's airport saw increased passenger counts in the run-up to and during the World Athletics Championships. Many of those visitors are heading home, but it remains a busy travel summer. Passenger numbers are robust, in part because many Americans feel more comfortable traveling with the loosening of pandemic restrictions, but also because Eugene's airport has more airlines and flights available after two years of cutbacks. /

EVENTS: It was a busy weekend with the closing days of the World Athletics Championships, the Eugene Riverfront Festival, the Lane County Fair, Coburg Golden Years, and other events. All relied on a mix of staff and volunteers to keep things running smoothly. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and helped out. /

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: After hitting record highs earlier this summer, gasoline prices are beginning to ease a bit. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, regular unleaded fuel is averaging \$5.11 per gallon. That's down 12 cents from a week ago, 41 cents from this time last month. Still, gasoline is much higher than this time last year when the pump price was an average \$3.68. Diesel prices also have fallen a bit. This morning's average local price is \$6.25 per gallon, down 18 cents from one week ago. Industry analysts say it comes as demand has eased a bit, global crude oil prices have fallen, and worldwide gasoline stocks have grown. /

HEALTH: The chief of the World Health Organization says the expanding monkeypox outbreak in more than 70 countries is an "extraordinary" situation that qualifies as a global emergency. The head of the U.N. health agency made the decision to issue the declaration Saturday after WHO's expert committee didn't reach a consensus. Monkeypox has been established in parts of central and west Africa for decades. It wasn't known to spark large outbreaks beyond the continent or to spread widely among people until May. That's when authorities detected epidemics in Europe, North America and elsewhere. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported in 74 countries. ; In the U.S. and Europe, the vast majority of infections have been reported among men who have sex with men, though health officials stress that anyone can catch the virus. There have been reported cases among some women and two children who it's believed live in households where someone was already infected. They are a toddler in California and an infant who is not a U.S. resident. ; Lane County Public Health officials said on Thursday that, to date, they've received reports of three confirmed cases, seven presumptive cases, and four suspected cases of the virus. They say the risk to the general public remains low. But the outbreak is at a critical stage where health officials say there is an

opportunity to stamp it out before cases spread further and potentially affect more vulnerable people. The virus, which causes flu-like symptoms and rashes that spread across the body, is not like COVID. It generally spreads through sexual activity and other forms of skin-to-skin contact—or in households through prolonged respiratory spread and the sharing of contaminated items. ; The spread of monkeypox in the U.S. could represent the dawn of a new sexually transmitted disease, though some health officials say the virus that causes pimple-like bumps might yet be contained before it gets firmly established. Experts don't agree on the likely path of the virus. Some fear that it's becoming so widespread that it's on the verge of becoming an entrenched STD — like gonorrhea, herpes and HIV. But no one's really sure, and some say testing and vaccines can still stop the outbreak from taking root. So far, more than 2,400 U.S. cases have been reported as part of an international outbreak that emerged two months ago. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, SAFETY, HEALTH, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT; A Heat Advisory remains in effect: Temperatures of 97 to 103 expected across the Willamette Valley. Hot temperatures may cause heat illnesses to occur. The hottest temperatures are expected today and Wednesday. Considerable uncertainty surrounds temperatures on Thursday. Overnight lows are expected to be in the upper 50s to lower 60s. ; Precautionary/Preparedness actions: Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 911. ; Here's the National Weather Service in Portland's forecast discussion: The period of above-normal temperatures continues this week. Inland areas will see daytime temperatures mostly in the mid to upper 90s, but there is the possibility for temperatures reaching into the triple digits in many of the interior valleys (and in urban areas) today and Wednesday. Also, Medford reached 107 degrees Monday, tying the previous high record. Overnight temperatures will be slow to cool, with nighttime temperatures lingering in the lower 70s until the early morning hours. Today is expected to be the hottest day of the week with only slight cooling expected for Wednesday. The consecutive days of hot inland weather will have a compounding effect on the risk of heat to communities and has contributed to the suite of heat warnings and advisories across the region. Along the coast, the low-level winds will have enough of an onshore component to maintain cooler conditions and escape the excessive heat. That might result in patchy fog along the immediate coast early today. Temperatures along the coast will be much cooler than inland areas this week and are expected to remain below 80 in most locations. Smoke aloft from large wildfires in California made its way northward into southern Oregon Monday as far north as Lane County. While it looked quite</p>

thick on satellite, webcams showed it less thick. The smoke heads north, it is resulting in hazy skies. The smoke layer is fairly diffuse, with altitudes ranging from 6,000 to 15,000 feet above the surface. The haziness could reduce the day's high temperatures, but only by a degree or so. Overnight temperatures will continue to remain quite warm and running about 10 degrees above average, especially for communities in the Cascades and higher elevations of the Coast Range. This warm spell might last through Saturday, although Sunday's highs could dip to the upper 80s and even a few degrees cooler on Monday. ; The City of Eugene reminds you that if you're looking to beat the heat, they have cool places open to the public. Eugene Community Centers are open for regular hours. Community members are encouraged to stay hydrated with water when the temperature is so high. All water fountains and splash pads in Eugene are turned on for summer. Amazon Pool is open every day for drop-in lap swims, Rec swims and parent/child swims. Echo Hollow Pool also has drop-in lap swims and Rec swims every day but is closed Sunday. ; The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has stepped up distribution of air conditioning units to individuals most at risk for heat-related illness, while also offering tips for staying cool during extreme-heat conditions. In addition, the agency is reminding Oregon employers of a rule that requires them to take steps to keep workers safe against the dangers of high heat. Such steps must be taken when the temperature equals or exceeds 80 degrees. The program offering air conditioning units to vulnerable Oregonians, including older adults, homebound individuals and those with medical conditions exacerbated by high-heat events, was created following passage of Senate Bill 1536 during the 2022 legislative session. The bill allocated \$5 million to purchase air conditioners for high-risk Oregonians who are eligible to receive medical assistance through OHA, Oregon Department of Human Services or Medicare, or have received any of these services in the past 12 months. The law also allows the units to be installed in homes even if they're not allowed in homeowner or renter agreements, as long as they don't pose a safety hazard. Over the weekend, the Health Authority and Oregon Department of Human Services delivered about 500 AC units with the help of three community-based organizations. Many went to lower-income Portland-area neighborhoods. State officials are procuring an estimated 3,000 units this summer and have received about 1,000 to date. They will be working with more community-based organizations to distribute the units in the days to come. Coordinated Care Organizations may directly purchase AC units and assist with any increased electric bill costs for their enrolled Oregon Health Plan members through their flexible services offerings. Members enrolled in a CCO may call member services to inquire about flexible services. Another important step is the development of a new heat rule, adopted in May at the request of Governor Brown, which protects Oregon workers including those whose jobs require them to be outside. Officials with Oregon Occupational Safety & Health (OSHA) say workers have a right to a safe and healthy workplace, including the right to raise safety or health concerns free from retaliation, and reminds employers of their obligations to protect workers against the dangers of high heat under its heat rule. The rule addresses access to shade and cool water, preventive cool-down breaks, and prevention plans, information and training. Oregon OSHA offers employers free resources to help them comply with the rule. Finally, state health officials remind you of the risk of heat stroke and heat exhaustion during extreme

heat events. Heat stroke can be deadly, with symptoms that include high body temperature (103 degrees or higher); hot, red, dry or damp skin; headache; dizziness; nausea; and confusion. Heat stroke is considered a medical emergency, and 911 should be called. Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating; cold, pale, clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; tiredness or weakness; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; dizziness; headache; and fainting. People experiencing heat exhaustion should be moved to a cool place and given a cool bath, wet cloths to place on their body, and water to sip. Seek medical help if symptoms worsen or last more than an hour. People with a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer or kidney disease may be less likely to sense and respond to changes in temperature. Also, they may be taking medications that can worsen the impact of extreme heat. People in this category should be closely monitored to make sure they're drinking enough water, have access to air conditioning and know how to keep cool. Those who exercise in extreme heat or work outdoors are more likely to become dehydrated and get heat-related illness and should pay particular attention to staying as cool and hydrated as possible. ; With hot temperatures in the forecast this summer, Greenhill Humane Society wants to remind pet owners of the importance of keeping their pets safe. When it comes to furry family members please remember: Leave pets at home when running errands. Leaving your animal in a parked car, even for just a few minutes, can easily cause heat stroke or brain damage. A car's interior temperature can increase in minutes, even with the windows slightly open. Dogs are especially vulnerable to heat stress because they do not sweat in the way that humans do; they release body heat by panting. Keep pets inside during the heat of the day; do not leave them outside unattended. Make sure pets have access to water bowls full of cool, fresh water. When pets are outside, be sure there are shaded areas for them to rest in and invest in a misting hose or kiddie pool for a cool place for your pets to play. Make sure your pets are properly secured and when outside have collars, updated tags and are microchipped. Limit or skip on exercise at the dog park during the heat of the day. Always test the pavement or sand with your hand before stepping out (too hot to touch is too hot for your pet). Walk early in the morning or late at night when it's cooler, carry water and take frequent breaks in shady spots. If you suspect your pet's paws have been burned, contact your veterinarian immediately. Dogs should not ride in uncovered pickup truck beds. The hot metal truck bed can burn your pet's paw pads. Oregon's "Good Samaritan" law (dogs / kids in hot cars) states the following: Anyone – not just law enforcement – may enter a motor vehicle, "by force or otherwise," to remove an unattended child or domestic animal without fear of criminal or civil liability, as long as certain requirements are met. To fulfill these requirements, a person must: Determine that the motor vehicle is locked or there is no reasonable method for the child or animal to exit without assistance; Have a reasonable belief that the animal or child is in imminent danger of suffering harm; Notify law enforcement or emergency services either before or soon after entering the vehicle; Use only the minimum force necessary to enter the vehicle; and Stay with the animal or child until law enforcement, emergency services, or the owner or operator of the vehicle arrives. It is best to always contact law enforcement before taking action. Many electric vehicles now have "dog modes" or may appear to be not running. These vehicles may seem to be off but can have a climate controlled

inside with air conditioning on for the animal. Heatstroke symptoms can include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, lack of appetite, dark tongue, vomiting and lack of coordination. If your animal is overcome by heat exhaustion, consult your veterinarian right away. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: The search resumed yesterday for a 74-year-old Cottage Grove man who disappeared while boating Sunday evening. Investigators say Harry McIntire and his wife were boating on Cottage Grove Lake near Primitive Campground when he went underwater and did not resurface. Deputies along with Lane County Sheriff Search and Rescue personnel searched Sunday night and again yesterday. ; On a busy day for Sweet Home Fire, crews say were grateful to receive assistance from the community. A medical patient in an area known as High Rock needed to be carried up a steep trail from the river. Bystanders who were enjoying some recreation on a very hot day joined to assist rescuers. Several people formed a human chain to help expedite the evacuation of the patient to a waiting ambulance. Officials say that saved valuable time and made the most of the available resources. / CRIME, SAFETY, HEALTH: Six overdoses in a 26-hour period. Eugene Police say they responded to the severe overdoses between Friday evening and Saturday evening, administering Narcan and conducting chest compressions, as needed, until medics could arrive. All six victims survived and were either transported to a hospital or refused treatment. Officials say overdoses are not an uncommon occurrence, but six in a 26-hour period is unusual and alarming. Some of the users apparently admitted to smoking powdered fentanyl. Investigators and health officials say our community is seeing an increase in street drugs containing fentanyl, the powerful, illicit opioid that carries a high risk of overdose. Police say they have seen fentanyl contamination in cheap, counterfeit pills sold as common medications such as oxycodone, Adderall, or Xanax. They also have reports of fentanyl being found in white or colored powdered drugs that might be sold as cocaine, MDMA, or methamphetamine. It should be assumed that any illicit drug could contain fentanyl. Lane County Public Health warns against taking any pills not obtained from a pharmacy. They say if you use illicit drugs, take precautions and to not use them alone, carry Narcan (also known as naloxone)—an overdose reversal nasal spray. There also is a way to test drugs for the presence of fentanyl with a fentanyl testing strip. It is also important to know the signs of an overdose and always call 911 immediately. Treatment also is available for those seeking to stop using drugs. Narcan is available at any Oregon pharmacy upon request. State Law requires pharmacists provide it and many insurance plans cover it. You also may obtain free Narcan and a brief training from HIV Alliance's Eugene location during drop-in hours (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and on Fridays from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.). / CRIME: Police say they arrested a 46-year-old man yesterday morning for allegedly stealing items from multiple businesses, then getting into a stand-off with law enforcement. The suspect, Michael Joseph Reason, was jailed on charges that included Theft and Interfering With a Police Officer, as well as previous warrants. Investigators say police were called shortly before 7:30 a.m. Monday after a man was spotted arriving in a rental truck and stealing merchandise from outside the Home Depot stores on Seneca. A witness said the truck was full of property and police said it also had been reported by a witness at Lowes. Police say they tracked Michael Reason a home in the 1600 block of Kelly Boulevard in Springfield, but that he refused to come out of the

residence. Officers said he had security cameras outside the location and there was the potential he was armed. Eugene Police Crisis Negotiation team members, along with members of the Drone Team, and SWAT were deployed. Shortly after 11:20 yesterday morning, Reason was taken into custody. Police say they've applied to serve search warrants at multiple locations. ; A man who took two girls from Eugene to Vancouver, Washington, supplied them with drugs, forced them to have sex and collected payments for it was sentenced to nearly 17 years in prison. Federal prosecutors say 34-year-old John Jackson used force and coercion to traffic the girls, who were ages 14 and 15. They say Jackson also mentored another man, who also forced the girls to have sex with men for money. Jackson was arrested in 2019 in Washington state. A jury in March convicted him of conspiracy to engage in sex trafficking and sex trafficking of a child, among other crimes. / AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: The Biden administration wants the government to plant more than a billion trees across millions of acres of burned and dead woodlands as officials struggle to counter climate change's increasing toll on the nation's forests. As the globe heats up, some wildfires are so severe that forests can't quickly regrow on their own. That is outpacing the government's replanting capacity and has helped create a backlog of 4.1 million acres in need of restoration. U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced a plan Monday to quadruple the number of tree seedlings produced by nurseries and work through the backlog. It comes after Congress last year passed bipartisan legislation directing the Forest Service to plant 1.2 billion trees over the next decade and after President Joe Biden in April ordered the agency to make the nation's forests more resilient as the globe gets hotter. Most of the work will be in western states where wildfires now occur year-round and the need is most pressing, said David Lytle, the agency's director of forest management. Blazes have charred 5.6 million acres so far in the U.S. this year, putting 2022 on track to match or exceed the record-setting 2015 fire season, when 10.1 million acres burned. Many forests regenerate naturally after fires. But if the blazes get too intense, they can leave behind barren landscapes that linger for decades before trees come back. Much of the administration's broader agenda to tackle climate change remains stalled amid disagreement in Congress, where Democrats hold a razor-thin majority. That has left officials to pursue a more piecemeal approach with incremental measures such as Monday's announcement, while the administration considers whether to declare a climate emergency that could open the door to more aggressive executive branch actions. The Forest Service this year is spending more than \$100 million on reforestation work. Spending is expected to further increase in coming years, to as much as \$260 million annually, under the sweeping federal infrastructure bill approved last year, agency officials said. Some timber industry supporters were critical of last year's reforestation legislation as insufficient to turn the tide on the scale of the wildfire problem. They want more aggressive logging to thin stands that have become overgrown from years of suppressing fires. To prevent replanted areas from becoming similarly overgrown, practices are changing so reforested stands are less dense with trees and therefore less fire prone, according to the science director for North America at the Nature Conservancy. But he says challenges to the Forest Service's goal remain, from finding enough seeds to hiring enough workers to plant them. Experts say many seedlings die before reaching maturity due to drought and insects, both of which can be exacerbated by climate change.

Congress in 1980 created a reforestation trust that had previously capped funding — which came from tariffs on timber products — at \$30 million annually. That was enough money when the most significant need for reforestation came from logging, but became insufficient as the number of large, high intensity fires increased, officials said. Insects, disease and timber harvests also contribute to the amount of land that needs reforestation work, but the vast majority comes from fires. In the past five years alone more than 5 million acres were severely burned. / AGRICULTURE, SAFETY: The invasive hornet that has been referred to as the Asian giant hornet or murder hornet has a new name. The Entomological Society of America has adopted “Northern giant hornet” for the species *Vespa mandarinia* in its Common Names of Insects and Related Organisms List. There has been no official common name since the insect it became widely known in North America in 2020. The Northern giant hornet is native to Asia and has been the target of eradication efforts in Washington state and British Columbia after hornets were discovered in both locations in 2019. / WILDLIFE, YOUTH: At a competition riddled with compelling storylines and after years of knocking on the door but never finishing on top, Beau Brooks of La Center, Washington, wowed the crowd and judges alike to complete an unbeaten run to win the professional division of the 2022 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation World Elk Calling Championships, presented by Sportsman’s Warehouse. One year after exploding onto the scene at the age of 11 and finishing as runner-up in the women’s division, now 12-year-old Ella Lees of LaGrande, Oregon, defied her small stature with powerful calls and execution to make an unbeaten run through a bracket that included four past world champions. / EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY, WEATHER: Looks like a return to the regular performance schedule this week for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Festival organizers were forced to cancel a number of events and performances last week because of widespread COVID-19 infections among performers, crew, and staff. In an online note shared the middle of last week, officials said up to 15 percent of their performers and understudies were either recovering or quarantining as a precaution. Ticket holders were notified by email and given the option to rebook for dates starting this week where seats were available. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: Yesterday's High: 102 degrees (ties the record for the date set in 1998). Our normal high is 86 degrees. Today's forecast: Sunny and hot. High 99. Look for a high of 100 in Portland, 108 in Medford, 100 in Bend. ; A Heat Advisory remains in effect for our area through Saturday night. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN VEHICLES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 911. ; The Biden administration has launched a website that can help people and local governments fight back against the unrelenting heatwave melting much of the nation. The site includes maps, forecasts and health advice. At the height of the latest heatwave, nearly half the nation — close to 155-million people — endured high temperatures. Go to https://www.heat.gov ; The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality have issued an Air Quality Advisory for high levels of ozone. It remains in effect through Saturday at 9 p.m. When high levels of ozone combine with hot temperatures, it causes air quality to reach unhealthy levels for sensitive groups. This includes children, people over 65, pregnant women, and people with heart disease or respiratory conditions. Health officials recommend those who are vulnerable limit outdoor activity when pollution levels are high. Ozone forms when hot temperatures and low winds combine with pollution from cars, gas-powered engines and chemicals in paints and aerosols. These air pollutants react with sunlight and heat to produce ozone and haze. Ozone pollution increases throughout the day with exposure to sunlight, so pollution levels tend to be highest during the afternoon and early evening hours. Air quality monitors might show good air quality in the morning, then quickly jump to unhealthy levels later in the day. Protect your health and limit activities that</p>

cause pollution during the heat wave. Recommendations include: Limit driving by using public transit, carpooling and other alternative transportation. Avoid unnecessary engine idling. Refuel vehicles during cooler evening hours. Postpone mowing the lawn or using leaf blowers. Postpone painting and aerosol spray projects. Smog irritates the eyes, nose and lungs and contributes to breathing problems. Consult your health care provider if these symptoms worsen. ; Governor Kate Brown yesterday declared a state of emergency in 25 of Oregon's 36 counties as this week's heatwave continues. The official declaration is intended to ensure additional resources are available to respond, as needed. There also are concerns that multiple days of extreme heat with little or no cooling overnight might also impact critical infrastructure, causing utility outages and transportation disruptions. The declaration remains in effect through Sunday. The Governor has directed the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to activate the state's Emergency Coordination Center. Many of these actions are designed to prevent heat-related deaths and injuries like those caused in late June of last year when a record-breaking "heat dome" settled across the state. If you do not have air conditioning in your home you are strongly encouraged to make a plan to find a cool location you can access as the heat wave continues. To find cooling centers in Oregon, call 211, which will be operating 24/7 during the heat wave, or visit www.211.org Additionally, we're being asked to check in on vulnerable friends, family, and neighbors who may be susceptible to extreme heat to help them access ways to stay safe. State health officials remind you of the risk of heat stroke and heat exhaustion during extreme heat events. Heat stroke can be deadly, with symptoms that include high body temperature (103 degrees or higher); hot, red, dry or damp skin; headache; dizziness; nausea; and confusion. Heat stroke is considered a medical emergency, and 911 should be called. Heat exhaustion symptoms include heavy sweating; cold, pale, clammy skin; fast, weak pulse; tiredness or weakness; nausea or vomiting; muscle cramps; dizziness; headache; and fainting. People experiencing heat exhaustion should be moved to a cool place and given a cool bath, wet cloths to place on their body, and water to sip. Seek medical help if symptoms worsen or last more than an hour. People with a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, cancer or kidney disease may be less likely to sense and respond to changes in temperature. Also, they may be taking medications that can worsen the impact of extreme heat. People in this category should be closely monitored to make sure they're drinking enough water, have access to air conditioning and know how to keep cool. Those who exercise in extreme heat or work outdoors are more likely to become dehydrated and get heat-related illness and should pay particular attention to staying as cool and hydrated as possible. ; Communities across the state are opening their air-conditioned public spaces for relief from the heat. These include libraries and community centers. Public parks and pools might provide shade and a respite from the high temperatures. ; Hot weather means a growing risk of grass fires, brush fires, and forest fires. Oregon has a coordinated fire suppression system involving federal, state, and local governments and agencies. Among those taking the lead at the states level: the Oregon Department of Forestry, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Office of Emergency Management, and Department of Environmental Quality. Officials say they have taken the harsh lessons from 2020's devastating wildfire season and used them to better prepare. That includes expanding and refining state and local

emergency alert systems and urging residents to sign up to receive those alerts. With forecasts calling for Western Oregon to be in High to Extreme wildfire risk for most of the rest of summer, you're also being encouraged to prepare "Go" kits for every member of your household should you need to rapidly evacuate. Many utilities have worked the past few years to conducting additional patrols of power lines during hot weather. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: A big traffic snarl for most of the day yesterday on Oregon Highway 99-W near Monroe. Officials say a crash involving a semi-truck and a garbage truck took most of the day to clean up and involved restoring some downed utility lines. That was bad news for nearby residents, many of whom lost power to air-conditioning units and fans on a day with record heat. / FINANCES: The Mega Millions lottery jackpot ballooned to \$1.02 billion after no one matched all six numbers and won the top prize. After no winner on Tuesday, the estimated jackpot for Friday's drawing will be the nation's fourth-largest lottery prize. The jackpot has grown so large because there have been 29 consecutive drawings without anyone winning the top prize. Tuesday's numbers were: 07-29-60-63-66, with a Mega Ball of 15. The \$1.02 billion prize is for winners who choose the annuity option, paid annually over 30 years. Most winners opt for the cash option, which for the next drawing is an estimated \$602.5 million. / SAFETY: Fire investigators are working to determine the cause an early-morning two-alarm apartment fire in the River Road area. Flames were shooting from the roof when crews arrived. The fire was in the Riviera Village apartment complex between River Avenue and Corliss Lane. KVAL-TV is quoting officials who say it appears the blaze started outside the structure but spread through the attic, affecting half-a-dozen units and forcing up to 20 people to evacuate. The response was slowed as crews had to detour along River Avenue to lay a long hose to the units because of a downed power line along the main access road. An earlier, smaller fire was reported in a nearby neighborhood off Owosso as well as one outside a restaurant north of the Beltline. / CRIME: A 30-year-old Veneta man is accused of Arson and Reckless Burning after he allegedly started some small wildfires earlier this week in forested corner of Southwestern Oregon near the Rogue River. Investigators say Trennon Smith was apprehended by three local residents and tied to a tree until law enforcement arrived. KTVL in Medford reports it came after federal, state and county authorities responded to a radio call from a Bureau of Land Management employee who had spotted a man was walking along a gravel road and setting fires in the forest about 25 miles northwest of Grants Pass. Curry County's Sheriff says ground crews, assisted by local residents, and three helicopters quickly got the two fires under control. ; Lane County Sheriff's investigators say they've arrested a suspect in a series of residential burglaries and recovered a significant amount of stolen property. It came after images of the suspect shattering one victim's front door and burglarizing her home were captured by her security camera. Officials say that break-in occurred on Thursday, when the victim left her home to place her mother on hospice. She returned to find the burglar had taken a substantial amount of jewelry, including family heirlooms. A Springfield Police Dispatcher reviewing the security camera footage was able to identify the suspect as Jason Matthew Bowen of Eugene. Sheriff's deputies located Bowen and arrested him during a traffic stop. They learned a short time later that he was a suspect in two burglaries in the Lorane Highway area. Some of those victims were visitors in town for the World Athletics Championships. Investigators served a search warrant at a

Eugene residence where Bowen stays, saying they recovered a significant amount of jewelry and other personal property from all three residential burglaries. Bowen faces multiple charges in the case. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: There might be concerns about a possible recession, but Lane County's job market is still not showing it. State officials say our local employment increased by 200 jobs in June after increases of 600 in May and 200 in April. Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.9 percent. Analysts say we've now regained 84 percent of the jobs we lost in the pandemic-caused recession of early 2020. Some of the job sectors that performed the best in hiring last month were construction (300) and leisure and hospitality (200). With the end of the school year, there were some job losses in education. There also were some cutbacks in health services. /

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WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: Heat wave duration records could be broken in the Pacific Northwest this week and authorities are expanding capacity at some cooling centers as temperatures near triple digits are forecast to extend into the weekend. The National Weather Service, for example, has extended the excessive heat warning for Portland from today through Saturday evening. The NWS forecasts temperatures near 100 degrees for the next several days. The agency also predicts Portland could break its previous heat wave duration records of six consecutive days that are 95 degrees or warmer. Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has declared a state of emergency for much of the state. ; As a heat wave engulfs a large section of the United States, doctors and firefighters are sounding an alarm on an old and stubborn foe: kids falling from windows. Between 3,500 and 5,000 kids, usually between 2 and 5 years old, fall from windows annually in the United States, said Dr. Brian D. Johnston of UW Medicine. In the Pacific Northwest, where use of air conditioning remains relatively low, falls from windows spike in summer. The region is facing temperatures in the 90's and near 100 this week. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: In 2020, 580,000 people received unemployment benefits — a staggering 600 percent increase from the year before. Ultimately, the agency paid out close to \$7.5 billion in benefits. But when the pandemic began in the spring of 2020, phone lines were jammed by a surge in calls from people seeking help getting benefits. Claimants were put on hold for hours, got relentless busy signals or were disconnected, the report said. When the pandemic began, the agency didn't have an online contact form. An audit from the Secretary of State has found Oregon's unemployment insurance system experienced many problems during the pandemic, delaying payments to thousands of workers who lost jobs. Secretary of State Shemia Fagan said Wednesday in a statement with the report that it helps explain why Oregon's unemployment insurance program failed when it was needed most and identifies actions the Employment Department can take to make sure help is available in the future. The audit highlights known breakdowns including the Employment Department's antiquated and inflexible computer system. Department Acting Director David Gerstenfeld says he agrees with all the auditors' findings and said fixes are underway. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: Another indication that the U.S. economy is continuing to slow under inflationary and interest rate pressures. New

numbers from the Commerce Department indicate the economy shrank from April through June for a second straight quarter, contracting at a 0.9 percent annual pace and raising fears that the nation may be approaching a recession. The report comes at a critical time. Consumers and businesses have been struggling under the weight of high prices and higher borrowing costs. Yesterday, the Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate by a sizable three-quarters of a point for a second straight time. It's part of the central bank's push to conquer the worst inflation outbreak in four decades. But it means more expensive mortgages, auto loans, and credit card debt. At the same time, though, the labor market remains remarkably strong, with 11 million job openings and an uncommonly low 3.6 percent national unemployment rate. Many experts say that suggests that a recession, if one does occur, is still a ways off. Still, inflation and higher borrowing costs are eroding many pay gains workers are seeing: The Labor Department's consumer price index skyrocketed 9.1 percent in June from 12 months earlier, a pace not matched since 1981. The inflation surge and fear of a recession have eroded consumer confidence and stirred public anxiety about the economy. This week, Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, lowered its profit outlook, saying that higher gas and food prices were forcing shoppers to spend less on many discretionary items, like new clothing. Manufacturing is slowing, too. America's factories have enjoyed 25 consecutive months of expansion, according to the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index, though supply chain bottlenecks have made it hard for factories to fill orders. With the November midterm elections nearing, Americans' discontent has diminished President Biden's public approval ratings and increased the likelihood that the Democrats will lose control of the House and Senate. ; Higher mortgage rates have sent home sales tumbling. Credit card rates have grown more burdensome, and so have auto loans. Savers are finally receiving yields that are actually visible, while crypto assets are reeling. The Federal Reserve's move Wednesday to further tighten credit raised its benchmark interest rate by a sizable 0.75 percentage point for a second straight time. The Fed's latest hike, its fourth since March, will further magnify borrowing costs for homes, cars and credit cards, though many borrowers may not feel the impact immediately. The central bank is aggressively raising borrowing costs to try to slow spending, cool the economy and defeat the worst outbreak of inflation in two generations. The Fed's actions have ended, for now, an era of ultra-low rates that arose from the 2008-2009 Great Recession to help rescue the economy — and then re-emerged during the brutal pandemic recession, when the Fed slashed its benchmark rate back to near zero. Chair Jerome Powell hopes that by making borrowing more expensive, the Fed will succeed in slowing demand for homes, cars and other goods and services. Reduced spending could then help bring inflation, most recently measured at a four-decade high of 9.1 percent, back to the Fed's 2 percent target. Yet the risks are high. A series of higher rates could tip the U.S. economy into recession. That would mean higher unemployment, rising layoffs and further downward pressure on stock prices. / LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in August. The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the pandemic. These emergency benefits are a temporary support that Oregon can provide because of the continuing public

health emergency. In August, approximately 430,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$69 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits. Current SNAP households will receive emergency allotments on Aug. 11. Emergency allotments will be issued August 31 or September 2 for households who did not receive benefits in the first monthly issuance. SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these supplemental benefits as they will be issued directly on their EBT cards. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Are we seeing a slowing of this latest wave of COVID-19 cases? Maybe. The latest numbers from the Oregon Health Authority show a slowing of new infections, although coronavirus-related hospitalizations increased slightly over the past two weeks. Reported infections fell by 13 percent over those 14 days. But there were still close to 18,600 new cases. And officials also say they know the numbers are an undercount because so many infected people now test at home. But the pandemic continues to harm the state's most vulnerable: The Biweekly Outbreak Report shows 223 active outbreaks in care facilities, senior living communities and congregate care living settings. To qualify for the list, those outbreaks must have three or more confirmed COVID-19 cases or one or more COVID-19-related deaths. Locally, Lane County Public Health has received reports of more than 830 new infections in the past seven days and four coronavirus-related deaths. Our local pandemic death toll stands at 585. ; Still looking for a COVID-19 vaccine dose or booster? Lane County Public Health and the Lane Transit District are holding another free vaccination clinic today at LTD's Downtown Eugene Station. The clinic runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is open to the public. / EVENTS: Tonight's Eugene Emeralds promotions: Shark Night: Da dum...da dum...da dum...You love Shark Week, well how about Shark NIGHT at PK Park? It's an evening filled with all sorts of Shark-related promos, videos, and music. Thirsty Thursday featuring the Triple Play Deal: Enjoy \$5 tickets, \$4 parking, and \$3 Pepsi products and select tallboy beers. The Ems host the Hillsboro Hops tonight at P.K. Park. First pitch is at 6:35 p.m. ; The three-day Oregon Jamboree runs Friday-Sunday, July 29-31, in Sweet Home: Oregon Jamboree campgrounds open at 2 p.m. today. The Jamboree Box Office opens at 4 pm. for those with Will Call items to pick up. The Oregon Jamboree's free kick-off party begins at 5 p.m. with Lace & Thorn, followed by The Boondock Boys and King Calaway. On Friday, the Oregon Jamboree's main gates open at 11 a.m. with the first act at 3:00 p.m. Today's forecast: Sunny and 95. Friday's forecast: Sunny, hot, and 98. Saturday's forecast: Sunny, hot, and 98. Sunday's forecast: Sunny and 93. The Oregon Jamboree campgrounds close at 10 a.m. Monday. /

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WEATHER, EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT: The three-day Oregon Jamboree begins today and continues through Sunday in Sweet Home: The Oregon Jamboree's main gates open today at 11 a.m. with the first act at 3:00 p.m. Today's forecast: Sunny and hot. High 97. Saturday's forecast: Sunny and hot. High 97. Sunday's forecast: Sunny. High 93. The Oregon Jamboree campgrounds close at 10 a.m. Monday. / WEATHER, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: In Junction City, an equipment failure at one of the community's wells is prompting officials to ask residents to reduce their water usage by ten percent until things are repaired. Junction City relies on five municipal wells. The temporary loss of pumping at one of the wells along with low water levels in city tanks is aggravating the issue. The "Stage 2" alert calls for limits to outside watering even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days and odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days. Residents are urged to cut back on or temporarily halt watering of lawns, landscapes, and gardens and not to wash vehicles, driveways, sidewalks, or other hard-surface areas until the well is returned to service. City officials say those voluntary reductions will help conserve water and refill municipal tanks should the supply be needed in case of a fire or other emergency. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: During this week's heatwave, some are cooling off by heading to community pools. They've seen increased visitors and, in some cases, facilities have extended their operating hours. Meantime, Eugene Recreation officials say that after multiple delays, the renovated Sheldon Pool will reopen in September. The upgrades, which include a new indoor therapy pool, spa, and expanded swimming areas, need to be completed before the facility reopens at full capacity. Eugene voters in 2018 approved a bond issue to help expand the Sheldon Pool. It paid for earlier upgrades to the Echo Hollow Pool and Campbell Community Center. ; Concerned about the continuing heatwave and the possibility of lightning storms in south-central Oregon, officials in the state fire marshal's office have deployed a task force of 14 Lane County firefighters to Klamath County this weekend. The personnel, along with four engines, and a water tender, arrive there today. They specialize in protecting homes and other structures. The Lane County task force will be positioned for rapid deployment and will extend its stay, if needed. Deploying crews ahead of anticipated wildfire issues or "pre-positioning resources," as it's known, is a tactic increasingly being

used by state officials to prevent the sort of large-scale wildfires like those in 2020 that destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in the Cascades and Southern Oregon. Should a large blaze develop, additional firefighters on Incident Management Teams will be deployed from across the state. ; Another reminder about using caution and staying safe while playing on Oregon's rivers during the hot weather. In the mid-Willamette Valley, the Albany Fire Department's Water Rescue Team on Wednesday evening rescued six people—two adults and four children—after a family paddle left them stranded on a challenging stretch of the Santiam River near the town of Jefferson. Crews say they found one adult and three children stranded in a kayak. Only the children were wearing life vests. Farther up-river, crews located a woman without a life vest who was stranded on a deeply cut-out bank clinging to the roots of some nearby vegetation. And a bit farther upriver, they rescued a teenager found sitting on a “strainer”—a large tree in mid-channel whose roots or limbs can trap the unwary. While the teen initially did not have a life vest, they were able to catch and put on one that was thrown to them. The rescue was not without complications: At one point, large tree branches, blackberry bushes and swift water rolled a rescue vehicle. Two members of the Water Rescue Team were treated for minor injuries. Officials say this is another reminder of the importance of researching your trip in advance and understanding the risks of strong current, cold water, and river obstacles. And they remind you: Life vests and other flotation devices can save your life, but only if you're wearing them. / FINANCES: Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot of \$1.1 billion is the third-largest lottery prizes ever. There were \$1.5 billion prizes won in 2018 and 2016. Tonight's giant jackpot is the nation's third-largest prize and is the result of 29 consecutive drawings without anyone matching all of the game's six numbers. The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are a staggering 1 in 302.5 million. The \$1.1 billion prize is for players who get their winnings through an annuity, paid annually over 29 years. Nearly all winners take the cash option, which for tonight's drawing is an estimated \$648.2 million. Saturday night's Powerball jackpot is \$170 million. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's detectives say they've arrested a 29-year-old Eugene man in connection with online child sex crimes. Officials say Ryan Scott Lavoie had been uploading child pornography. They say they learned he also had been messaging multiple underage girls as recently as Wednesday night using a messaging app called “Kik.” Detectives say Lavoie was arrested during a traffic stop and that a search of his residence in the 3500 block of Archwood Street and of his vehicle provided additional evidence of child sex crimes. He faces multiple counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse. / CRIME, BUSINESS: They say he kept his workers' tips and used that money to pay them. Investigators with the U.S. Department of Labor have recovered more than \$86 thousand in wages and damages for workers at a Eugene restaurant. They say Ji Li, the owner of the company operating Bao Bao House on the Park Blocks, also was assessed an additional \$1,700 in penalties. Officials remind restaurant owners and managers that customer tips belong to the workers that receive them. Any attempt by employers to keep those earnings is a direct violation of the workers' federal wage rights. / SPORTS: The World Athletics championships wrapped up over the weekend. But the event is not quite over. Today and tomorrow, organizers are selling some of their leftover supplies. The sale starts at 1 p.m. today at Mac Court on the University of Oregon campus. It resumes tomorrow morning at ten. Among the items for sale: Office supplies &

furniture; Event apparel; Branding & signage; Electronics; Non-perishable food items; Medical supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, latex gloves); and more. /

HEALTH, PANDEMIC: The New York Times is reporting that the Biden administration is planning a Covid-19 booster campaign with retooled vaccines in September. Officials say vaccine makers Pfizer and Moderna have promised that they can deliver doses by then. The new versions are expected to perform better against the now-dominant Omicron subvariant BA.5, although the data available so far is still preliminary. Currently, only Americans ages 50 and older, along with those over 12 with certain immune deficiencies, have been eligible for second booster doses. But the new boosters will be available for everyone over age 12—including those who have already received their second booster. The goal is to strengthen American's immunity ahead of another possible winter surge of the virus. The federal government also is launching a renewed push for those current eligible for booster doses to receive them and not wait until the reformulated vaccines come available in the fall. The effort includes outreach to high-risk groups, especially seniors, encouraging them to get "up to date" on their vaccinations. Health officials are using phone calls, emails and new public service announcements to spread the word. According to the CDC, tens of millions of eligible Americans still have not received their first booster. And of those people over 50 who got their first booster, only about 30 percent have received their second. Cases tied to COVID's highly contagious BA.5 variant remain high. Nationwide, the number of new daily cases has hovered near 130,000, But experts consider that a significant undercount because of the number of positive home tests that go unreported. Deaths from Covid-19 are still heavily concentrated among older age groups, while hospitalizations remain well below the peak of the Omicron wave last winter. /

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WILDFIRES: Wildfire season has arrived across parts of Oregon and the Northwest. The blazes are sending smoke across the region, creating unhealthy haze in many communities. One of the largest wildfires is burning a few miles south of the Oregon border, in California's Siskiyou County. But crews also are working to contain smaller blazes closer to home. It appears many were sparked by weekend lightning, although in most cases the causes are still being determined. They include the new Potter Fire near Potter Mountain on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. It was first reported Sunday morning and at that time covered about 60 acres. A pair of five person squads were dispatched along with an engine. Another second, larger team of firefighters was deployed to manage both the Potter Fire and the Windigo Fire, which is burning to the south on the Umpqua National Forest. That blaze was detected Saturday afternoon near Windigo Pass and grew Saturday night to more than 100 acres. The Potter Fire has forced the closure of a section of the Pacific Crest Trail between Oregon Highway 138 and Summit Lake. More than one dozen lightning-sparked fires are burning in parts of Central Oregon. They include the 30-acre Fly Creek Fire, which prompted evacuations of two campgrounds on the Metolius Arm of Lake Billy Chinook. The National Weather Service reports that some of the lightning cells also brought one-half and three-quarter inch hail to a few parts of the Cascades in Lane County. ; Crews battling the largest wildfire so far this year in California yesterday braced for thunderstorms and hot, windy conditions that created the potential for additional fire growth as they sought to protect remote communities. The McKinney Fire was burning out of control in Northern California's Klamath National Forest, about 12 miles south of the Oregon border. More thunderstorms were in the forecast overnight. The blaze exploded in size to more than 51,000 acres early yesterday evening after erupting in a largely unpopulated area west of the city of Yreka in Siskiyou County. Some of the blaze borders parts of the lower Klamath River. Its cause is being investigated. About 400 structures were being threatened by the McKinney Fire and a second, smaller fire just to the west was sparked by lightning Saturday threatened the tiny town of Seiad (SIGH'-ad). A third fire, which was on the southwest end of the McKinney blaze, prompted evacuation orders for around 500 homes Sunday. California law enforcement knocked on doors in the towns of

Yreka and Fort Jones to urge residents to get out and safely evacuate their livestock onto trailers. Automated calls were being sent to land phone lines as well because there were areas without cell phone service. Authorities have not confirmed the extent of the damage yet, saying assessments would begin when it was safe to reach the area. Officials warned that dried vegetation—the “fuels” that can lead to explosive growth—are dry enough that a single lightning strike can cause an eruption of flame. Fire experts say any thunder cells and gusty, erratic winds can blow fire in every direction. ; As heavy smoke from California’s McKinney Fire moved north, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued a health advisory for residents of Jackson and Klamath Counties. The DEQ warned smoke intrusions are expected at least through Friday. They’re encouraging residents in those areas to stay indoors whenever possible and avoid strenuous outdoor activity. Wildfire smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. People most at risk include infants and young children, people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and those who are pregnant. The northern California blaze also is impacting summer outings for many on the popular Pacific Crest Trail. Heading into the weekend, the Pacific Coast Trail Association urged hikers in parts of Northern California and Southern Oregon to head for the nearest town. The U.S. Forest Service closed a 110-mile section of the trail from the Etna Summit in Northern California to the Mt. Ashland Campground in southern Oregon. ; Three Oregon task forces left Sunday morning to help protect structures threatened by California’s fast-expanding McKinney Fire. The crews and equipment come from agencies across Linn, Marion, and Clackamas Counties. The structural firefighters are deploying to protect communities and rural homes so wildland firefighters may focus on battling the blaze, itself. The trio of Oregon taskforces include 41 firefighters, 12 engines, and three water tenders. They will remain in California for up to two weeks. Last week, amid concerns about the continuing heatwave and the possibility of lightning storms in south-central Oregon, officials in the state fire marshal’s office deployed a task force of 14 Lane County firefighters to Klamath County for the weekend, with the option to extend their mission if conditions warrant. The personnel, along with four engines, and a water tender, arrived on Friday. They, too, specialize in protecting homes and other structures. Deploying crews ahead of anticipated wildfire issues or “pre-positioning resources,” as it’s known, is a tactic increasingly being used by state officials to prevent the sort of large-scale wildfires like those in 2020 that destroyed thousands of homes and businesses in the Cascades and Southern Oregon. Should a large blaze develop, additional firefighters on Incident Management Teams will be deployed from across the state. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: Portland and Seattle on Sunday set records for most consecutive days of high temperatures. And authorities in Oregon investigated more possible heat-related deaths. In Portland, Oregon, on Sunday temperatures rose above 95 for the seventh day in a row, a record for the city for consecutive days above that mark. The state Medical Examiner’s Office said Sunday it was investigating 10 deaths as possibly heat-related, most in Portland’s Multnomah County. In the Portland area temperatures have risen above 100 several times over the past week. In Seattle, the temperature rose to 91 Fahrenheit by early afternoon, the record sixth straight day the mercury rose above 90. / SPORTS: Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff says his conference is far from finished, despite the defections of Southern California and UCLA. Kliavkoff confirmed the

Pac-12 is actively exploring expansion during an eventful, occasionally feisty opening speech at his conference's football media day in the nation's second-largest media market. While painting a promising picture of the league's future even after USC and UCLA leave for the Big Ten in 2024, Kliavkoff also threw several jabs at the Big 12. The commissioner said he had spent the past month "trying to defend against grenades being lobbed in from every corner of the Big 12 trying to destabilize our conference." /

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CRIME, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is holding two events this evening as part of the National Night Out Observance. National Night Out celebrates the partnership between law enforcement agencies and the communities that they serve. In Creswell, this evening's event runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Holt Park. That's located at 5th and A Streets in Creswell. In Veneta, look for the event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Veneta City Park on East Broadway. Look for sheriff's deputies and their Patrol Vehicles, Marine Patrol equipment, Dune Patrol equipment, and K-9s. Local firefighters and equipment will also be on-hand. There will be free hotdogs served at both events. National Night Out takes place every year on the first Tuesday in August. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking for tips as they work to identify the two suspects who early Thursday morning broke into and extensively vandalized Creswell's Creslane Elementary School. Investigators say that, while in the school, the suspects stole ice cream and found paint supplies in a classroom. They poured paint all over the floor, walls, and other classroom items. The estimated repair and replacement cost is expected to exceed \$1,500. The suspects appear to be white juvenile males, both wearing dark hooded sweatshirts. Officials say the suspects appear to have gotten paint on their clothing and shoes while committing the vandalism. Anyone with information regarding the identities or whereabouts of the suspects is asked to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150. Select Option 1. Reference Case #22-4136. ; A 31-year-old man is under arrest in connection with the shooting of motorist Sunday night on McGowan Creek Road, northwest of Mohawk. The victim, a 29-year-old man, was treated at the hospital after being wounded by birdshot fired from a shotgun that struck him in the face and other parts of his body. Lane County Sheriff's investigators say Cody Michael Hays was jailed on multiple charges. He'd been spotted later Sunday night walking near Milepost 7.5 on McGowan Creek Road. Deputies say they spotted Hays while he was walking with a gas can and that when they located his vehicle nearby, they recovered a stolen shotgun and birdshot shells similar to those used in the shooting. This case remains under investigation. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Lane County Sheriff's Office detectives at 541-682-4150. Select Option 1. Please reference case LCSO Case #22-4250. / COMMUNITY, HEALTH, SAFETY: In Junction City,

the water emergency is intensifying, and city officials yesterday issued a "Stage 3" alert. They say there currently is enough water available for residents' indoor needs. But public works officials are calling on customers to discontinue non-essential outside water usage. It comes after an equipment failure at one of the community's five wells. The temporary loss of pumping at that well, along with low water levels in city water-storage tanks, is aggravating the issue. Junction City officials last week asked residents to voluntarily curtail their outdoor water usage and reduce their overall usage by ten percent until repairs are completed. That didn't happen. And now municipal tanks are at an even lower level and continuing to drop. City officials say halting non-essential outdoor watering for now helps ease overall demand and, they hope, will allow the tanks to refill at a faster rate than customers are using water. That additional supply is needed in case of a fires or other emergencies.

/ WILDFIRES: At the southern edge of the Willamette National Forest, the Potter Fire near Potter Mountain on the Middle Fork Ranger District grew by yesterday morning to 400 acres. It was first reported Sunday morning about 20 miles south of Oakridge—one of more than 20-30 starts investigated on Sunday after a weekend of lightning storms and triple-digit heat. After an initial assessment by a pair of five-person crews, a 20-person crew was sent by the Siuslaw National Forest to work the blaze Sunday along with five air tankers of various capacities and three helicopters. On Monday, they were joined by two additional 20-person crews—the La Grande Hotshots and an initial attack crew from the Middle Fork Ranger District. The Potter Fire is burning in a remote area of heavy dead and downed trees. Officials say fire activity has been fairly spotty. The focus has been on using recently reforested areas and existing roads as initial firelines and strengthening them as crews attacks the fire's edges. ; The weekend lightning storms in the Cascades also sparked numerous wildfire starts on the Umpqua National Forest. The Windigo Fire is burning about ten miles southwest of Crescent Lake Junction near Windigo Pass, Forest Service Road 60, and the Pacific Crest Trail. The blaze was detected Saturday afternoon and by Monday morning had grown to 1,200 acres. Crews on Sunday and Monday also suppressed ten other lightning starts, keeping the blazes to less than a half-acre each. ; The Windigo and Potter Fires have forced the closure of a section of the Pacific Crest Trail is closed between Oregon Highways 58 and 138. Many of the nearby secondary trails, along with a handful of campgrounds and horse camps, also were closed as a precaution. ; In Central Oregon, crews yesterday worked to track down and put out more than three dozen small blazes started by lightning strikes caused by thunderstorms that developed yesterday and over the weekend. Crews using hand tools and motorized equipment halted the growth of the Fly Creek Fire, near the Metolius Arm of Lake Billy Chinook, at 280 acres and increased containment to 25 percent. They say they've built dozer lines around 80 percent of the perimeter. Two nearby campgrounds were evacuated as a precaution. Other lightning strikes and small fires were spotted on lands managed by the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management. ; Wildfire haze should begin to clear today across much of northwestern Oregon as some marine air makes its way in from the coast. Look for blue skies over the Willamette Valley, but some lingering haze and afternoon smoke in Roseburg. One of the largest wildfires in the region—and the source of most of our haze—is burning a few miles south of the Oregon border, in California's Siskiyou County. Crews slowed the spread of the McKinney Fire on Monday and also shored up bulldozer

lines protecting homes on the northwest side of the city of Yreka. The blaze covers close to 55-thousand acres. The northern California blaze also is impacting summer outings for many on the popular Pacific Crest Trail. Heading into the weekend, the Pacific Coast Trail Association urged hikers in parts of Northern California and Southern Oregon to head for the nearest town. The U.S. Forest Service closed a 110-mile section of the trail from the Etna Summit in Northern California to the Mt. Ashland Campground in southern Oregon. ; At least two people have died from a raging California blaze that's one of several menacing thousands of homes Monday in the Western U.S. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office says two bodies were found inside a charred vehicle Sunday in a driveway of a home near the remote community of Klamath River in Northern California. The area is where the McKinney Fire has burned out of control since last Friday. Authorities say more than 100 buildings, including some homes, have burned and more are under threat. Thunderstorms in the area brought much-needed rain Monday but the uncertain weather is also bringing a chance of lightning that could spark new fires. ; An air quality advisory remains in effect for residents of Southern Oregon's Jackson and Klamath Counties. Smoke intrusions from Northern California's McKinney Fire are expected at least through Friday. Wildfire smoke can irritate the eyes and lungs and worsen some medical conditions. People most at risk include infants and young children, people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and those who are pregnant. Residents in those areas are being urged to stay indoors whenever possible and avoid strenuous outdoor activity. ; Three Oregon task forces from agencies in Linn, Marion, and Clackamas Counties are among those crews deployed to help battle the McKinney Fire just south of the Oregon-California border. They are structural firefighters who focus on protecting communities and rural homes so wildland firefighters may focus on battling the blaze, itself. The Oregon taskforces include 41 firefighters, 12 engines, and three water tenders. They will remain in California for up to two weeks. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: Oregon authorities are investigating four additional deaths potentially linked to last week's heat wave, bringing the total number of suspected hyperthermia deaths to 14. The Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office said Monday the designation of heat-related death is preliminary and will require further investigation. The seven-day hot spell in the Pacific Northwest broke heat wave duration records in Portland, Oregon and Seattle. Excessive heat warnings in those cities have been lifted, but the warnings will remain through Monday evening in other parts of northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington state. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The maker of Banana Boat sunscreen is recalling three lots of a scalp spray because it contains trace amounts of benzene, a chemical which can cause cancer with repeated exposure. Parent company Edgewell Personal Care Co. says benzene was found in internal reviews of three batches of Banana Boat Hair and Scalp Spray SPF 30. A page on the Banana Boat website lists the products and batch codes involved in the voluntary recall. /

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SAFETY: Employees of a nearby business helped residents of a burning apartment building escape yesterday morning's two-alarm fire in northwest Eugene. Investigators are working to determine whether the blaze was deliberately set. The fire was reported shortly before 7:15 a.m. in the 200 block of Bethel Drive. The citizens who aided in rescuing residents in the moments before fire crews arrived set up ladders for residents to evacuate from the second story of the older building. They also joined with other community members to pull someone from a first-floor apartment. Eugene-Springfield Fire crews quickly got the blaze under control but say there was extensive damage to the building. One resident was taken to the hospital. Officials say some cats are unaccounted for. / **WILDFIRES:** Officials say two wildfires burning about 20 miles southeast of Oakridge remain zero percent contained but that crews are working toward full suppression. Improved mapping places the size of the Potter Fire near Potter Mountain on the southern edge of the Willamette National Forest at 85 acres. A short distance away on the Umpqua National Forest, the larger Windigo Fire is at 1,200 acres. The blazes were reported over the weekend after lightning storms, coming off a week of occasional triple-digit temperatures, sparked dozens of fires across the Cascade crest and into parts of Central Oregon. Officials say the blazes are burning in remote areas covered with heavy dead and downed trees. The focus has been on using recently reforested areas and existing roads as initial firelines and strengthening them as crews attacks the fire's edges. The Windigo and Potter Fires have forced the closure of a section of the Pacific Crest Trail is closed between Oregon Highways 58 and 138. Many of the nearby secondary trails, along with a handful of campgrounds and horse camps, also were closed as a precaution. ; Another group of Lane County firefighters is deploying to assist crews elsewhere in the region. The structural firefighters from various agencies assembled and departed early this morning from the Leaburg station to help battle the Miller Fire south of The Dalles in north-central Oregon. It's threatening some rural communities and homes, farms and ranches. They'll focus on protecting the structures so wildland firefighters can focus on battling the blaze itself. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act in order to send additional resources to a brush fire burning south of The Dalles in Wasco County. The fire, which sparked Tuesday afternoon

near the community of Juniper Flats, has already burned more than 1,000 acres of grass, brush, and juniper. The Wasco County sheriff issued several evacuations orders. The governor's declaration allows the state fire marshal to mobilize firefighters and equipment to help local resources in battling the fire. Such declarations occur when there is a heightened threat to life, safety, and property. ; Authorities said yesterday that two more bodies have been found within the burn zone of a huge Northern California wildfire, raising the death toll to four in that state's largest blaze of the year. More than 100 homes, sheds and other buildings have burned in the McKinney Fire, a few miles south of the Oregon-California and west of the city of Yreka, since it erupted on Friday. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office says search teams discovered the bodies Monday at separate residences along State Route 96. Two bodies were also found Sunday inside a charred vehicle in the driveway of a home near the tiny unincorporated community of Klamath River. That town has been virtually wiped out. Thousands of people in the region remain under evacuation orders. Firefighters say they're making progress as they battle the blaze, which is California's largest and deadliest wildfire of the year. But while the McKinney Fire did not grow significantly yesterday, it remains out-of-control. Blazes in Montana, Idaho and Nebraska have destroyed some homes and other buildings. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's officials say crews on Monday evening recovered the body of a 17-year-old boy who died while swimming at Fern Ridge Reservoir. Investigators say they received the call shortly before four p.m. Monday about a swimmer at the Richardson Park day-use area who had gone underwater about 30 feet offshore and not resurfaced. Deputies and members of the Lane County Sheriff volunteer dive team responded and located the victim's body shortly before seven p.m. Monday evening. They say he was not wearing a life jacket. The teen's name will be released later this week. / CRIME: A series of big marijuana busts the past two days in southern Oregon. Three people were arrested in connection with a series of separate raids conducted by the Josephine County law enforcement at four separate locations on the outskirts of Grants Pass. In all, officials say they seized more than 12,000 marijuana plants from a series of greenhouses, more than 10,000 pounds of processed marijuana, multiple firearms, and more than \$400,000 in cash. And Oregon State Police say they raided an operation with seven large greenhouses near the community of O'Brien, south of Cave Junction. They say they seized more than 1,700 illegal plants and about 1,000 pounds of processed marijuana packaged for sale on the black market. They also seized a semi-automatic rifle while detaining and questioning one suspect. As is the case with many of these illegal grow and processing sites, there were multiple electrical and code violations, as well as the illegal diversion of massive amounts of water in areas hit hard by years of drought. Investigators say the criminals often use undocumented or other low-wage workers and exploit them by forcing them to work long hours in potentially hazardous conditions for little pay. / HEALTH, VETERANS, POLITICS: The Senate has given final approval to a bill enhancing health care and disability benefits for the estimated 3.5 million veterans who might have been exposed to toxic burn pits while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. military generated enormous amounts of waste during its prolonged operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and later burned much of the waste, releasing plumes of dangerous chemicals. Veterans' groups have pressed for years to designate certain ailments

as presumptively linked to those pits, which would automatically trigger federal benefits. It's not the first time the issue has been before Congress—or the courts. Some members of the Oregon National Guard, for example, sued more than a decade ago for medical coverage after they said they were exposed to toxic chemicals linked to military burn pits during their deployment to Iraq. The Congressional bill now goes to President Biden, who he says he is looking forward to signing it. The Senate had overwhelmingly approved the legislation once before, but the process briefly derailed last week when Republicans made a late attempt to change the bill. The GOP objections delayed final passage, infuriating veterans' groups and advocates. / EDUCATION, FINANCES: This back-to-school shopping season, parents are focusing on the basics while also trading down to cheaper stores as surging inflation takes a toll on their household budgets. That is particularly true for parents in the low to middle income bracket. Last week, for example, Walmart noted higher prices on gas and food are forcing shoppers to make fewer purchases of discretionary items, particularly clothing. Best Buy, the nation's largest consumer electronics chain, reported that inflation has dampened consumer spending on gadgets. A survey of about one dozen back-to-school items showed prices were up close to 15 percent on average compared to one year ago, according to retail analytics firm DataWeave. The price of backpacks are up nearly 12 percent to an average of \$70, for example. Many parents say they are skipping backpacks with TV and movie characters and other themes and going for plain versions to save a few dollars. Such financial struggles amid the industry's second-most important shopping season behind the winter holidays mark a big difference from a year ago when many low-income shoppers, flush with government stimulus and buoyed by wage increases, spent freely. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The number of people living in America without health insurance coverage hit an all-time low of eight percent this year. That's according to new figures from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Government analysts say the drop in uninsured Americans began last year when Congress and President Biden signed off on a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill that lowered premiums and out-of-pocket costs for new or returning customers purchasing plans through the Affordable Care Act's private health insurance markets. The Biden administration also began to step up advertising and increased the number of counselors who helped sign up people for plans during the open enrollment season last year. Prior to last year, the uninsured rate had consistently remained in the double digits for decades. The number of uninsured Americans began dropping after the Affordable Care Act was enacted in 2010. The ACA expanded Medicaid and offers health insurance to people who lack job-based coverage through a mix of subsidized private plans. Still, roughly 26 million people remain without health insurance in the U.S. But after a prolonged push in Oregon and other states, fewer than two percent of children are now uninsured. A new package of climate, health care and tax legislation supported by Democrats would extend the generous federal subsidies for people who buy private health insurance. Democrats have proposed spending \$64 billion to extend those price breaks for three more years. / CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Attorney General Merrick Garland has sworn in the new director of the federal Bureau of Prisons, as the Biden administration looks to reform the beleaguered agency. Colette Peters was sworn in Tuesday during a ceremony at the agency's headquarters in Washington. The former director of the Oregon state prison

system replaces Michael Carvajal, who submitted his resignation earlier this year amid mounting pressure from Congress after investigations by The Associated Press exposed widespread corruption, misconduct and abuse in the agency. Attorney General Merrick Garland said he had “full confidence” in Peters’ ability to innovate, reform and lead the Bureau of Prisons. /

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WILDFIRES: A new wildfire on the Willamette National Forest is prompting closures near the Cascade crest. The Cedar Creek Fire, caused by lightning over the area in the last few days, is about 500 acres and approximately one mile west of the Black Creek Trailhead on the 2421 road. That's about 17 miles due east of Oakridge and a bit west of Waldo Lake. The Cedar Creek fire continues to be very active, is moving north and spotting in all directions, and is putting up a large plume visible from Oakridge. There is an emergency closure order for the Cedar Creek Fire. Forest users are asked to avoid Forest Roads 2421 and 2424. Also closed are all trails and trailheads on the west side of Waldo Lake including Black Canyon, Cupit Mary, Waldo Mountain, Gander Lake, Winchester Lake and the west side of Waldo Lake Trail from South Waldo Shelter to Rigdon Butte Trail. Crews also continue to battle the Windigo and Potter Fires on the Umpqua and Willamette National Forests. The Windigo Fire is at 978 acres—a reduction in size after crews employed more precise mapping techniques. The Potter Fire is at 110 acres. The blazes have forced a closure of the Pacific Crest Trail between Highways 58 and 138. Officials with the Willamette National Forest said crews were battling three additional wildfires yesterday. They include two fires in the Three Sisters Wilderness area started in recent days by lightning storms. Winds prevented smokejumpers from accessing one small blaze yesterday. Another was a report of smoke they were unable to locate. They're monitoring the area to see if anything flares. The third fire, named the Shelter Fire, is located about four miles northwest of the Potter Fire. Crews got a line around 75 percent of the Shelter Fire with the help of ground crews and retardant drops. They will continue their attack today. ; A task force of Lane County firefighters arrived in Wasco County yesterday to help protect homes, businesses, farms, and ranches threatened by the fast-growing Miller Road Fire. The wind-driven blaze is tearing across grasslands and brushy areas. It exploded from 1,000 acres Tuesday morning to more than 10,000 acres yesterday. Yesterday, evacuations were issued for residents of Tygh Valley—about 20 miles south of The Dalles—and "Get Ready" evacuation advisories were issued for residents of the city of Maupin along the Deschutes River. The blaze is zero percent contained. Its cause is being investigated. Governor Kate Brown this week invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act to allow the state fire marshal's office to access and deploy

additional resources. That includes sending the Lane County task force, made up of personnel and equipment from various agencies. They specialize in structural protection so wildland crews may focus on battling the blaze itself. ; Firefighters have gotten their first foothold on California's deadliest and most destructive fire of the year and say the blaze probably will remain stalled through the weekend. The McKinney Fire near the Oregon border was 10 percent contained Wednesday night and crews were making progress carving firebreaks around much of the rest of the blaze. It comes after several days of thunderstorms that provided cloudy, rainy weather. An evacuation order for residents of Yreka was downgraded to a warning but authorities warn the massive fire that began last Friday still poses a threat. The blaze began last Friday and has scorched 90 square miles of forest, burned more than 100 homes and buildings and killed four people. / SAFETY: Searchers have recovered the body of a 75-year-old man who disappeared while boating more than one week ago on Cottage Grove Lake. Deputies were just arriving at the lake to resume the search for Harry McIntire when he was spotted in the water by a family member. Investigators say McIntire and his wife were boating on Cottage Grove Lake near Primitive Campground when he went underwater and did not resurface. The medical examiner will determine the cause of death. ; A motorcyclist died late Tuesday night after investigators say the rider passed one vehicle at a high rate of speed, then collided with a second vehicle that was making a turn. Lane County Sheriff's deputies say they responded to the area of Territorial Highway and Demming Road around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. They say the 1998 Kawasaki motorcycle did not appear to have a functioning headlight prior to the impact. Speed, alcohol, and defective lighting are all being investigated as factors contributing to the crash. The rider's name will be released once relatives are notified. / CRIME, BUSINESS: It was a Eugene-based company that specialized in selling limited edition and collectible sneakers online. But the company, Zadeh Kicks, shut down earlier this year. Federal prosecutors say the corporation owed customers more than \$70 million in unfulfilled orders, left potential buyers with additional unknown millions in worthless company gift cards—and defrauded financial institutions of more than \$15 million. Yesterday, Zadeh Kicks' former owner and its chief financial officer made their first appearances in federal court, charged with perpetrating a fraud scheme. Officials have charged 39-year-old Michael Malekzadeh with wire fraud, conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and money laundering. Co-defendant Bethany Mockerman, also of Eugene, is accused of conspiring with Malekzadeh to commit bank fraud. As part of the government's ongoing criminal investigation, federal agents have seized millions of dollars in cash and luxury goods that Malekzadeh acquired with the proceeds of his fraud. The seized items include nearly 100 watches, some valued at over \$400,000, jewelry, and hundreds of luxury handbags. The government also seized nearly \$6.4 million in cash which was the result Malekzadeh's sale of watches and luxury cars manufactured by Bentley, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Porsche, and others. If you or someone you know were a Zadeh Kicks customer with unfulfilled orders or otherwise believe you were defrauded by Malekzadeh or Mockerman, the FBI wants to hear from you. / ECONOMY, FINANCES, TRANSPORTATION: After hitting record highs earlier this summer, gasoline prices are continuing to ease a bit. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, regular unleaded fuel is averaging \$4.91 per gallon. That's down 11 cents from a week ago, 55 cents from this time last

month. Still, gasoline is much higher than this time last year when the pump price was an average \$3.76. Diesel prices also have fallen a bit. This morning's average local price is \$5.93 per gallon, down 21 cents from one week ago. Industry analysts say that while prices are down a bit, they could climb again as demand begins to increase. A new survey from automobile club AAA finds that drivers are making significant changes to cope with high pump prices. Almost two-thirds (64 percent) of U.S. adults have changed their driving habits or lifestyle since March, with 23 percent making "major changes." Drivers' top three changes to offset high gas prices are driving less, combining errands, and reducing shopping or dining out. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: The U.S. Department of Transportation is considering whether to require the airlines to offer passengers refunds if their flight schedule changes significantly — or if their airline makes major changes to their itinerary. The proposed rules would force carriers to give refunds if their departure or arrival time changes by three hours or more for a domestic flight — or at least six hours for an international one. The refunds would apply to travelers who buy non-refundable tickets, which usually cost less and are favored by many leisure travelers. The proposal comes after the department was flooded with complaints by passengers whose flights were canceled or changed — or who were afraid to fly during the early months of the pandemic. The proposal will be reviewed and receive public comment—along with likely opposition by airlines. / VETERANS, WOMEN: She was only 14 years old when she joined Oregon's Civil Air Patrol during World War II. Next week, the family of the late Ethyl O'Neal will receive the Congressional Gold Medal on her behalf. A Portland native, Ethyl O'Neal—then Ethyl Kremers—joined the newly formed Civil Air Patrol in 1942 and served until 1949, when she joined the U.S. Air Force. During her early Civil Air Patrol service, she saved the life of a 15-month-old infant during the historic Vanport Flood of 1947. O'Neal retired from the Air Force in 1976 and rejoined Civil Air Patrol in Oregon. She commanded two Portland metropolitan area squadrons. She also served as the Oregon Wing Director of Cadet Programs until her passing in 2007. / LEGAL: The U.S. Supreme Court ruling expanding gun rights threatens to upend firearms restrictions across the country. Gun-control advocates and opponents continue to wage court battles over issues including age limits and bans on AR-15-style guns. The June decision struck down a New York law requiring people to demonstrate a particular need to get a license to carry a concealed gun in public. The decision has led one judge to temporarily block a Colorado town from enforcing a ban on the sale and possession of certain semi-automatic weapons. The ruling could reshape gun laws in the U.S. even as mass shootings push the issue into the headlines. The Biden administration and police departments across the U.S. are struggling to combat a surge in violent crime. / SPORTS: The NCAA will have a committee conduct more research on a recommendation to allow Division I athletes to switch schools as many times as they want with immediate eligibility. The transfer rule proposals were among several that came out of the NCAA's Transformation Committee and were moved along by the Division I Council two weeks ago. The board did adopt Transformation Committee recommendations that would allow schools to provide more financial benefits to athletes. The proposed changes to transfer rules also included implementing sport-specific windows when athletes could enter their names in the transfer portal and be immediately eligible the following year. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Traffic

note: Travelers should expect delays up to 20 minutes the next two nights when crossing the Siuslaw River Bridge in Florence. Tonight and Friday night, crews are replacing the span locks in the lift spans. Those are the big pins that lock the center of the lift spans together when the bridge is down. The work begins at 7 p.m. each evening and wraps up around 5 a.m. Flaggers will control traffic through the construction area on the bridge. And while most delays will be short, one-hour long closure could occur each night, if needed. Pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will have access through or around the work zone. /

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officials are warning visitors that a closure of the east side of Waldo could happen in a couple of days, depending on the fire's behavior. Willamette National Forest fire managers say four tankers worked the blaze yesterday, dropping retardant on the Cedar Creek Fire, with a helicopter following up with water drops. That same helicopter, out of Central Oregon, was also used to drop water on one of the small fires in the Sister's Wilderness area that already has smokejumpers working the firelines. Two fires burning midway between Highway 58 and Highway 138 remained about the same size yesterday as crews continued their attack. The Windigo Fire covers slightly less than 1,100 acres and the Potter Fire is at 125 acres. Cooler weather gave crews a bit of a break on Thursday and no new fires were reported after a weekend where lightning strikes sparked dozens of small blazes. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: Amid widespread criticism from property owners, leaders with the Oregon Department of Forestry said yesterday they will pause enforcement measures—and reassess and redraw a map outlining wildfire risk across the state. The map was released in June. It allows home, business, and property owners to enter their address to see whether it is in a wildfire risk zone. Those that are would eventually be required to make some improvements to better protect their properties. That might include cleaning up fire-prone debris and improving access for emergency vehicles. But critics say some improvements would be too expensive, could affect their insurance rates, and argued the map was inaccurate. The Oregon Wildfire Risk Explorer categorizes every property in Oregon, whether a home, business, or piece of land, a risk category that can range from "zero" to "extreme." Under the current map, about half of all tax lots in the state are considered to lie in what's known as the "wildland-urban interface." These are areas, often on the edge of or just outside communities that butt up against forest and rangelands that are prone to wildfire. That includes big sections of Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon. But there are similar higher-risk zones in the Willamette Valley, Cascades, and Coast Range—including areas threatened or devastated by recent blazes. Among the factors that drive increased wildfire risk: weather, climate, topography, vegetation, and nearby buildings. State officials also are using the map to create updated building codes and zoning requirements that factor in the wildfire risk. Property owners who disagree with the wildfire risk classification of their tax lots may appeal. The new map is part of a wildfire preparedness and prevention package approved by state lawmakers in the wake of 2020's devastating blazes that destroyed thousands of Oregon homes. See the mapping tool and enter your address at

https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE_HtmlViewer/index.html?viewer=wildfire/
EMPLOYMENT, PANDEMIC: The labor market remains one of the strongest parts of the American economy, defying raging inflation, rising interest rates, and fears of a possible recession. America's hiring boom continued last month as employers added a surprising 528,000 jobs. July's hiring was up by 398,000 from June. The unemployment rate slipped to 3.5 percent. But economists say there remain signs of weakness: Job openings are down slightly—although at 10.7 million they remain at record levels—and the number of Americans signing up for unemployment benefits is up a bit in recent weeks. The U.S. economy shrank in the first two quarters of 2022 — considered an informal definition of recession. But most economists believe the strong jobs market has kept the economy from slipping into an official downturn. Still, a tighter job market could eventually signal

that the economy is slowing enough for the Federal Reserve to ease up on interest rate hikes. The economy has been on a wild ride since the pandemic hit in early 2020. It brought economic life to a near standstill as companies shut down and consumers stayed home. In March and April 2020, American employers slashed a staggering 22 million jobs and the economy plunged into a deep, two-month recession. But massive government aid — and the Federal Reserve's decision to slash interest rates and pour money into financial markets — fueled a surprisingly quick recovery. Caught off guard by the strength of the rebound, factories, shops, ports and freight yards were overwhelmed with orders and scrambled to bring back the workers they furloughed when COVID hit. The result has been shortages of workers and supplies, delayed shipments -- and rising prices. In the United States, inflation has been rising steadily for more than a year. In June, consumer prices jumped 9.1 percent from a year earlier — the biggest increase since 1981. / SAFETY, CRIME, MENTAL HEALTH, FAMILY: Today marks the two-year anniversary of the disappearance of 27-year-old Michael Bryson of Eugene. It has been an agonizing 24 months for his family and friends, who have continued to search for him. Lane County Sheriff's investigators continue to request leads in the case. Bryson was last seen on August 5, 2020, when he attended a rave at a roadside campground known as Hobo Campground. It is located off Brice Creek Road just west of Champion Creek Road in South Lane County. At around 4:30 that morning, Bryson reportedly wandered away from a group of friends in an unknown direction and has not been seen since. His family reported him missing when he did not return home. Bryson left behind his camping gear. His phone had been powered off for several days. Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue teams spent days at the scene but did not discover any sign of him. Bryson's friends and family also assisted with the search. Michael Bryson's parents just want to know what happened to their son. They also maintain a Facebook page called "Let's Find Michael Bryson," where they post updates. Tomorrow at 9 a.m., the inaugural "Michael Bryson 5k Shuffle" takes place at Harrisburg High School, a fundraiser to assist other families whose loved ones are missing. Anyone who has seen Michael Bryson or knows his whereabouts is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 then press 1 and reference case # 20-5286. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 42-year-old man in connection with a fatal stabbing early Thursday morning in the 84000 block of Cloverdale Road, midway between Creswell and Pleasant Hill. Deputies responded after a woman called 911 to say her ex-husband had stabbed her boyfriend, then left. Deputies and medics worked to save the victim, but he did not survive. His name will be released after relatives are notified. Sheriff's investigators searched for the suspect, 42-year-old Brandon Travis Lamb, and later yesterday morning located and arrested him in a vehicle at an apartment complex near 1st and F Streets in Springfield. / PANDEMIC, HEALTH: It sounds like vaccinated Oregonians are continuing to let their guard down amid the spread of that extra contagious subvariant of COVID-19. The Oregon Health Authority's most recent update on COVID-19 breakthrough cases, reported 40,013 cases of infection during the month of July. 46 percent were among unvaccinated people. But slightly more than half were among those who are fully vaccinated and boosted. That said, symptoms are generally far milder for those who are vaccinated and boosted, and the risk of hospitalization and death is dramatically less. But widespread illnesses

are affecting families and businesses as this third “COVID Summer” continues. During the past seven days, Lane County Public Health has received reports of 787 new coronavirus infections and eight additional deaths. Officials know the infection numbers are undercounted, because most people now test at home and do not report their results. But among those who seek testing through their medical providers, urgent care, and at hospitals, Lane County’s positivity rate continues to average about ten percent. / HEALTH: The U.S. has declared a public health emergency to bolster the federal response to the outbreak of monkeypox that already has infected more than 7,100 Americans. The announcement by the Department of Health and Human Services frees up federal funding and resources to fight the virus and fast-track potential treatments and vaccines. The order also will allow the government more flexibility to administer the current supply of vaccines. Monkeypox is a rare disease similar to smallpox, though symptoms are sometimes milder. It can cause fever, body aches, chills, fatigue and pimple-like bumps on many parts of the body. It is largely spread through sexual and other skin-to-skin contact, although health officials warn that anyone can contract the virus through direct contact with infectious sores, scabs or body fluids, or by touching clothing or bedding used by a person with the virus. Nationally, more than 6,600 cases have been confirmed since May 18, predominantly among gay men. But most experts believe those figures greatly underestimate the actual spread of the virus. /

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SAFETY: Eugene-Springfield Fire crews yesterday afternoon battled a large blaze involving two homes and some outbuildings just south of Springfield. But crews working the fire at the intersection of Harbor Drive and Inland Way near Dorris Ranch were hampered by a lack of hydrants in the area. That meant calling water tenders to haul water to the scene. The Lane County Fire Defense Board provided mutual aid by sending water tenders from several nearby fire departments. The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police provided traffic control. There were no reported injuries. The cause is under investigation. / WILDFIRES: Hot, dry conditions led to increased fire activity Sunday afternoon on the Cedar Creek Fire, burning 17 miles east of Oakridge and a few miles west of Waldo Lake. The lightning-caused blaze grew yesterday to more than 3,200 acres (3,234), remains zero percent contained. Over the weekend it sent smoke into parts of Western Oregon as it burned through heavy forests, brush, and grass. Crews are working to assess and use roads and trails in the area to try to establish a fire perimeter. But as conditions changed rapidly, they many times were forced to quickly withdraw for safety. Aircraft and helicopters continue to make retardant and water drops. A Temporary Flight Restriction remains in place in a ten-mile radius around the fire. This means NO DRONES. Remember, if you fly a drone near a wildfire, you create a risk for firefighting aircraft and their personnel and they must be grounded for several hours, leaving ground crews without essential help. Do NOT fly drones in wildfire zones. The Cedar Creek fire is expected to continue to move to the northeast and southeast into the Waldo Lake Wilderness. The wilderness area has been evacuated. Waldo Lake remains open, as do campgrounds and recreation sites on the east side of the lake, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. ; Two lightning-caused fires burning midway between Highway 58 and Highway 138 remained about the same size yesterday as crews continued their attack. The Windigo Fire covers slightly less than 1,100 acres and its containment has increased to 15 percent. The Potter Fire is at 185 acres. On Saturday, crews and heavy equipment successfully completed a line around the perimeters of both blazes. Yesterday, ground crews continued to plumb, mop-up, hold, and secure the fire line of the Windigo Fire. Firefighters on the Potter Fire developed and strengthened alternate and contingency lines. The crews are supported by eight Type 1

Helicopters and one Type 3, with 2 fixed-wing scoopers available out of Eugene. Fire crews on the Umpqua, Willamette, Deschutes, and Fremont-Winema (why-NEE'-muh) National Forests are managing 27 fires, eight of which have active fire behavior. ; On Friday evening, Umpqua National Forest Supervisor Alice Carlton was in the field assessing some danger trees with one Deputy District Ranger Mark Sommer. They were out driving roads in the Steamboat drainage when they came across an illegal campfire. Sommer said the flames were close to three feet high. They reminded the people tending the fire that we are in very high fire danger and asked them to extinguish it. / WILDFIRES, FISHERIES: The 60,000-acre McKinney Fire burning in a remote area just south of the Oregon border last this week wiped out the scenic hamlet of Klamath River, where about 200 people lived. The flames killed four people in the tiny community and reduced most of the homes and businesses to ash. The blaze is 40 percent contained. It also appears to have contributed to the deaths of tens of thousands of salmon and other Klamath River fish. That's according to representatives of Northern California's Karuk Tribe. In a statement, tribal officials said dead fish of all species were found Friday near Happy Camp, California, along the main stem of the Klamath River. It's unclear exactly what is causing the fish deaths but biologists with the tribe believe a flash flood caused by heavy rains over the burn area caused a massive debris flow to enter the river. A photo showed dozen dead fish belly up amid sticks and other debris in thick, brown water along the riverbank. The Karuk are working with the Yurok, another Northern California tribe, and state and federal agencies to gain access to the fire zone to get a better sense of what happened and the extent of the problem. The fish kill was a blow for the Karuk and Yurok tribes, which have been fighting for years to protect fragile populations of salmon in the Klamath River. The federally endangered fish species has suffered from low flows in the Klamath River in recent years and a parasite that's deadly to salmon flourished in the warmer, slower-moving water last summer, killing fish in huge numbers. After years of negotiations, four dams on the lower river that impede the migration of salmon are on track to be removed next year in what would be the largest dam demolition project in U.S. history in an attempt to help the fish recover. Scientists have said climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. Across the American West, a 22-year megadrought deepened so much in 2021 that the region is now in the driest spell in at least 1,200 years. When it began, the McKinney Fire burned just several hundred acres and firefighters thought they would quickly bring it under control. But thunderstorms came in with ferocious gusts that within hours had pushed it into an unstoppable conflagration. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office on Friday released the name of the man who was fatally stabbed early Thursday morning in the 84000 block of Cloverdale Road, midway between Creswell and Pleasant Hill. Deputies responded after a woman called 911 to say her ex-husband had stabbed her boyfriend, then left. Deputies and medics worked to save the victim, 49-year-old Justin Wayne Gardner of Creswell, but he did not survive. His name will be released after relatives are notified. Sheriff's investigators searched for the suspect, 42-year-old Brandon Travis Lamb, and later yesterday morning located and arrested him in a vehicle at an apartment complex near 1st and F Streets in Springfield. /

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WEATHER, WILDFIRES: Scattered showers and even a few thunderstorms are forecast today and tonight, mainly east of Interstate 5 and especially just west of the Cascade crest. That can lead to enhanced wildfire danger over the Cascades and Cascade foothills today and tonight, due to lightning and dry forest fuels. Increased marine air into Western Oregon valleys on Wednesday will bring cooler temperatures, but we'll see a return to dry and seasonal temperatures for the remainder of the week. Isolated thunderstorms also are possible this morning, while the threat for thunder increases later today into tonight. Scattered showers could push from the Cascades across the Willamette Valley into the Coast Range. The main threat for thunder remains over the Cascades and Cascade foothills this afternoon and evening, but there is minor potential that storms could drift into the Willamette Valley this evening. ; The Cedar Creek Fire, burning 17 miles east of Oakridge and a few miles west of Waldo Lake, did not grow much during the past day. It remains at more than 3,200 acres (3,234) and zero percent contained. The blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass on often-steep terrain. Yesterday, more heavy equipment arrived to help create and shore up firelines, and to remove overgrown vegetation from alongside some forest roads and chip smaller-diameter debris near fire breaks to make the material more manageable. Officials say 445 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and from the air. A Temporary Flight Restriction remains in place in a ten-mile radius around the fire. This means NO DRONES. The Cedar Creek fire is expected to continue to move to the northeast and southeast into the Waldo Lake Wilderness. The wilderness area has been evacuated. Waldo Lake remains open, as do campgrounds and recreation sites on the east side of the lake, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. ; The 1,053-acre Windigo Fire is now 25 percent contained. It is one of two lightning-caused fires burning midway between Highway 58 and Highway 138. The Potter Fire is at 234 acres. Fire crews on the Umpqua, Willamette, Deschutes, and Fremont-Winema (why-NEE'-muh) National Forests are managing close to 30 fires, eight of which have active fire behavior. ; It's known as "defensible space": the process of creating a buffer between you, your home, and any future wildfires. In some cases, which includes trimming trees, bushes, and tidy up plants around your home that might be fire-prone, cleaning out gutters, remove pine needles and dry leaves within five feet

from your home's foundation, pruning low-hanging tree branches, and adding screens to your home's vents to keep embers from entering. Last year, a new law directed officials in the state fire marshal's office to establish minimum standards for defensible space as well as areas where those standards should apply. As part of that process, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal is hosting a series of town hall meetings to talk to discuss the process and get input. One is planned for this evening in Eugene. It takes place in McKenzie Hall, at 1101 Kincaid Street on the University of Oregon campus. The session will be in Room 240A. It runs from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call us if you need details. ; Firefighters battling the McKinney Fire in Northern California on Monday remembered longtime U.S. Forest Service employee Kathy Shoopman. She is the first publicly identified victim of the fire. The fire burning west of Yreka has killed four people, and crews are searching the area for other possible victims. The other three have not yet been publicly identified. Shoopman was at home in the community of Klamath River when the fire started July 29. Forest Service spokesperson Tom Stokesberry told the Sacramento Bee Monday that the 73-year-old died at her home on the day the fire erupted. Officials didn't say exactly how she died. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: The Multnomah County Medical Examiner says one person potentially died Sunday in Portland when the temperature reached 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The medical examiner said Monday that the person is suspected to have died from hyperthermia. Officials say further tests will determine whether the death is officially heat-related. The state medical examiner's office previously said it was investigating 14 deaths as possibly heat-related during a weeklong heatwave that ended Sunday, July 31. Climate change is fueling longer heat waves in the Pacific Northwest. Last year, about 800 people died in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia during a heat wave in which the temperature reached an all-time high of 116 F in Portland. / SAFETY: Eugene Police say a man's body was pulled from the Willamette River Sunday morning, after it was spotted by a bystander in shallow water near the River House off North Adams Street. Investigators say the body of the 43-year-old had no significant observable injuries and the death does not appear to be criminal in nature. The county's medical examiner will determine the cause of death. The victim's name will be released after his family is located and notified. / CRIME: More than 85 years in prison for a Linn County man convicted of close to two dozen counts of the online sexual exploitation of children. Officials say 39-year-old John Anthony DeMolfetto, who lived in the city of Gates, will serve at least 35 years of that term before he is eligible for possible parole. Prosecutors and officials in the Linn County Sheriff's Office say DiMolfetto created dozens of online personas and used numerous social media and texting accounts to manipulate, deceive, and exploit children as young as 7-years-old over a span of nearly a decade. Investigators believe John DiMolfetto either exploited or attempted to exploit over 300 children across the United States in the six months prior to his arrest in May of 2020. / SPORTS: The Oregon Ducks are ranked No. 12 in the USA Today College Football pre-season coaches' poll. The Top Three are Alabama, Ohio State, and Georgia. Oregon kicks off its first season under new head coach Dan Lanning in Atlanta on Sept. 3 against Georgia, the defending national champion. Lanning helped lead the Bulldogs to the national title last season in his third year as defensive coordinator before taking over Oregon's head coaching job. The Ducks will face Eastern Washington (FCS) in their home

opener at Autzen Stadium on Sept. 10. Oregon is opening its season at No. 12 for the second year in a row, and in the top 15 for the fourth straight season. The Ducks are the second-highest ranked team in the Pac-12, trailing No. 8 Utah. USC is No. 15. /

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WEATHER: A wild weather night across parts of Western Oregon, as intense storm cells packing lightning and hail moved across the Willamette Valley and the foothills of the Oregon Cascades. Here in Eugene-Springfield, the most significant storm cell arrived shortly after 9:00 p.m., bringing hailstones to some locations that had dime-sized and—in a few cases—quarter-sized diameters. The storm cells, with the hail and gusty winds, caused scattered power outages. The hail pellets also made driving difficult on local roads, dinged some vehicles, and damaged gardens. Lightning and heavy rains also caused problems in the Cascade foothills. The National Weather Service in Portland issued an emergency alert shortly after 5 p.m., warning of one dangerous storm cell. Later in the evening, there were concerns that heavy rains on the area burned by the Holiday Farm Fire might cause flooding on some creeks and trigger debris flows on some damaged soils—and that lightning strikes might start new wildfires in the mountains. / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire, burning 17 miles east of Oakridge and a few miles west of Waldo Lake, has burned across more than 3,700 acres (3,772) and is zero percent contained. The blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass on often-steep terrain. Officials say 520 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and from the air. Yesterday, they endured challenging weather conditions—including a “red flag” warning for an increased danger of more wildfire starts, along with lightning storms and hailstorms in the area. The Cedar Creek fire is expected to continue to move to the northeast and southeast into the Waldo Lake Wilderness. Yesterday, the U.S. Forest Service posted expanded closure notices from the west side of Waldo Lake to the Erma Bells area in the three Sisters Wilderness. That includes the Blair Lake and Skookum Creek campgrounds and Forest Roads 2417 and 1934. The Waldo Wilderness area has been evacuated. The east side of Waldo Lake remains open, along with its campgrounds and recreation sites. But officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: Gasoline prices dropped more than seven percent, food and housing prices rose a bit. But the net effect was a slight slowing of inflation last month, according to new government numbers. Consumer prices jumped 8.5 percent in July compared with a year earlier — still a sizzling pace but a slowdown from the 9.1 percent year-over-year figure in June, which was the highest in four decades. Food costs were up again,

but only by about one percent, which is far less than some recent run-ups. Housing was up an average one-half of one percent. Prices for used cars and clothing fell a notch. Overall inflation is leaving many Americans financially worse off. Average paychecks are rising faster than they have in decades — but not fast enough to keep up with accelerating costs for such items as food, rent, autos and medical services. / HEALTH, VETERANS: President Joe Biden today plans to sign legislation expanding federal health care for veterans, among the most personal moments for him since taking office. Among other elements, the legislation will direct officials to assume that certain respiratory illnesses and cancers were related to burn pit exposures to some of those serving during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. That will help veterans receive disability payments without having to prove the illness was the result of their service. Burn pits were used in Iraq and Afghanistan to dispose of chemicals, cans, tires, plastics, medical equipment and human waste. However, 70 percent of disability claims involving exposure to the pits were denied by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Veterans who were sickened say they have been unable to work, unable to take care of their families, and were too ill to spend that time fighting the government to get the healthcare they earned. For Biden, that is both a legislative and an emotional victory. His son, Beau, died from brain cancer. And while the president has avoided drawing a direct line between the burn pits and his son's fatal cancer seven years ago, he has left no doubt that he believes there's a connection. Although the provision involving burn pits has garnered the most attention, other health care services will be expanded under the bill, as well. Veterans who have served since the Sept. 11 attacks will have a decade to sign up for VA health care, double the current five years. There's more help for veterans from the Vietnam War. The legislation adds hypertension to list of ailments that are presumed to be caused by exposure to Agent Orange, an herbicide used by the U.S. military to clear vegetation. In addition, veterans who served during the war in Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Guam, American Samoa and Johnston Atoll will also be considered to have been exposed to the chemical. The legislation is considered to be the largest expansion of veterans' health care in more than three decades. / LEGAL: Governor Kate Brown is appointing two judges to positions on the Lane County Circuit Court. Michelle Bassi will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Charles Carlson. Bassi has been a civil litigator at the law firm of Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Urness & Wilkinson in Springfield since 2013 and a partner since 2018. Bassi's practice focuses primarily on complex plaintiff-side civil litigation and, until 2019, she also represented criminal defendants in misdemeanor cases. Recently, she began conducting employment investigations and serving as a Decision-Maker for Title IX administrative cases. Bassi also has been involved in her community, including serving on the board of the Springfield Education Foundation, the Oregon Law School Alumni Association, the Lane County Bar Association, and the Oregon Elder Abuse Prevention Work Group. She is a member of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, and American Association for Justice. ; Beatrice Grace will take the seat created by the retirement of Judge Lauren Holland. She is currently a civil litigator who represents plaintiffs in personal injury and medical malpractice cases. She received her registered nursing degree in 1991, and was an emergency room nurse for over 20 years. While working as a nurse and raising her two young children as a single mother, Grace attended law school and obtained her law

degree from the University of Oregon. In addition to her legal work, Grace has volunteered her time with the Trauma Healing Project Board, the Campaign for Equal Justice, and is a member of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association and Oregon Women Lawyers. Both appointments are effective immediately. /

EDUCATION, PANDEMIC: Hundreds of thousands of recent graduates are heading to college this fall after spending more than half their high school careers dealing with the upheaval of a pandemic. Experts say those students endured a jarring transition to online learning, including the strains from teacher shortages and profound disruptions to their home lives. Now, many of those incoming college students are believed to be significantly behind academically. Now, education experts say many colleges are working to deal with an expected surge in students unprepared for the demands of college-level work. They warn that those who start a step behind face an increased risk of dropping out, which can hurt everything from a person's long-term earnings to the health of the country's workforce. Researchers say it's clear that remote instruction caused learning setbacks, most sharply among Black and Hispanic students. For younger students, there's still hope that America's schools can accelerate the pace of instruction and close learning gaps. But for those who graduated in the last two years, experts fear many will struggle. In anticipation of higher needs, colleges across the U.S. have been expanding "bridge" programs that provide summer classes, often for students from lower incomes or those who are the first in their families to attend college. Programs previously treated as orientation are taking on a harder academic edge, with a focus on math, science and study skills. /

TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: New research suggests state laws that prohibit drivers from holding a cell phone under any circumstance appear to be effective in reducing rear-end crashes. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety looked at data from Oregon, Washington and California, states with broad prohibitions on cell phone use in cars, and compared it to Colorado and Idaho, which only prohibit texting. The researchers reviewed data that showed that rear-end injury crash rates dropped 9 percent in Oregon and 11 percent in Washington after their bans on holding a cell phone took effect when compared to the control states. Data from California did not indicate a reduction in rear-end collisions, according to the IIHS. It is illegal in Oregon and Washington to hold a cell phone or other electronic device while behind the wheel, including when the vehicle is stopped in traffic or at a red light. California prohibits "holding and using" a cell phone but did not specify that it applies to temporary vehicle stops. /

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WILDFIRES: It's a jaw-dropping total: 5,473. That's how many lightning strikes were recorded across Oregon and parts of Washington state during Tuesday and early Wednesday's electrical storms. According to officials with the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center, all but 250 of those hit in Oregon. The outbreak of severe weather prompted concerns about new wildfires starting in the mountains and in drought-stricken parts of the state. Crews for various federal, state, and local agencies responded to more than 120 reports of "smokes"—possible fire starts. Most were less than one-tenth of an acre. But a few, mostly in Central Oregon, grew larger and drew a rapid response. Some of the lightning storms moved across the burn zone of the Cedar Creek Fire, which is burning 17 miles east of Oakridge and a few miles west of Waldo Lake. There were five new wildfire starts to the east of the main blaze and members of a hotshot crew were diverted to respond to them. Some were spotted using drones carrying infrared equipment to detect heat signatures. The Cedar Creek Fire has burned across more than 3,800 acres (3,861) and is zero percent contained. The blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass. Much of the terrain is steep and difficult to access. Officials say 573 personnel are battling the fire. The Waldo Lake Wilderness is closed. The U.S. Forest Service also has posted expanded closure notices from the west side of Waldo Lake to the Erma Bells area in the three Sisters Wilderness. That includes the Blair Lake and Skookum Creek campgrounds and Forest Roads 2417 and 1934. The east side of Waldo Lake remains open, along with its campgrounds and recreation sites and a nearby portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. ; Our recent lightning storms and the elevated threat of wildfire in Central and Southern Oregon have prompted the State Fire Marshal's office to send two structural task forces of firefighters and equipment to Deschutes and Klamath counties for rapid deployment, if needed. They come from Marion and Benton Counties and will remain for at least 72 hours—longer, if there's a large brush fire or wildfire. / SAFETY, UTILITIES: Today is August 11th or "8/11." Across Oregon, your local utility companies are using the occasion to mark "National 811 Day" and remind you to call or go online before you begin a digging or excavation project. It can save money and lives. Our communities have a web of underground utility pipes and lines carrying everything from electricity and

communications cables to natural gas, water and sewer lines. Striking one with a shovel, posthole digger, backhoe, or other equipment can hurt or kill someone and heavily damage the utility line. The Oregon Utility Notification Center offers a free service to prevent those accidents. Just call 8-1-1 or go online to Oregon811.com and you can arrange for someone to come out, locate, and use color-coded spray paint to clearly mark where the lines run. The 811 center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for homeowners, contractors, and professional excavators. Make your request anywhere from two to 10 business days before you start digging. Last year, there were 922 reported damages to underground utilities in Oregon and most were preventable. The most well-known incident in Oregon happened about six years ago when a worker hit a natural gas line in a northwest Portland neighborhood, injuring eight people and causing an estimated \$14 million in damages. According to the Common Ground Alliance, the estimated annual cost of damages to underground utilities nationally is \$30 billion. Nearly two out of five U.S. homeowners dig without requesting the free 811 service beforehand. / LEGAL, CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Justices on the Oregon Court of Appeals have ruled that Governor Kate Brown was within her authority to grant clemency during the pandemic to nearly 1,000 people convicted of crimes. The governor's use of her powers to shorten prison sentences drew condemnation from Lane County District Attorney Patricia Perlow and Linn County District Attorney Doug Marteeny. The DAs and family members of crime victims sued the governor and other state officials to stop the clemency actions. The district attorneys took particular issue with Brown's decision to allow 73 people convicted of crimes such as murder, assault, rape and manslaughter while they were younger than 18 to apply for early release. The majority of the people receiving clemency were either medically at risk during the early stages of the pandemic or had helped with wildfire fighting efforts during the historic Labor Day blazes of 2020. The Appeals Court judges said they were not called to judge the wisdom of the Governor's clemency decision. Instead, they said they ruled on whether the governor could legally take the action that she did. On that front, the panel found her actions legally sound. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, FINANCES: After hitting record highs earlier this summer, gasoline prices are continuing to ease. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, regular unleaded fuel is averaging \$4.77 per gallon. That's down 14 cents from a week ago, 56 cents from this time last month. Still, gasoline is about a dollar per gallon more expensive than it was this time last year. Diesel prices also have fallen a bit. This morning's average local price is \$5.71 per gallon, down 22 cents from one month ago. Industry analysts with automobile club AAA say that despite steadily falling gas prices during the peak of the summer driving season, fewer drivers fueled up last week. They say it is another sign that, for now, Americans are changing their driving habits to cope with higher pump prices. Meanwhile, the cost of oil has edged lower on fears of economic slowdowns elsewhere around the globe. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Another decline in Oregon's COVID-19 case counts, although infections tied to that Omicron subvariant remain fairly high in some parts of the state. Oregon Health Authority received reports of more than 15,700 new cases in the two-week period ending on Friday. That's a better than 15 percent decline from the previous two-week period. Still, the pandemic continues to affect vulnerable Oregonians. State officials received reports of 206 active outbreaks in care facilities, senior living communities, and congregate care living

settings. To qualify as an outbreak, the location must have three or more confirmed coronavirus cases or one or more COVID-19-related deaths. During the same two-week period, Lane County Public Health received reports of 1,448 new COVID-19 cases and nine additional deaths. Our testing positivity rate has remained around 11 percent. Public health officials say they know infection numbers are an undercount because so many people now use rapid tests at home, results which are not reported. They also anticipate case numbers climbing again as students and staff return to in-person school classes over the next month. / HEALTH: It's not nearly as contagious as COVID-19, relying on skin-to-skin contact or contact with infected items. But state health officials say they've received reports of 89 confirmed and presumptive cases of monkeypox this summer—15 of those in Lane County. Those numbers are expected to increase as access to testing increases. Now that the Oregon Health Authority has declared it a "disease outbreak," Oregon insurers are now required to cover the cost of monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccination for their health plan members in the state. Officials say they have some limited vaccination supplies on hand and are expecting another shipment from the federal government in the near future. The smallpox vaccine provides good protection against monkeypox. Americans were routinely vaccinated against smallpox until 1972, when the disease was declared eradicated in the United States. Later this morning, experts with the Oregon Health Authority will be joined by the head of Lane County Public Health and others to provide an update on the outbreak. Health officials are communicating with local health providers, sharing details about what symptoms to watch for, encouraging greater testing of those who are at higher risk, and sharing information about how to get vaccines and treatment. They say the outbreak is at a critical stage where there is an opportunity to stamp it out before cases spread further and potentially affect more vulnerable people. In this outbreak, almost all cases so far have been reported among gay or bisexual men. Federal and local health officials say the risk to the general public remains very low. But monkeypox can spread to others who either have had intimate contact with an infected person or touched items such as clothing or bedding used by a person with the virus. Monkeypox is a rare disease similar to smallpox, though symptoms are sometimes milder. The viral illness typically involves flu-like symptoms, swelling of the lymph nodes and a rash that includes bumps that are initially filled with fluid before scabbing over. Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. But those with a more serious case might develop a rash and lesions on their face and hands that can spread to other parts of the body. /

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EDUCATION: He's had the top job at the University of Oregon for the past seven years. But Michael Schill is leaving this fall to lead Northwestern University. Ginevra Ralph, head of the U-of-O's Board of Trustees, says members will appoint an interim president and begin work during next month's meeting to launch a national search for a successor. Schill came to Eugene in 2015, serving previously as law school dean at the University of Chicago and at UCLA. During his time at Oregon, campus leaders say he transformed the institution by increasing the size of the faculty to 800, growing externally funded research to \$172 million, and launching groundbreaking academic endeavors. Those include the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact, the Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health, and partnerships such as Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance. During Schill's tenure, the University of Oregon also completed a \$3.2 billion fundraising campaign and grew its endowment to \$1.3 billion. And officials say he helped improve student success rates, increasing four-year graduation rate numbers by more than ten percentage points, and upping student financial aid to \$43 million. The U-of-O also opened the Willie and Donald Tykeson Hall dedicated to academic and career advising and the Lyllye Reynolds-Parker Black Cultural Center. During the same period, incoming undergraduate classes increased in size, academic quality and diversity. Northwestern is a prestigious Illinois institution. It also is a member of the Big Ten athletics conference. That makes Schill's departure a bit harder on some Oregon Duck sports fans, coming on the heels of this summer's news that the Big Ten has wooed away Pac-12 members USC and UCLA starting with the 2024 fall season. / HEALTH: There are now 95 confirmed and presumptive monkeypox cases in Oregon—92 men and three women. Seventeen of the state's cases are in Lane County. State and local health officials yesterday provided an update on the outbreak. They say that while many initial cases were reported among gay or bisexual men, they emphasize that the disease is spread by behavior and not because of someone's identity. They say anyone can be affected by monkeypox, although the risk to the general public remains low. Monkeypox is spread primarily through close, skin-to-skin contact with an infected person. That might include sex, cuddling, massage and kissing. The virus also spreads when someone touches items such as clothing or bedding used by a person with who

has become infected with the virus. Monkeypox is a rare disease similar to smallpox, though symptoms are sometimes milder. State health officials say monkeypox might start with fever, achiness or a sore throat, but it also might start with just a rash or sores. If you are feeling sick and notice any new rashes — especially in the genital or anal area — avoid close, skin-to-skin contact and speak with your healthcare provider or call 211 if you don't have one. Let your provider know, before the appointment, that you think you might have monkeypox and cover any lesions you have. Ask your provider about monkeypox testing. Even if you are not in a high-risk category, but you think that your symptoms or rash are concerning for monkeypox, talk to your provider. Testing might be recommended for you. Most monkeypox patients experience only fever, body aches, chills and fatigue. But those with a more serious case might develop a rash and lesions on their face and hands that can spread to other parts of the body and last for weeks.

; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say they have some limited monkeypox vaccination supplies on hand, but that supply has been hard-hit amid vaccination requests across the state. Officials say they are expecting another shipment from the federal government in the near future and expect supplies to continue to increase. In the meantime, they are working to stretch the remaining doses by using a vaccination technique known as intradermal vaccination that allows them to use a smaller amount per person. National experts say that allows a single dose to be split among up to five people. The smallpox vaccine provides good protection against monkeypox. Americans were routinely vaccinated against smallpox until 1972, when the disease was declared eradicated in the United States. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday launched a new website to provide updates and resources amid the monkeypox outbreak. See it at <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/Monkeypox/Pages/index.aspx>. The site includes information for the public, for clinicians, for public health and community organizations, and also includes a Spanish version. The new monkeypox website includes a weekly summary of case data and will be updated on Wednesdays. /

HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday relaxed their COVID-19 guidelines, dropping the recommendation that Americans quarantine themselves if they come into close contact with an infected person. CDC officials also said people no longer need to stay at least 6 feet away from others. The changes from nation's top public health agency come more than 2-1/2 years after the start of the pandemic. They are driven by the recognition that an estimated 95 percent of Americans 16 and older have acquired some level of immunity, either from being vaccinated or infected, agency officials said. Many places around the country long ago abandoned social distancing and other once-common precautions, but some of the changes could be particularly important for schools, which resume classes this month in many parts of the country. /

HEALTH, PANDEMIC EDUCATION: Perhaps the biggest education-related change from the CDC surrounding COVID-19 guidance is the end of the recommendation that schools do routine daily testing, although that practice can be reinstated in certain situations during a surge in infections. The CDC also dropped a "test-to-stay" recommendation, which said students exposed to COVID-19 could regularly test — instead of quarantining at home — to keep attending school. With no quarantine recommendation anymore, the testing option disappeared too. The new recommendations prioritize keeping children in school as much as possible. Previous isolation policies forced millions of students

to stay home from school, even though the virus poses a relatively low risk to young people. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Also on Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration updated its recommendations for how many times people exposed to COVID-19 should test. Previously, the FDA had advised taking two rapid antigen tests over two or three days to rule out infection. Now the agency recommends three tests. Health officials have repeatedly cautioned that the tests can give false negatives if taken too early. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends people without symptoms wait five days after an exposure. That's because it generally takes several days before the antigens reach levels detectable via testing with a nose swab. The CDC continues to urge that people who test positive isolate from others for at least five days, regardless of whether they were vaccinated. Experts say people can end isolation if they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and they are without symptoms, or the symptoms are improving. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: A Michigan firefighter has been killed by a falling tree while helping to battle a blaze burning on the Umpqua National Forest. Officials with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management say 27-year-old Collin Hagan died midday Wednesday when he was critically injured after being struck by the tree. Hagan was a member of a hotshot firefighting crew based in Craig, Colorado, who was helping to battle the 119-acre Big Swamp Fire, about 20 miles southeast of Oakridge. His body was transported to Roseburg by air ambulance and met at the airport by an honor guard that included firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Roseburg Fire Department, and Douglas County Fire District #2, who provided an honor escort to the funeral home. The Big Swamp fire was started by a lightning strike on Monday. Fire crews have kept it to about two-tenths of a square mile in size. / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire, 17 miles east of Oakridge and a few miles west of Waldo Lake, continues to burn across more than 3,800 acres (3,861) and is zero percent contained. The blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass. Much of the terrain is steep and difficult to access. Officials say 573 personnel are battling the fire. The Waldo Lake Wilderness is closed. The U.S. Forest Service also has posted expanded closure notices from the west side of Waldo Lake to the Erma Bells area in the three Sisters Wilderness. That includes the Blair Lake and Skookum Creek campgrounds and Forest Roads 2417 and 1934. The east side of Waldo Lake remains open, along with its campgrounds and recreation sites and a nearby portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. / RECREATION, WEATHER, SAFETY: Another sunny weekend is on tap here in Oregon. Stay safe when you boat or play on Oregon's lakes and rivers. Some safety tips from the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Wear a life jacket: It will help you survive an unexpected fall into the water and can save your life if you become exhausted due to fatigue, waves or current while swimming. Know your swimming abilities: Swimming in natural waters is different from swimming in a pool, and your swimming ability decreases with age. Expect the unexpected: If you fall or jump into water that is colder than 70 degrees, you can inhale water from involuntary gasping. The temperature of most lake and river water is 45-60 degrees. Understand "boater's hypnosis": This can slow your reaction time almost as much as if you were legally intoxicated. Eliminate alcohol consumption: Alcohol induces an inner ear condition (caloric labyrinthitis) that can cause you to become

disoriented when underwater and not realize which way is up. / CRIME: Police in the Portland area say they've arrested the ringleader of a gang responsible for trafficking over 44,000 stolen catalytic converters since 2021. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports detectives say they identified Brennan Doyle as the leader of the operation and last week arrested him and searched his Lake Oswego home, along with seven other properties. Beaverton police spokesperson Matt Henderson says Doyle and his associates stole catalytic converters from vehicles along the West Coast and shipped them to the East Coast and internationally. The street value of the parts stolen and trafficked was estimated to be over \$22 million. It wasn't immediately known if Doyle has a lawyer to comment on his behalf. / POLITICS, CLIMATE CHANGE, HEALTH: The U.S. House today is poised to give final congressional approval to a revived economic package pushed by President Biden and Democratic lawmakers. Among other elements, the bill aims to ease pharmaceutical prices by letting the government negotiate Medicare's drug costs, cutting the federal budget deficit by an estimated \$300 billion over a decade. It also offers funding to combat climate change: about \$375 billion over the next decade for clean energy development and financial incentives for buying electric cars, installing solar panels and weaning the power grid off fossil fuels. It is the largest federal effort to battle rising global temperatures and increasingly severe natural disasters. The package of legislation also caps out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors on Medicare to \$2,000 a year and extends expiring subsidies that help 13 million people afford health insurance. The bill also caps Medicare patients' costs for insulin, the expensive diabetes medication, at \$35 monthly. Democrats wanted to extend the \$35 cap to private insurers, but it ran afoul of Senate rules. The money for the legislative package would come from a 15 percent minimum tax on a handful of corporations with yearly profits above \$1 billion, a 1 percent tax on companies that repurchase their own stock, bolstered IRS tax collections and government savings from lower drug costs. /

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WILDFIRES: Wildfire crews say they've held the size of the Bobby Lake Fire to nine-and-a-half acres but remained concerned about how this week's hot weather might affect it and other blazes. The Bobby Lake Fire is burning four miles southeast of Waldo Lake, near the Cascade crest. Fifty-one personnel are assigned to the incident. It was sparked by the intense lightning storms earlier this month. Crews continue to struggle to contain the Cedar Creek Fire, burning just a few miles west of Waldo Lake. It has scorched more than 4,600 acres (4,657) and remains zero percent contained. Officials say close to 740 personnel (739) are battling the fire. But the blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass. Much of that terrain is steep and difficult to access. In an effort to deprive the fire of fuel, specialists are sending up drones to drop small incendiary balls. As they hit the ground, they start backfires that can create a buffer of strategically burned vegetation. The Waldo Lake Wilderness remains closed. The U.S. Forest Service also has posted expanded closure notices from the west side of Waldo Lake to the Erma Bells area in the three Sisters Wilderness. That includes the Blair Lake and Skookum Creek campgrounds and Forest Roads 2417 and 1934. The east side of Waldo Lake remains open, along with its campgrounds and recreation sites and a nearby portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. Three other fires are burning to the south, near Diamond Peak and the Pacific Crest Trail. The Windigo, Potter, and Big Swamp Fires have burned a combined close to 1,600 acres. / CRIME, WILDFIRES: In Southern Oregon, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft of Oregon Department of Forestry equipment stolen from a fire lookout tower in the Prospect area, about 15 miles southwest of Crater Lake. Investigators say two men broke into the tower on Sunday afternoon, stealing batteries and solar panels used to power the lookout tower's fire detection camera. With these items stolen, the camera is no longer operational, leaving a hole in the camera network and taking away the opportunity for early fire detection. The Oregon Department of Forestry is working to get the camera system back up and running. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is seeking tips that lead to the arrest of the thieves. / SAFETY, WILDFIRES: Fire officials say a 38-year-old firefighter from Oregon has died in a small plane crash. Bend Fire & Rescue said Daniel Harro on Monday morning was flying with his twin brother Mark near Yellow Pine, Idaho,

when their plane crashed. They were returning to Bend from a backcountry plane camping trip near McCall, Idaho. The cause of the crash is under investigation. Harro had been with Bend Fire since 2014 as a firefighter and paramedic. / WEATHER, SAFETY, RECREATION: Another stretch of hot, sunny weather is on tap here in Oregon. Stay safe when you boat or play on Oregon's lakes and rivers. Some safety tips from the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: Wear a life jacket: It will help you survive an unexpected fall into the water and can save your life if you become exhausted due to fatigue, waves or current while swimming. Know your swimming abilities: Swimming in natural waters is different from swimming in a pool, and your swimming ability decreases with age. Expect the unexpected: If you fall or jump into water that is colder than 70 degrees, you can inhale water from involuntary gasping. The temperature of most lake and river water is 45-60 degrees. Understand "boater's hypnosis": This can slow your reaction time almost as much as if you were legally intoxicated. Eliminate alcohol consumption: Alcohol induces an inner ear condition (caloric labyrinthitis) that can cause you to become disoriented when underwater and not realize which way is up. / EDUCATION: The University of Oregon's Board of Trustees has voted unanimously to appoint Patrick Phillips as interim president. Phillips, who currently serves as the U-of-O's provost and senior vice president, will take over for President Michael Schill, who is leaving after seven years to become president at Northwestern University. Phillips will officially step into the interim presidency Saturday and Schill will serve as an advisor to Phillips through early September (Sept. 11). The UO Board of Trustees will discuss the search process and timeline for hiring a permanent president at its September meeting. Patrick Phillips has served in several leadership roles, including head of the Department of Biology, associate vice president for research, special adviser to the president, and inaugural executive director of the Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact. / EDUCATION, FINANCES, GOVERNMENT: (AP-OrLive) - Students who used federal loans to attend ITT Technical Institute as far back as 2005 will automatically see that debt canceled after authorities found "widespread and pervasive misrepresentations" at the defunct for-profit college chain. The Biden administration says the action will cancel \$3.9 billion in federal student debt for 208,000 borrowers. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the U.S. Department of Education will forgive nearly \$40 million in debt held by close to 2,100 (2,090) Oregonians who enrolled at ITT Technical Institutes between 2005 and 2016. The private-for profit college operated a single campus in Oregon, near Portland international airport, before it closed abruptly in 2016. Oregon's Ellen Rosenblum was among 25 state attorneys general who asked the department to forgive loans to students defrauded by the now-defunct school, which operated in 38 states. This latest action adds to the administration's list of student debt cancellations, but the question of whether to provide broader student debt cancellation is still being debated. President Biden supported general student debt cancellation as a presidential candidate and for months has been considering erasing up to \$10,000 per borrower. He promised a decision by the end of August. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC, EDUCATION: It can include symptoms like chronic fatigue, brain fog, headaches, sleeping problems, and dizziness. Now, a new study from University of Oregon researchers takes a closer look at the economic effects in Oregon of the condition known as "long COVID." The researchers, Robert Parker

and Benjamin Clark with the U-of-O's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement, estimates that between 90,000 to 280,000 Oregonians are living with the most severe aftereffects of COVID infections. They say that's led to a combined \$300 million to \$1.1 billion in lost wages, business staffing challenges, disruptions to childcare, and more. The study estimates between 10,000 to 30,000 Oregonians have missed more than one year of work—and that family and friends caring for those with long COVID have lost an additional \$390 million to \$830 million in wages. Long COVID has been difficult to diagnose, particularly among those infected during the early days of the pandemic before health experts knew much about the condition. / CRIME, SAFETY: On Monday night, many Eugene residents in the Cal Young and North Gilham neighborhoods received emergency alerts on their phones encouraging them to avoid the 1700 block of Balboa Street. It came after multiple reports of gunshots shortly before 9 p.m. No reports of injury. Police say the suspect, 50-year-old Douglas Rodger Engel, was firing a pistol at his residence and, when contacted by police by phone, refused to exit the building. Officials say the Street Crimes Unit recently obtained a search warrant with probable cause to arrest Engel. So, as the news release notes, a decision was made to serve the warrant earlier than planned. The response involved members of the Eugene Police Patrol, Street Crimes, SWAT, Crisis Negotiation Team, Metro Explosives Disposal Team, Tactical Dispatch and Drone Team. After repeated attempts to get him to surrender, SWAT and Drone Team specialists deployed gas into the residence, prompting Engel to exit and be taken into custody. A stolen handgun and additional items were recovered from the house. Engel faces a wide array of charges. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Kraft Heinz is recalling thousands of pouches of Capri Sun in the U.S. after some cleaning solution accidentally mixed with the juice on a production line. The company says it's recalling about 5,760 cases of Capri Sun Wild Cherry flavored juice blend. The "Best When Used By" date on the packages is June 25, 2023. Kraft Heinz says the diluted cleaning solution is used on its food processing equipment. The company says it discovered the problem after getting consumer complaints about the juice's taste. Consumers who bought the affected drinks should return them to the store where they were purchased to receive a refund. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: U.S. regulators have finalized a long-awaited rule that's expected to allow millions of Americans to buy hearing aids without a prescription. The rule from the Food and Drug Administration goes into effect this fall. It creates a new class of hearing aids that do not require a medical exam, a prescription, or other specialty services. Instead, the devices will be sold online or over-the-counter at pharmacies and other retail stores. The move follows years of pressure from medical experts and consumer advocates to make the devices cheaper and easier to get. Devices for more severe hearing loss will remain prescription only. Audiologists say those prescription-only devices offer additional features and programming to help offset things like tinnitus or provide custom enhancement to offset the loss of hearing at certain audio frequencies. / HEALTH, ANIMALS: Health officials are warning people who are infected with monkeypox to stay away from household pets, since the animals could be at risk of catching the virus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has had the advice in place as monkeypox spreads in the U.S. It gained new attention after a report from France, published last week in the medical journal Lancet, about an Italian greyhound that caught the virus. Infections have been detected in rodents and

other wild animals. But the authors called it the first report of monkeypox infection in a domesticated animal like a dog or cat. / LEGAL, GOVERNMENT: One day after Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters fired all nine members of the state commission that oversees public defense, she said Tuesday that she was appointing four new commissioners and reappointing five commissioners from the previous group. Walters had removed the entire commission amid frustration that hundreds of defendants charged with crimes and who cannot afford an attorney have been unable to obtain public defenders to represent them. Criminal defendants in Oregon who have gone without legal representation due to a shortage of public defenders filed a lawsuit in May that alleges the state is violating their constitutional right to legal counsel and a speedy trial. Last week, Walters unsuccessfully urged the commission to fire Steve Singer, the relatively new executive director of the Office of Public Defense Services. The new commission members plan to meet with its attorneys today to review and evaluate his job performance. / ELECTIONS: Oregon's gubernatorial election has taken a step closer to being a three-way race after unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson delivered thousands of voter signatures to get on the ballot. If the signatures are verified by election officials, Johnson will face Democratic nominee Tina Kotek, who is a former Oregon House Speaker; and Republican nominee Christine Drazan, a former leader of the minority GOP in the House. Johnson extolled the virtues of getting on the ballot through the power of people's signatures. She and several supporters delivered boxes of signature sheets to the election officials in Salem. Johnson served in the Legislature and previously belonged to the Republican and Democratic parties. / GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION: Each year, Lane County auctions vehicles that have reached a certain age of service or high mileage. Lane County Fleet Services is conducting a public, open-bid (with proxy bidding) auction between Thursday, August 18, through Saturday, August 20. Bids must be submitted online and will be received until Saturday, August 20, at 12:00 p.m. All bids start with a minimum set amount. This is the twenty-third year Lane County Fleet Services and other municipalities have combined their auctions to reduce the cost of disposing of surplus equipment. This week's auction is a partnership among Lane County, Eugene Water and Electric Board, the City of Eugene, Lane Transit District, Lane Regional Air Protection Agency and others. Examples of some of the items included in the auction are: 40-foot Gillig LTD buses; Mobility vans; Pickups with service bodies; Cars, trucks, SUVs; Road repair equipment; Grader; Gradall excavator. Proceeds help offset the cost to buy replacement vehicles. / SPORTS: Alabama is No. 1 in the preseason AP Top 25 for the second straight season. That is also the ninth time overall, second most in poll history. The Crimson Tide received 54 of 63 first-place votes. Ohio State is No. 2 with six first-place votes. Defending national champion Georgia is third with three first-place votes. Clemson is No. 4 and Notre Dame rounds out the top five. The Tide's preseason No. 1 ranking is the seventh in 15 years. Since the preseason rankings started in 1950, only Oklahoma has been No. 1 in the initial poll more than Alabama. At No. 7, Utah is the top Pac-12 team in the pre-season rankings. Oregon is ranked No. 11. The Ducks open their season against defending national champion Georgia on September 3 in Atlanta. / GOVERNMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: President Joe Biden has signed the Democrats' landmark climate change and health care bill into law. It's the "final piece" of the president's pared-down domestic agenda

as he aims to boost his party's standing with voters ahead of midterm elections. The legislation includes the biggest federal investment ever to fight climate change — some \$375 billion over a decade. The new law also caps prescription drug costs at \$2,000 out-of-pocket annually for Medicare recipients, and helps an estimated 13 million Americans pay for health care insurance by extending subsidies provided during the pandemic. Much of the funding comes from a new corporate minimum tax on the nation's biggest businesses. Climate scientists say the new spending will trim future warming a bit. The head of the science-oriented Climate Action Tracker calls it the biggest thing to ever happen to the U.S. on climate policy. He calculates that American emissions of carbon dioxide will now drop by as much as 42 percent compared to 2005 levels. That's not quite meeting the U.S. goal of cutting carbon pollution in half by end of the decade. ; President Joe Biden has just signed into law the biggest package of climate spending in history. Over the course of a decade, it includes about \$375 billion in incentives for cleaner energy and a smattering of fees. There's money that will be flowing, often in the form of tax credits, to spur manufacturing and installation of rooftop solar panels for homes, heat pumps, solar and wind energy farms, encourage sales of electric cars and trucks. Heavy manufacturing that now uses fossil fuels get incentives to switch to cleaner technology. The field of carbon capture and storage gets a major financial boost. There are increased fees or taxes on methane leaks from energy production and increased fees on oil for Superfund cleanup. That is expected to lead to work restarting on stalled Superfund efforts at many locations. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, PANDEMIC: It will be up to local school districts to decide on how best to protect students and staff from COVID-19 as kids and teens head back to school in the coming weeks. Leaders with the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education held a joint briefing yesterday, providing recommendations and updates on how schools can maintain in-person instruction during the upcoming school year. State education chief Colt Gill said the goal is offering full access to in-person instruction all day, every school day, for every student. Gill says his department is providing extensive resources to Oregon Kindergarten through 12th Grade schools. Those include planning documents, print and video tools, and resources to support students and school personnel both mentally and emotionally. Gill and the Oregon Health Authority's Dean Sidelinger also encouraged Oregon families to schedule COVID-19 vaccinations, along with routine childhood immunizations, to ensure their children are well-protected as they prepare to head back to the classroom. Pending federal and state approvals, Oregon health officials anticipate receiving shipments of those updated Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine boosters this fall. The new generation of vaccines have been designed to target two especially contagious Omicron subvariants and the original coronavirus strain. The Oregon Health Authority is encouraging anyone who is eligible for vaccination get those boosters to protect themselves, their families, and the community. But they say if you're still not boosted, get that now and do not wait until the fall. Sidelinger also noted hospitalizations of COVID-19-positive patients continued to decline statewide in the past month. / EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH: This year's back-to-school season will restore a degree of pre-pandemic normalcy. But many of COVID-19's lasting impacts remain a troubling reality for schools. Among them: student mental health reached crisis levels last year. The pressure on schools to figure out solutions has never been greater. Districts across the country are using federal pandemic money to hire more mental health specialists, rolling out new coping tools and expanding curriculum that prioritizes emotional health. / HEALTH: Oregon health officials say the state has recorded its first pediatric case of the monkeypox virus. The case is linked to an adult who was diagnosed with an infection in early July. The Oregon Health Authority did not release any additional information about the patient, including</p>

their age or county of residence, citing privacy concerns. But officials emphasize that the child did not get the virus at school, at a childcare facility, or in any other community setting. State experts acknowledged the concerns of parents who are preparing to send their students back to school in the coming weeks. But they emphasize that the risk of monkeypox spreading in school settings is low, reminding families that the most common means of person-to-person transmission is direct contact with the rash, scabs, or body fluids of a person who has the virus. The pediatric case is one of 116 presumptive and confirmed cases of monkeypox in Oregon, which also includes 112 men and four women. The illnesses were reported since early June. The cases are in seven counties: including 20 here in Lane County. Nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are nearly 12,700 cases in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. They are among more than 38,000 cases in 93 countries. Symptoms of the virus can include fever, swollen lymph nodes, chills, headache, muscle aches and fatigue. Not everyone will have these symptoms, but everyone will experience a rash or sores. The rash can affect the skin of the face, arms, legs and torso, as well as the genitals, in and/or around the anus (butthole), or in the mouth. Initially, the rash can look like a pimple with an area of red skin underneath it. From there, the pimples can get a little bigger, form indentations, and fill with fluid or pus. Typically, they then scab. It usually takes two to four weeks to heal over with fresh skin. The Oregon Health Authority recommends people who test positive for monkeypox or who are awaiting test results isolate at home to avoid spread of infection to others. People who suspect they have monkeypox should contact their health care provider to let them know before going in. Those who do not have a health care provider can call 2-1-1 to get help finding a clinic or health care provider or contact their local public health authority to find a clinic or provider.

/ WILDFIRES: Warm and dry conditions increased fire behavior on the southeast corner of the Cedar Creek Fire yesterday. The blaze is burning a few miles this side of Waldo Lake near the crest of the Cascades. It has charred more than 4,800 acres (4,836). A lot of the battle is occurring in the air. Fire managers say heavy helicopters were used to target hot spots and help keep fire activity low in wilderness areas. Small helicopters and Unmanned Aircraft Systems or drones strategically dropped small spheres filled with incendiary fluids in an effort to start small backfires and deprive the main blaze of fuel. Fixed-wing unmanned aircraft are being used at night to provide firefighters with additional imagery highlighting active parts of the fire. They are outfitted with infrared technology to monitor hot spots and give crews "eyes in the sky" at times when traditional aircraft cannot fly. Today is forecast to be the hottest and driest day of the week with a chance of afternoon thunderstorms that could bring gusty winds and the risk of increased fire behavior. But the morning is starting off with rain showers in the Cascades, wetting down roads and providing a bit of humidity on the fire lines. Officials say close to 750 personnel (751) are battling the Cedar Creek Fire. The blaze is burning in heavy forests, brush, and grass. Much of that terrain is steep and difficult to access. The Waldo Lake Wilderness remains closed along with some nearby areas. The east side of Waldo Lake remains open, along with its campgrounds and recreation sites and a nearby portion of the Pacific Crest Trail, but officials warn closures are possible if conditions change. Three other fires are burning to the south, near Diamond Peak and the Pacific Crest Trail. The Windigo, Potter, and Big Swamp

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HEALTH, LABOR: They say they are the first health clinics to unionize in Lane County. Officials with the Oregon Nurses Association say health care providers from four clinics operated by PeaceHealth have voted overwhelmingly to form a union. The thirteen physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants work at two urgent care clinics in Eugene, one urgent care clinic in Springfield, and the walk-in clinic located at South Eugene's Woodfield Station. Officials with the new bargaining unit, PeaceHealth Providers United, say their focus will be on addressing burnout, staff levels, patient care, and patient access. / HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPLOYMENT: It's an essential local non-profit that provides affordable medical, dental, and crisis care to people who lack access to medical care and insurance, are homeless, or struggling with mental health issues. But as is the case with so many businesses and organizations, hiring remains a challenge for the Eugene-based White Bird Clinic. This month, White Bird issued an urgent request for Dental Assistant applicants for its programs. White Bird's website at whitebirdclinic.org lists more than two dozen other openings, ranging from a Family Practice or Internal Medicine physician, to crisis intervention counselors and medics, members of White Bird's nationally acclaimed CAHOOTS team, and even an accounting specialist and a payroll and office clerk. Sunday morning on Community Forum, we'll sit down with three managers with the White Bird Clinic to learn more about their services and hiring needs. Tune in on Sunday at 6:30 a.m. to KKNV or stream us online. / MILITARY, EMPLOYMENT, FAMILIES, WOMEN, CHILDREN: It's not just private employers who face hiring and staffing challenges. Across the U.S., National Guard units are struggling to recruit and retain members. Many personnel say it's because they struggle to find childcare during for their monthly training weekends. Starting this fall, the National Guard is launching a pilot program in six states—including Washington state—to provide childcare to Guard members during their weekend drills. Military.com reports the move extends free childcare to a group of soldiers who do not already have access to on-base options. That would assist part-time soldiers who lack the benefit the Army's other 400,000 parents enjoy. If the pilot program runs well, it will be expanded across the country. The pilot program will be open to Guard members with children ages 6 weeks to 12 years whose spouse, significant other, or another adult living in the house has to work

during drill weekend and is not available to care for the children. / SAFETY, RECREATION: Benton County Sheriff's investigators say deputies have recovered the body of a missing Eugene man whose canoe capsized on the Willamette River in early May. They say the body of 36-year-old Justin Grossman was spotted Wednesday by a paddler who located it on a small river island about one mile north of Harrisburg's McCartney Park. The Lane County Sheriff's Office searched unsuccessfully for Grossman in early May, after a witness called 911 to say they'd seen a man struggling in the water near Eugene's Owosso Footbridge before slipping beneath the surface. Officials said Grossman had reportedly been camping on an island in the river and was using the canoe to make trips between the island and shore when his craft capsized. / FISHERIES: Some better news about wild fish from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: Numbers of wild summer steelhead returning to the North Umpqua River are showing improvement. ODFW biologists say that as of mid-July, they recorded close to 1,100 wild summer steelhead (1,094) crossing Winchester Dam in the North Umpqua River. That's a big improvement over the same time in 2021, when only 450 wild fish returned. Experts say returns remain below average for this time of year, but the higher numbers are an encouraging sign. State biologists project this year's run will rise above the critical threshold of 1,200 wild summer steelhead returning by December 1, largely because of improving ocean conditions. ODFW biologists are encouraging anglers to continue following good catch-and-release techniques for wild fish and asking everyone to avoid areas where wild summer steelhead might be holding such in deeper, cooler pools in the North Umpqua River system. / RACISM, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: The names are more than a century old and just as outdated. Tomorrow, members of the Oregon Geographic Names Board meet in Eugene to consider proposals to name or re-name geographic features in five Oregon counties. Four proposals to re-name geographic features currently have the word "Negro" attached to them. They include a ridge and two creeks in Douglas County and a hilltop in Grant County. Also on the agenda are proposals to rename a Wasco County summit currently known as "Chinaman Hat," and the Lane County peak known as "Swastika Mountain." Geographic names have been documented and standardized in the United States since 1890 when President Benjamin Harrison established the United States Board on Geographic Names. But in recent years, Oregon's Geographic Names Board has supervised the naming or re-naming of geographic features within the state and made recommendations to the federal geographic names board. The state board also has created a toponymic guide and historical tour to the McKenzie River in Lane County, as told through Oregon Geographic Names, 7th Edition, which is available online at https://www.ohs.org/about-us/affiliates-and-partners/oregon-geographic-names-board/upload/McKenzie_River_tour_bjf-27Jun2022.pdf / RECREATION, COMMUNITY: It's one of Lane County's most unusual covered bridges and starting next week it's getting a fresh coat of paint. The Office Bridge in Westfir was constructed in 1944 by the Westfir Lumber Company to allow log trucks and their loads to cross the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. At 180 feet, it is the longest covered bridge in the state and one of only two built with a form of truss construction that allowed it to carry those heavy loads. The mill is long gone, but the bridge remains open for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. It a popular spot for photos and recreation and includes a small park on the far

side of the span. Starting Sunday and lasting through mid-October, the Office Bridge is closing so crews may set up their scaffolds and ropes to give the span a fresh coat of red paint. Work will be completed well before the holiday season, when the bridge is adorned with lights and decorations. / AGRICULTURE, WEATHER, SAFETY: Home gardening has been on the rise during the pandemic, and now it's harvest time in many places. But it's also vacation season, so how do you maintain a garden and take care of your hard-won vegetables, fruit, and flowers during extended trips away? Some home gardeners are skipping getting housesitters, and instead asking friends and family to focus on the garden—a few are even hiring professional sitters. Experts suggest designating one trusted person to avoid a harvesting free-for-all in your garden. There also are steps you can take to help protect your plants while you're gone to ensure they don't suffer from water loss and competition from weeds. / ECONOMY, HOUSING: The housing market's comedown from its high-flying days early this year is deepening, with home sales in July falling for the sixth straight month. Sharply higher mortgage rates, surging inflation and prices that remain near all-time highs are making homes less affordable. The National Association of Realtors said Thursday that sales fell 20.2 percent from July last year, reaching the slowest pace since May 2020, near the start of the pandemic. But the slowdown has begun to tip the homebuying equation, if ever so slightly, in favor of house hunters who can afford to stay in the market and away from sellers. / BUSINESS, PANDEMIC: The Wall Street Journal is reporting that Cineworld Group, the owner of Regal Cinemas, is preparing to file for bankruptcy protection within the next few weeks. It comes after the world's second-largest theatre chain struggled to rebuild attendance during the pandemic. In 2020, Regal's nearly 800 theater locations were closed amid pandemic restrictions. Company officials say that despite a gradual recovery in attendance since reopening theaters last year, recent admissions have lagged below expectations due to a limited number of new movie releases. Regal Cinemas operates a multiplex at Eugene's Valley River Center featuring stadium seating. It's unknown whether a bankruptcy filing by the chain's parent company would affect operations. The company's biggest competitor, AMC Entertainment Holdings, has faced similar challenges but raised enough investor money to stay afloat when individual investors made it a popular internet "meme stock." / ENTERTAINMENT: It launched the careers of Carrie Underwood, Scotty McCreery, and others. Later this month, "American Idol" is conducting auditions via Zoom ahead of its new season on ABC. The live auditions for would-be Oregon contestants are set for one week from today, on Friday, August 26. Sign up at <https://abc.com/shows/american-idol/auditions>. You may also submit a recorded video audition between now and September 15. Contestants must be at least 15 years of age. If you're under 18, you'll need a parent or guardian to sign the release form and be present during your virtual audition. This season of "American Idol" is set to begin in December and will feature judges Luke Bryan, Katy Perry, and Lionel Richie, along with host Ryan Seacrest. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: It could put more pressure on leaders of the Pac-12 Conference as they negotiate their new TV deal. The Big Ten yesterday announced its new seven-year \$7.5-billion media rights deal with Fox, NBC and CBS. It is believed to be the richest ever struck with a college sports conference. The conference's soon-to-be 16 member universities eventually will share more than \$1 billion in revenue per year. Starting in 2024, when USC and UCLA leave

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EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT, FINANCES: President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced his long-delayed plan for student loan forgiveness, granting \$10,000 in relief to borrowers who earn less than \$125,000 a year. His action also grants an additional \$10,000 in relief to recipients of Pell Grants. Pell grants were created by the Higher Education Act in 1965 as a way to promote access to education. The scholarships are reserved for undergraduates and certain other students with the most significant financial need. The president's plan also proposes more flexibility in loan repayment options. More than 43 million Americans owe a combined \$1.6 trillion in student debt to the federal government, according to the latest data from the Education Department. Almost one-third of borrowers owe less than \$10,000 and more than half owe less than \$20,000. Backers of the plan say student loan forgiveness would help blue-collar workers who borrowed money to get associate degrees or who dropped out without finishing, and white-collar workers who have debt from advanced degrees. They say debt cancellation will boost the economy and narrow the racial wealth gap. Opponents say it's too costly and unfairly helps college graduates at the expense of taxpayers who didn't go to college. Conservatives are likely to challenge forgiveness in court, and even some liberal think tanks question the value of broad cancellation. / BUSINESS: After less than a year serving Lane County, ExpressJet Airlines—which operated its “aHa” service between Eugene’s airport and Reno-Tahoe—has filed for bankruptcy protection and canceled all flights. Company officials say aHa’s direct flights from 11 communities in Western states appealed to travelers seeking to enjoy the casinos, skiing, and other attractions in the Reno-Tahoe region. But ultimately, company officials say they couldn’t sell enough tickets nor secure enough hotel travel packages. aHa began its flights between Eugene and Reno-Tahoe on November 1, the only non-stop connection between the two airports. In a news release, the airline notes that passengers who purchased upcoming tickets with aHa should contact their credit card companies about refunds and that parent company ExpressJet cannot assist with alternate travel arrangements. / AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, TRIBES, FISHERIES: The Klamath Irrigation District in southern Oregon has reversed course and saying it is now complying with a U.S. government order to stop delivering water to farmers in the drought-stricken area.

The Capital Press reports the district closed a canal after officials threatened to withhold millions of dollars in drought assistance. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation manages the Klamath Project that includes Klamath Irrigation District and serves 170,000 acres of farmland on the Oregon-California border. A limited allocation of water was allowed for irrigators from Upper Klamath Lake because of extreme drought. The bureau ordered the water shutdown last week, but the irrigation district's directors initially defied the order. To the south, in California, leaders in that state earlier warned a group of farmers and ranchers to stop diverting water from an area along the Shasta River, a major Klamath tributary, hit hard by both the drought and a recent wildfire that muddied the waters and killed tens of thousands of fish. California regulators on Friday issued a draft cease-and-desist order to the Shasta Water Association, warning it to stop taking water from the Shasta River watershed or face possible fines of up to \$10,000 a day. / RECREATION, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Vacation towns across the United States are facing a housing crisis and grappling with how to regulate the industry they point to as a culprit: Short-term rentals such as those booked through Airbnb and Vrbo that have squeezed small towns' limited housing supply and sent rents skyrocketing for full-time residents. This week, the Colorado ski resort Steamboat Springs passed regulations for short-term rentals, such as those booked on Airbnb, amid a severe housing crisis. The ordinances prohibit new short-term rentals in most of the city and require landlords to obtain a license to operate. Other vacation towns facing low housing supply, including coastal cities in Oregon's Lincoln County, are grappling with how to regulate the industry, and analysts say Steamboat Springs' new rules could prove a model for others. Renting short-term, defined as fewer than 30 days, has become increasingly popular for people who own second homes. Many charge hundreds of dollars a night for their properties. Property investment companies increasingly have moved into the short-term rental sector, sinking hundreds of millions of dollars into the industry. But the effects on communities include fewer housing units and rising rents for workers. / WILDFIRES: Warm and dry conditions continue to be a challenge for crews battling the Cedar Creek Fire in the Oregon Cascades. The blaze is burning 15 miles east of Oakridge and a finger of the blaze has touched the west side of Waldo Lake. The fire has charred more than 7,200 acres (7,264) and three weeks in, it remains zero percent contained, as more than 1,000 personnel are challenged by steep, hard-to-access terrain that includes a mix of heavy forests, brush, and grass. Helicopters continue to drop water on the southeastern portion of the blaze and some crews this week are camped on the west side of Waldo Lake, just outside the boundary of the Waldo Lake Wilderness, to dig firelines. Other firefighters operating heavy equipment have been removing fire-weakened trees that have fallen or have the potential to fall, to increase crew safety. That equipment is also being used, where possible, to build firelines. An expanded closure in place for the Cedar Creek Fire includes all trailheads and dispersed camping west and north of Waldo Lake. The lake, campgrounds, and trails (including the Pacific Crest Trail) on the east side of the lake remain open. The Huckleberry Flats Off-Highway Vehicle or "OHV" Park is closed to provide access for firefighters and equipment working within the area. There also is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place—meaning NO DRONES other than those authorized to assist fire crews. Remember, if you fly, helicopters and other aircraft cannot, putting fire crews on the ground at greater

risk and slowing the battle. / RACISM, ENVIRONMENT: The name of a mountain in southern Lane County will soon be changed. Members of the Oregon Geographic Names Board confirmed the move which will give Swastika Mountain—located about six miles southwest of Oakridge—a new designation. Two proposals for a new name, Umpqua Mountain and Mount Halo, have been submitted. The mountain is more than 4,000 feet tall and is located in the Umpqua National Forest. In the Umpqua proposal is an email voicing support from Jeremy Johnson, the cultural resources program manager for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. Mount Halo refers to Chief Halito, leader of the Yoncalla Kalapuya tribe, whose name was commonly shortened to Chief Halo. / YOUTH, CHILDREN, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, CHARITY: Billionaire philanthropist MacKenzie Scott donated \$44 million to the Oregon-based mentoring organization, Friends of the Children, which supports children at risk of entering the welfare system by pairing them with a longtime mentor. The unrestricted gift provides \$15 million to the organization's national headquarters and splits \$29 million in direct donations to 12 of the organization's chapters from Tampa Bay to Detroit to Los Angeles. Terri Sorensen, the CEO of Friends of the Children, said Scott told intermediaries she chose the organization in hopes more people would learn about its work. The gift, the largest in the organization's history, nearly doubles its 2022 budget. / HEALTH, YOUTH, GOVERNMENT: In Portland, health officials with Multnomah County are drafting a proposal that would ban the sale of flavored nicotine products. Multnomah County's governing board will review the proposal next month. Those seeking to ban the sale of flavored nicotine products say that although the age to purchase them is 21, teens are getting them, and the flavored products are dangerous for everyone's health. Last year, the Board of Commissioners in Washington County were the first in Oregon to ban the sale of flavored tobacco products. That ban is on hold after a temporary injunction prohibited its enforcement. / HEALTH: The compound in psychedelic mushrooms helped heavy drinkers cut back or quit entirely in the most rigorous test of psilocybin for alcoholism. The study was published Wednesday in JAMA Psychiatry. More research is needed to see if the effect lasts. The study involved 93 patients who took either psilocybin or a dummy medicine. They received two such sessions, one month apart. All patients also received 12 sessions of talk therapy and were followed for eight months. The patients taking psilocybin reduced their heavy drinking compared to the other group. And almost half stopped drinking entirely compared to 24 percent of the control group. / CRIME, RACISM: A Lane County man has pleaded guilty in federal court to a hate crime and to making false statements in connection with a racially-motivated assault in Washington state. 42-year-old Randy Smith of Eugene is third of four men from across the Pacific Northwest being prosecuted for punching and kicking a Black man at a bar in December of 2018. In his plea agreement, Smith admitted he was a member of a white supremacist support group at the time of the assault. Daniel Dorson of Corvallis and Jason DeSimas of Tacoma, Washington, previously pleaded guilty to the same charges. / SPORTS: Former Oregon quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota has been named as an honorary captain for the Ducks for their big season-opening game against the Georgia Bulldogs in Atlanta. Mariota is now a quarterback with the Atlanta Falcons after playing first with the Tennessee Titans followed by the Las Vegas Raiders. The Oregon-Georgia contest at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz

Stadium is the “Chick-fil-A Kickoff Game” game and will be featured with a national broadcast on ABC / KEZI-TV at 12:30 p.m. in the afternoon, our time, on Saturday, September 3. /

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CRIME: A massive drug bust west of Junction City, where Lane County Sheriff's deputies, assisted by several other law-enforcement agencies, on Wednesday morning served a search warrant at a property in the 26000 block of High Pass Road. Investigators say they located approximately 32 separate greenhouses being used to cultivate marijuana plants in various stages of maturity. In all, more than 8,700 (8,716) illegal marijuana plants were seized and destroyed. Several migrant workers, believed to be victims of human trafficking, were found living in what officials described as deplorable and unsanitary conditions in the adjacent forest. The workers were detained, interviewed, and released after being provided with information about local support services available to them. One man, 27-year-old Julian Marin, was charged with the Illegal Manufacture of Marijuana and in connection with warrant for an unrelated offense outside of Lane County. Officials say evidence indicates that the grow operation was being funded and overseen by a criminal organization based in Mexico. In addition to the illegal nature of the operation, officials are concerned about its impacts on the property. They say the greenhouses, along with their electrical and irrigation systems, were unpermitted and contained numerous code violations. Additionally, the operation is being investigated for the unlawful use of water at the site. In addition to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, other agencies taking part in the search included the Springfield and Eugene Police Departments, Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team, federal Drug Enforcement Administration, and Oregon Department of Forestry. ; Police are seeking tips on a suspect in yesterday morning's armed robbery of a Bethel-area business. Around 7:30 a.m., Thursday, they say a man with a gun entered Sandy's Deli in the 4900 block of Barger Drive, reportedly fired a shot in the business, then left with cash. No one was wounded. Police searched the area but did not locate the suspect. He is described as a white male in his 40s, with a heavy build and he was last seen wearing a black military-type jacket, black cargo pants, a black Nike hat with a white logo, a black Nike zip up. He also had on clear-frame sunglasses with bright-blue lenses. Have tips in the case? Contact Eugene Police at 541-682-5111. / LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, WOMEN, HEALTH, CHILDREN: Three more Republican-led states banned almost all abortions this week. It's another result of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. To date, 13 states have passed so-

called “trigger laws” that were designed to outlaw almost all abortions if the high court threw out the constitutional right to end a pregnancy. The majority of those states began enforcing their bans soon after the June 24 decision. But Idaho, Tennessee and Texas had to wait 30 days beyond when the justices formally entered the judgment, which happened several weeks after the ruling was announced. That deadline was up yesterday. North Dakota’s trigger law takes effect today. ; Planned Parenthood leaders in Oregon said yesterday there has been a surge in the number of people traveling from out of state for abortions, including from neighboring Idaho, where most of a near-total abortion ban has taken effect. They say some Oregon clinics are hiring more staff and expanding telehealth services to respond to the growing demand. That includes a clinic in Bend that currently is the closest to the Idaho border. Planned Parenthood also is working to renovate a health clinic in the Eastern Oregon city of Ontario. Idaho’s new law bans all abortions, with a very limited exception for some victims of rape and incest. The ban makes performing an abortion in any “clinically diagnosable pregnancy” a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Much of Idaho’s law went into effect yesterday. But on Wednesday, a federal judge cleared the way, for now, for hospitals to continue treating ectopic pregnancies and other pregnancy-related complications, saying that state cannot prosecute anyone who is performing an abortion in an emergency medical situation. Oregon has the fewest limits on abortion and most extensive public funding for it of any state in the nation, according to the Guttmacher institute, which tracks abortion issues. Earlier this year, Oregon’s Democrat-controlled legislature set aside \$15 million to support abortion access and reproductive health in Oregon. Planned Parenthood says most of the abortions it performs in Oregon occur during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and about 70 percent of all abortions use medication abortion or the abortion pill. Abortion rights advocates worry Idaho’s ban might also limit access to care for patients in eastern Oregon, near the Idaho state line. Anne Udall, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette, estimated about one-third of eastern Oregon residents could be impacted by the Idaho law. / ELECTIONS: Oregon election officials say unaffiliated gubernatorial candidate Betsy Johnson has qualified for the November ballot. That officially puts Johnson, a former legislator, in a three-way race against the Democratic nominee Tina Kotek and Republican nominee Christine Drahan. State elections officials say Johnson submitted well over the more than 23,744 signatures needed to appear on the November ballot as an unaffiliated candidate. Johnson has a lengthy background in Oregon politics and already has outraised her two opponents. Johnson was initially a member of the Republican party but later joined the Democratic party. She became an unaffiliated candidate in order to run for governor. Democrat Tina Kotek is a former Oregon House Speaker. Republican Christine Drahan is a former leader of the House GOP. The race has attracted national attention, both for its three experienced political candidates and the fact that all three are women. / TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT: The state of California will require all new cars, trucks and SUVs sold within its borders to run on electricity or hydrogen by 2035. It’s an ambitious move away from gasoline-powered vehicles and the pollution they emit. The policy approved Thursday by the California Air Resources Board is the world’s most stringent set of rules for transitioning to electric vehicles. It doesn’t ban the use of gas-powered cars or the sale of used ones. But it would require 100 percent of new sales of

passenger cars, trucks and SUVs to be powered by electricity or hydrogen by 2035, with one-fifth allowed to be plug-in hybrids. California's new requirements will be phased in beginning starting in 2026. It will take 13 years for the new rules to become fully effective. But the size of California's market and the sheer number of vehicle buyers in that state will shape policy nationwide, as leading carmakers retool their lines to meet expected demand. At the same time, California will need to increase its efforts to support electric- and hydrogen-powered vehicles. Experts say the transformation will require 15 times more car chargers across the state and a more robust energy grid. Additionally, electric vehicles or "EVs" now cost substantially more than gasoline-powered counterparts. Prices are expected to fall as more automakers produce more vehicles. But they face some supply-chain challenges amid shortages of the precious metals needed for electric vehicle batteries. The U.S. has little battery manufacturing capacity. But a lot can change in 13 years. Oregon has been taking similar steps to require all new vehicles sold by 2035 are zero-emission. On the heels of California's announcement, Washington state Governor Jay Inslee said yesterday his state will follow California and prohibit the sale of new gas-powered vehicles by 2035. In 2020, Washington lawmakers passed a law directing the state Department of Ecology to adopt California's emissions standards as they're rolled out, part of a unified effort by West Coast states. /

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WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: The state fire marshal has deployed five additional task forces to help battle a volatile wildfire in Southwestern Oregon, including a task force from Lane County. Personnel and equipment from South Lane, McKenzie, Mohawk, Pleasant Hill-Goshen, and the Lane Fire Authority are joining other structural protection specialists assisting wildland crews battling the Rum Creek Fire. More than 730 personnel are battling the blaze on the ground and from the air. The lightning-sparked blaze is burning along a scenic stretch of the Rogue River, about 12 miles northwest of Grants Pass. Since it was spotted on August 17, it has charred trees and dry vegetation across an area that lies roughly between the hamlet of Galice (guh-LEES') and the Whiskey Creek campground just east of Tyee Bar. Hundreds of people were evacuated, and flames have destroyed several structures. The blaze also has forced the closure and evacuation of many nearby parks, campgrounds, and boat ramps during what would normally be the end of a busy summer recreation season. The Rum Creek Fire has doubled its size several times in recent days and now covers more than 8,400 acres. Strong winds have sent the flames roaring across steep slopes, complicating the suppression effort. The deployment of additional task forces comes as hot weather and more volatile conditions return this week. Today in Medford, family and friends are gathering along with firefighters and forestry officials to attend a memorial for wildland firefighter Logan Taylor, who died last week battling the Rum Creek Fire. ; Close to 950 personnel remain on the lines of the Cedar Creek Fire, burning 15 miles east of Oakridge and west of Waldo Lake. Warming and dry conditions continue to be a challenge for crews, as does steep, hard-to-access terrain. The blaze has burned more than 7,600 acres and is ten percent contained. But cooler temperatures and higher humidity helped heading into the weekend. A community meeting to provide an update on the firefighting efforts is set for Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Oakridge at Greenwaters Park, off Highway 58. The meeting also will be streamed live on the Cedar Creek Fire Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CedarCreekFire2022> ; An expanded closure remains in place for the Cedar Creek Fire includes all trailheads and dispersed camping west and north of Waldo Lake. The lake, campgrounds, and trails (including the Pacific Crest Trail) on the east side of the lake remain open. The Huckleberry Flats Off-Highway Vehicle or "OHV" Park is

closed to provide access for firefighters and equipment working within the area. There also is a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) in place—meaning NO DRONES other than those authorized to assist fire crews. Remember, if you fly, helicopters and other aircraft cannot, putting fire crews on the ground at greater risk and slowing the battle. ; With much of the region in drought, Governor Kate Brown yesterday declared a statewide emergency because of the imminent threat of wildfires across Oregon. The governor's declaration authorizes leaders from the Department of Forestry, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Department of Emergency Management to mobilize additional personnel, equipment, and facilities from other state agencies as needed. The declaration also allows the state to request assistance from other states, if necessary, and can clear the way for mobilizing members of the Oregon National Guard should those personnel be needed. ; It was another reminder of increased fire danger here in Lane County. Units from Eugene-Springfield Fire responded yesterday morning along with the Oregon Department of Forestry and Pleasant Hill-Goshen Fire and Rescue to a small brush fire in the Thurston Hills Natural Area. The blaze was located off the Camas Crest Trail. Crews located a fire covering roughly 100 by 150 feet in the brush and treeline. A smoke plume of smoke was visible from most of Springfield Sunday morning. Crews quickly brought the fire under control and remained in the area mopping up over the next few hours. / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: A report this month from Oregon's Search and Rescue Coordinator underscores the importance of safety when playing in the outdoors—including for the upcoming Labor Day Weekend. Over the last decade, a staggering 99 percent of people needing Search and Rescue assistance in Oregon lived outside the county where they were rescued—underscoring that people exploring the state might be inexperienced, unprepared, or encountering unfamiliar terrain when heading out to adventure. Summer is always a busy time for Oregon's Search and Rescue programs, and 2022 has been no exception. State coordinator Scott Lucas says the good news is that search-and-rescue missions are down 22 percent from this time last year. But injuries are up 35 percent over the same span, meaning there might be fewer missions, but crews are encountering people with greater injuries. There's been a big increase in the past decade in alpine rescues, which covers mountainous regions at elevations of 5,000 feet or higher. Over the past decade, alpine rescues are up 100 percent and 19 percent over the last year alone. Officials say climbing injuries are up 26 percent, often because people do not know the area, the proper routes, or their own limits. That has meant more extreme lifesaving helicopter missions. Many rescue missions involve those with hiking injuries, often among people who were ill-prepared for their adventure. Oregon is known for year-round outdoor recreation. With the opening of archery hunting season and Oregon's new rules of drawing tags, many hunters will be in new and unfamiliar locations. That, combined with folks looking to squeeze in the last bit of summer, might escalate the risk and resulting SAR missions. There's also a greater risk of human-caused fires as we hit the height of wildfire season. One positive upward trend is the use of GPS tracking devices; this tells us that people are starting to pay greater attention to our SAR messaging and understand the importance of being prepared. Having a plan helps prepare explorers for any Oregon adventure – as those in emergency management know all too well. Now is a critical time to remember the best safety practices when heading outdoors, including getting

familiar with the area they're heading, bringing printed maps, checking local fire restrictions, packing appropriately, traveling with a companion, and always letting someone know where you're going and when you'll be back. / CRIME: In Central Oregon, police say a gunman with an AR-15-style rifle opened fire Sunday evening in a shopping center on Bend's east side, killing one person outside a Safeway, then walking through the grocery store, spraying gunfire down every aisle and killing another person. Bend Police said officers found the gunman dead in the store, in close proximity to the weapon and a shotgun. They did not say how he died. They have not yet released his name nor that of the victims. A Bend Police spokeswoman said the incident began shortly after seven p.m. near the Costco and that the gunman fired shots into the Big Lots store next door to the Safeway before shooting and killing an individual in the entryway to grocery store. Terrified shoppers and employees said they fled for safety. The Bend Bulletin quotes witnesses who said the shooting prompted shoppers to reach for their own weapons. Bend Police said their officers did not fire any shots. ; At least two notable seizures of a brightly-colored version of fentanyl last week in the Portland area have prompted the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to warn people to be on the lookout for it. Officials say rainbow fentanyl, as it's known, is a version of the highly toxic and often fatal synthetic opioid that can look like sidewalk chalk, or candy. Rainbow fentanyl has appeared recently in several forms in cities across the country. Officials say fentanyl is commonly disguised in fake prescription pills and that the fakes are indistinguishable from real pills. They say if you find or come in contact with pills not dispensed by a licensed pharmacist, assume they are fake and potentially lethal. Anyone who encounters any version of fentanyl is urged to refrain from handling it and call 911 immediately. Provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate there were over 107,000 fatal drug overdoses in the U.S. in 2021, an increase of nearly 15 percent from the previous year, federal officials said. Synthetic opioids — primarily fentanyl — accounted for more than three-quarters of those deaths. / EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY: Some encouraging employment trends in Lane County during the past 12 months. On the heels of the pandemic-caused recession, an analysis from the Oregon Employment Division finds the battered Leisure and Hospitality sector added 2,700 net jobs between July of 2021 and July of this year. That's a 17 percent increase. The Construction sector continued operating through the pandemic and saw increased activity during the past year in Lane County. It was up by six percent, adding a net 500 jobs. Financial Activities sector was up nine percent with a net gain of 900 jobs locally. But there were some overall losses, including in Health Care and Social assistance, which was down by 400 net jobs. Still, Lane County's unemployment rate remains low—at 3.8 percent. That's down better than two percent from last year. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: On Saturday morning around 6:20 a.m., Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a single-vehicle crash on Highway 126W about four miles west of Walton. Officials say a westbound Chevrolet Colorado, operated by 39-year-old Chad Colborn of Florence, failed to negotiate a corner and exited the roadway, striking a tree. Colborn was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger, 26-year-old Skeyla Wardrobe of Mapleton, was transported via air ambulance with critical injuries. Additional passengers, 34-year-old Shane Sprinkle of Florence and 24-year-old Jaydon Woodruff of Eugene, were

transported with non-life-threatening injuries. Highway 126W was closed for approximately 5 hours for the investigation. ; On Friday morning at about 7:40 a.m., state police responded to a two-vehicle crash on Highway 126E near milepost 31, midway between Vida and Nimrod. Investigators say a black Chevrolet, operated by 37-year-old Juan Carbajal Rodrigues, was attempting to back a flatbed trailer loaded with construction material into a driveway. A construction worker was flagging traffic while the Chevy momentarily used the eastbound lane. An eastbound Acura TSX, operated by 40-year-old Shannon Randall of Leaburg, failed to stop for the individual flagging, nearly striking them. Randall swerved to avoid the flagger but collided with the trailer. Randall died at the scene. The passenger in the Acura, a 17-year-old boy from Leaburg, was transported with non-life-threatening injuries to a local hospital. Carbajal Rodrigues was not injured. Highway 126E was closed for approximately 2 hours. ; Early Saturday morning around 1:15 a.m., Oregon State Police and emergency personnel responded to a single vehicle crash on Highway 99E just north of Junction City. Preliminary investigation revealed a southbound black Dodge Charger, operated by 41-year-old Randal Hahn Jr. of Eugene, crossed over the northbound lane and exited the roadway striking a utility pole. Hahn died at the scene. Speed is being investigated as a contributing factor. Highway 99E was closed for approximately 4 hours while the scene was investigated. ; On Friday afternoon shortly before four p.m., the Lane County Sheriff's Office received the report of a single-vehicle crash in the 34000 block of Shoreview Drive, southeast of Cottage Grove. Deputies were advised that a red Jeep had crashed into a pole. Medics determined that the driver, 40-year-old Simona Fredrickson of Cottage Grove, was deceased. Investigators say Fredrickson had been traveling on Shoreview Drive near the intersection with Spillway Road when her vehicle left the roadway for an unknown reason and struck a utility pole and tree. Investigators believe excessive speed might have been a factor. /

EDUCATION, MENTAL HEALTH: School districts around the country are starting to invest in programs aimed at addressing the mental health of teachers. Faced with a shortage of educators and widespread discontentment with the job, districts are hiring more therapists, holding trainings on self-care and setting up system to better respond to a teacher encountering anxiety and stress. This comes as surveys show teachers are not happy with their job. In a survey by the Rand Corporation, twice as many principals and teachers reported frequent job-related stress as other working adults. / TRANSPORTATION, GOVERNMENT: Quick reminder from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): The Eugene DMV office moves into its new permanent home at Valley River Center this week. The office will be closed Aug. 29 through Sept. 2 for the move and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 6. All DMV offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, for the Labor Day holiday. The new address will be 499 Valley River Center. Business hours will remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except for Wednesdays when the office opens at 10 a.m. The Eugene DMV has been in a temporary location inside Valley River Center since January, while DMV prepares its new home outside the mall on the northwest side of the Valley River Center Mall property. The Eugene DMV has moved because the community outgrew its former home, where the office has been located since 1985. Eugene-area residents who need to visit a DMV in person during the closure may consider visiting the Springfield DMV office at 204 N. 30th St. DMV will temporarily assign Eugene office staff

there to maximize that office's capacity during the closure. Any time you need a DMV service, first see if you can get it done at [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](https://dmv2u.oregon.gov) The DMV has added more than two dozen services to its DMV2U site in the past three years. Some services, like adding the Real ID option to your license, must be done in person. Appointments are not required but are an option through DMV2U. If you travel by air, make sure you have the right ID: Consider getting the Real ID option when you renew your license or ID card. Starting in May 2023, you will need a Real ID-compliant form of ID for all flights such as a Real ID-compliant driver license, a passport, passport card or U.S. military ID. If you don't have any of these types of ID or other options listed at TSA.gov consider getting Real ID when you renew your license. To make sure you have all you need for Real ID, create your own checklist of documents you'll need to bring to DMV with our online tool at [Oregon.gov/RealID /](https://Oregon.gov/RealID/)

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SPORTS, COMMUNITY: A big opening weekend in College Football: The 11th-ranked Oregon Ducks open their season tomorrow in Atlanta when they meet defending the national champion and third-ranked Georgia Bulldogs. The game will be the first as head coach for Oregon's Dan Lanning, who served four seasons as an assistant to Georgia's Kirby Smart. The Oregon-Georgia contest at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium will be on ABC / KEZI-TV at 12:30 p.m. ; The Oregon State Beavers host Boise State tomorrow evening in Corvallis. The 7:30 p.m. game at Reser Stadium (REE'-sr) will be carried by ESPN. *Clear and 74 degrees Saturday night for OSU's kick-off versus Boise State in Corvallis. ; Oregon linebacker Noah Sewell is the last of the talented Sewell brothers still in college and he's got high hopes for this season with the 11th-ranked Ducks, who play No. 3 Georgia on Saturday in Atlanta. Likewise, Lander Barton is following in a long line of Utes as No. 7 Utah prepares to visit Florida on Saturday. Other Pac-12 brothers include Arizona State's Kyle and Connor Soelle, set to both start Thursday when the Sun Devils host Northern Arizona. ; South Eugene High School yesterday returned from a two-year football hiatus with a win over Portland's McDaniel High School. Tonight's local high school football forecast: Increasing clouds and 75 degrees at kick-off—although when Siuslaw hosts Newport for a central coast smackdown it'll be cloudy and 58 degrees. /

TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, RECREATION: Summer is coming to a close, meaning millions of Americans are hitting the road and taking to the sky for Labor Day weekend. Automobile club AAA predicts this to be the busiest Labor Day travel weekend in three years, reaching pre-pandemic levels, although traffic volume will be a bit lower than this year's busy Memorial Day and Fourth of July. Most who are traveling are driving. And gas prices, while still high, have eased during the second half of the summer. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, a gallon of regular unleaded carries an average cost of \$4.59. That's down 37 cents from this time last month. Diesel is averaging \$5.58 per gallon. Today is expected to be the busiest travel day as people head out of town. But there could be slow traffic on Monday afternoon and evening as many return home. ; Visitors to the southern Oregon coast should expect traffic congestion and delays heading north on U.S. 101 through Reedsport on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5. In recent years, northbound traffic has backed up from Reedsport to Winchester Bay during peak

traffic hours on the final day of summer holiday weekends, when many travelers are heading home. ODOT expects the heaviest traffic to occur on Monday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. ODOT advises holiday travelers to avoid peak travel hours or use alternate highway routes. Watch for electronic message boards on U.S. 101 near Reedsport and Winchester Bay. For more information about road conditions and traffic delays, visit www.TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1. ; The U.S. Department of Transportation has launched a customer service dashboard to help vacationers ahead of the travel-heavy Labor Day weekend. Travelers will be able to check the dashboard and see what kinds of guarantees, refunds or compensation the major domestic airlines offer in case of flight delays or cancellations. Flight delays and cancellations have been a constant headache for airline travelers this summer. Federal officials blame many of the disruptions on understaffing at airlines. The airlines blame staffing problems at the Federal Aviation Administration, which employs air traffic controllers. The dashboard is designed to allow travelers to comparison shop and favor those airlines that offer the best compensation, thereby influencing all to follow suit. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: The Lane County task forces helping to battle Southern Oregon's Rum Creek Fire are working mostly at night in cooler temperatures. With more than 7,600 homes and other structures at risk, the firefighters from a number of Lane County agencies are working to contact residents, assess and improve evacuation routes, and protect threatened houses and other buildings. They include personnel and equipment from South Lane, McKenzie, Mohawk, Pleasant Hill-Goshen, and the Lane Fire Authority who specialize in structural protection. The Rum Creek Fire was sparked by lightning in mid-August. It is burning across close to 15,000 acres and is only one percent contained. The blaze is spread along a scenic stretch of the Rogue River, about 12 miles northwest of Grants Pass between the hamlet of Galice (guh-LEES') and the Whiskey Creek campground just east of Tyee Bar. Hundreds of people were evacuated, and flames have destroyed several structures—including at least one home. The blaze also has forced the closure and evacuation of many nearby parks, campgrounds, and boat ramps during what would normally be the end of a busy summer recreation season. ; Close to 770 personnel remain on the lines of the Cedar Creek Fire, burning 15 miles east of Oakridge and along part of the west side of Waldo Lake. The blaze has burned an estimated 8,800 acres and is 12 percent contained. An expanded closure remains in place that includes all trailheads and dispersed camping west and north of Waldo Lake. The lake, campgrounds, and trails (including the Pacific Crest Trail) on the east side remain open. The Huckleberry Flats Off-Highway Vehicle or "OHV" Park is closed to provide access for firefighters and equipment working within the area. The Lane County Sheriff's Office also has issued a Level 1 "Be Ready" Evacuation order for the North Waldo Campground, Islet Campground, and Charlton Lake Trail Head. "Level 1" means to be ready for evacuation, become familiar with nearby roads and exit routes, and stay informed. Warm, dry conditions continue to be a challenge for crews, as does steep, hard-to-access terrain. / SAFETY, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on Community Forum, we chat with Oregon Search and Rescue coordinator about the importance of safety and preparation when playing in the outdoors—including for the upcoming Labor Day Weekend. Summer is always a busy time for Oregon's Search and Rescue programs, and 2022 has been no

exception. State coordinator Scott Lucas says the good news is that search-and-rescue missions are down 22 percent from this time last year. But injuries are up 35 percent over the same span, meaning there might be fewer missions, but crews are encountering people with greater injuries. Many rescue missions involve those with hiking injuries, often among people who were ill-prepared for their adventure. Oregon is known for year-round outdoor recreation. With the opening of archery hunting season and Oregon's new rules of drawing tags, many hunters will be in new and unfamiliar locations. Plus, there are a number of closures because of current wildfires or clean-up continuing from blazes the past couple of summers. That, combined with folks looking to squeeze in the last bit of summer, might escalate the risk and resulting SAR missions. There's also a greater risk of human-caused fires as we hit the height of wildfire season. Over the past decade, alpine rescues are up 100 percent and 19 percent over the last year alone. Officials say climbing injuries are up 26 percent, often because people do not know the area, the proper routes, or their own limits. That has meant more extreme lifesaving helicopter missions. Additionally, experts say social media posts sometimes lure people to try outdoor challenges for which they might be ill-prepared—and give them a false sense of security as they embark. One positive trend is that more people are using of GPS tracking and location devices, which makes it easier for those who are lost or injured to be found. They say far too many rely on their cellphones, even though they might be headed to a location with no cell coverage and no place to recharge their phone's batteries. Experts say when heading outdoors, familiarize yourself with the area where you're headed, carry a printed map, checking local fire restrictions, pack appropriately, travel with a companion, and always let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back.

/ ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: America's employers slowed their hiring in August in the face of rising interest rates, high inflation, and sluggish consumer spending. The government reported this morning that the economy added 315,000 jobs last month, down from 526,000 in July and below the average gain of the previous three months. The nation's unemployment rate rose to 3.7 percent, from a half-century low of 3.5 percent in July. Analysts say that is because more Americans came off the sidelines to look for work but did not find jobs immediately. The smaller August jobs gain will likely be welcomed by the Federal Reserve, which has been rapidly raising interest rates to try to cool the economy and, by extension, inflation. Businesses typically pass the cost of higher wages, fuel prices, and supply chain disruptions on to their customers in the form of higher prices. Fed officials hope that by raising borrowing costs across the economy, they can reduce inflation from a near-40-year high. Some economists fear, though, that the Fed is tightening credit so aggressively that it will eventually tip the economy into recession. But job openings remain high, and the pace of layoffs has stayed low. That indicates to analysts that most businesses still want to hire and that the economy is not in, or even close to, a recession.

/ HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Leaders with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have endorsed updated COVID-19 boosters. The vaccines, made by Pfizer and Moderna, offer the most up-to-date protection at yet another critical period in the pandemic. The intent is to blunt an anticipated winter surge and provide a boost for those whose broader protection might have waned in the months since their last vaccination dose. The updated boosters are a combination or "bivalent" vaccine — their formulation contains half the original

vaccine. The other half is designed to protect against the BA.4 and BA.5 omicron subvariants now causing nearly all COVID-19 infections—and contributing tens of thousands of new cases and close to 500 American deaths every day. Medical experts say the original COVID-19 vaccines still offer strong protection against severe illness and death, especially among younger and healthier people who've gotten at least one booster. But those vaccines were designed to target the virus strain that circulated in early 2020. Effectiveness drops as new mutants emerge and more time passes since someone's last shot. Since April, CDC officials say hospitalization rates in people over age 65 have jumped. The new updated vaccines are for use only as a booster, not for someone's first-ever vaccinations. The Food and Drug Administration cleared Pfizer's new doses for people ages 12 and older. Moderna's is for those ages 18 and older. It's not clear how many people will want an updated dose. Just half of vaccinated Americans got the first recommended booster dose, and only one-third of those age 50 and older who were urged to get a second booster did so. But the U.S. government has purchased 170 million doses from both companies — doses that will be free to the public — and the CDC says 200 million people could be eligible. Those updated vaccines began shipping to locations across the country last week. Here in Oregon, they will be available sometime next week from many primary care providers, pharmacies, and local clinics. Lane County Public Health is among those preparing to offer the doses. But rather than using outdoors locations—such as the Autzen Stadium parking lot, which is not available during fall football season—the agency will use its new location inside Eugene's Valley River Center and participate in other local clinics in the coming weeks. / EDUCATION, PANDEMIC: As some children struggled to keep up with school in the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic, many states saw significant increases in the number of students held back to repeat grades. Twenty-two of the 26 states that provided data for the recent academic year, as well as Washington, D.C., saw an increase in the number of students who were held back, according to an Associated Press analysis. Three states — South Carolina, West Virginia and Delaware — saw retention more than double. Experts have cautioned about risks to students' social lives and academic futures, but many parents have asked for do-overs to help their children recover. / CRIME, SAFETY: Police say they've arrested a suspect in connection with a two-alarm apartment building fire early last month on Bethel Drive. 47-year-old Avery Jerome Boyle is charged with Arson, Reckless Endangering, Criminal Mischief, and being a Felon in Possession of a Restricted Weapon. The blaze broke out the morning of August 2. Employees of a nearby business and passersby helped rescue some of the residents in the moments before emergency crews arrived. There was extensive damage to the two-story building and one resident was taken to the hospital. /

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SAFETY: A Monday morning fire in a three-story apartment building near the University of Oregon campus forced dozens to find temporary housing. The three-alarm blaze was reported shortly before 4 a.m. at the Patterson House apartments, located on Patterson Street between East 11th and East Broadway. More than two dozen residents were displaced by the smoke and water damage. They received assistance from the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Eugene-Springfield Fire investigators are working to determine the cause of the blaze. They say it started in an abandoned building next to the apartment complex and spread. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: Smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire is spreading today down the Willamette and McKenzie drainages, bringing haze to Oakridge, McKenzie Bridge, Blue River, Eugene-Springfield, and much of the southern Willamette Valley. The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning through midnight for increased risk of wildfires and brushfires in the Cascades. High temperatures and low humidity could lead to the rapid spread of any new or existing fires. Extreme fire behavior is possible. Please use caution if working or playing in Oregon's outdoors. ; It was a weekend of expanded evacuation notices in areas affected by the Cedar Creek Fire. Close to 850 personnel are battling that blaze west and north of Waldo Lake. The lightning-caused fire started on August 1 and has burned an estimated 17,600 acres and is 12 percent contained. On Saturday, the Lane County Sheriff's Office issued an updated a Level 3 (Go Now) Evacuation Order for the Waldo Lake campgrounds on the east side of the popular lake. They include recreation facilities on the east side of Waldo Lake, including North Waldo, Islet (EYE'-liht), and Shadow Bay. The order also includes several recreation facilities. Waldo Road is closed. Kiahane Campground and Box Canyon are closed. Forest Road 19 (Aufderheide Scenic Byway) is closed from Kiahane Campground to Upper Roaring River. Because of the fire's location, in very steep and difficult to access terrain—including wilderness and roadless areas—crews primarily have been using an indirect strategy. They have constructed many firelines away from the fire's active edge, along roads and trails, where they have a better chance of successfully stopping the fire. ; As smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire continues to drift west, officials with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency or "L-RAPA" warn that air quality in Oakridge and Westfir might reach "unhealthy" levels on the

Air Quality Index today and tomorrow. L-RAPA experts say Eugene-Springfield's air quality might become "unhealthy for sensitive groups," which includes people with heart and lung problems, pregnant women, the very young and very old, and others. ; Fire managers are holding a community meeting to provide an update on the battle against the Cedar Creek Fire. It takes place at 6 p.m. this evening at the Greenwaters Park Community Building off Highway 58 on the east end of Oakridge. The meeting is also being streamed live on the Cedar Creek Fire Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CedarCreekFire2022> ; Many only recently returned from helping to battle a big fire in southwestern Oregon. But task forces from Lane County are in or heading to northeastern Oregon to assist in protecting homes and other buildings threatened by another volatile blaze. The Sturgill fire was sparked by lightning on August 22nd and is burning in the Wallowa Mountains and portions of the Eagle Cap Wilderness west of the town of Joseph. The 13,000-acre blaze threatens some popular resort spots, including Red's Horse Ranch and the Minam River Lodge. One Lane County task force is already on the scene. The second is on its way. It includes personnel and equipment from the Mohawk, Lane Fire Authority, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill-Goshen, Coburg, and Eugene-Springfield agencies. Many of our local fire personnel and equipment just returned from the Rum Creek Fire, which is burning along portions of the Rogue River drainage west of Grants Pass. The close to 20,000-acre blaze is threatening homes and businesses along a scenic stretch of the Rogue between Grave Creek Bridge and the town of Galice. It, too, was sparked by lightning. The Rum Creek Fire is 34 percent contained. ; The Oregon State Fire Marshal says two additional task forces have arrived in northeastern Oregon to fight the Double Creek fire, bringing the total number of task forces there to six. The wildfire, caused by lightning, is 0 percent contained and burning across 68 square miles in a remote area near the Idaho state line. Fire officials say lower temperatures and calmer winds on Sunday and Monday have helped them fight the blaze. Meanwhile, firefighters in southwestern Oregon are expecting less favorable weather conditions. Those tackling the Rum Creek Fire are bracing for hot winds today. That fire is 34 percent contained. ; A sheriff says two people have died in a blaze that ripped through a Northern California town. shared the news of the fatalities Sunday afternoon during a community meeting held at an elementary school north the town of Weed. The blaze sparked Friday in the rural Northern California community and forced thousands of people from their homes. LaRue did not immediately provide names or other details including age or gender of the two people who died. Cal Fire had previously reported that three people were injured in the fire. It's unclear if those injuries are related to the deaths. ; The Mill Fire in Weed, California, displaced thousands of people in the small community about 50 miles south of the Oregon border. The flames raced from a building used to store spare parts for a Roseburg Forest Products facility into the historically Black neighborhood of Lincoln Heights where a significant number of homes burned, and residents only had minutes to flee for their lives on Friday afternoon. California is in a deep drought as it heads into what traditionally is the worst of the fire season. / CRIME: On Friday, members of the Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit arrested a 38-year-old man and seized various illegal drugs with an estimated street value of \$210,000. Investigators say 38-year-old Anthony Harker had been arrested earlier this year on several felony narcotic charges. During a follow-up investigation, police determined he was continuing

that criminal activity. Officials secured a search warrant for Harker's hotel room and several vehicles. Harker was arrested shortly after he was seen leaving the hotel. In the hotel room, police say they found evidence consistent with narcotics distribution and seized more than \$6,000 in cash along with suspected heroin and methamphetamine; an estimated 8,500 blue counterfeit Oxy 30 fentanyl pills; white, blue, and purple Fentanyl powder; and soft body armor. /

TRANSPORTATION: The Eugene DMV office opens this morning in its new permanent home at Valley River Center. The new address will be 499 Valley River Center. That's in the building in the northwest parking lot. Business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except for Wednesdays when the office opens at 10 a.m. Any time you need a DMV service, first see if you can get it done at DMV2U.Oregon.gov The DMV has added more than two dozen services to its DMV2U site in the past three years. Some services, like adding the Real ID option to your license, must be done in person. Appointments are not required but are an option through DMV2U. / SPORTS: In this weekend's College Football action: Oregon (0-1) hosts Eastern Washington (1-0) in Saturday's home opener at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. The 5:30 p.m. game between the Ducks and the Eagles is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. ; Oregon State (1-0) visits Fresno State (1-0) Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The contest between the Beavs and the Bulldogs is being carried by the CBS Sports Network. ; Stetson Bennett threw for 368 yards and accounted for three touchdowns and Georgia's revamped defense didn't miss a beat. The third-ranked Bulldogs looked very much like a team intent of defending their national championship with a 49-3 rout of No. 11 Oregon. Bennett completed 25-of-31 with two touchdowns and ran for another score before calling it a day in the third quarter of the season opener. The Dawgs thoroughly ruined the head coaching debut of Oregon's Dan Lanning, their former defensive coordinator. Lanning saw up close just how far his new team has to go. ; Chance Nolan passed for two touchdowns and Oregon State's defense forced five turnovers in a season-opening 34-17 victory over Boise State. The Beavers, who are hoping to build on last season's first bowl-game appearance since 2013, took control early behind their opportunistic defense and a few big plays offensively. Oregon State snapped its six-game losing streak in season openers. Boise State received a lift off the bench from backup quarterback Taylen Green, who replaced an ineffective Hank Bachmeier and sparked a second-half comeback. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITIES, UTILITIES: Fire meteorologists say Oregon firefighters will face challenges this week as continued heat combines with windy and unstable conditions, possible thunderstorms and unwanted east winds. August has generally been the state's busiest month for wildfires, but in September — when hot and dry east winds are involved — Oregon has experienced the largest wildfire spreads in state history. Forecasters say the concern isn't on the same level as the 2020 Labor Day fires east wind event, but there is concern about active wildfires near Oakridge, Grants Pass, and Joseph spreading as well as new blazes starting and growing quickly. The Statesman Journal quotes Oregon utility officials say they are watching conditions closely and might consider shutting down power lines in some locations to limit wildfire danger. Falling power lines in high winds were at least partly to blame for the Labor Day wildfires. A Fire Weather Watch remains in effect through Saturday morning. High temperatures, low humidities, and occasionally windy conditions increase the risk of brush fires and wildfires in the Willamette Valley and in the Cascades. Rapid fire spread might threaten lives and property. Use caution if working or playing in Oregon's outdoors. ; They've spent the past two years clearing hazard trees and the burned debris that were once homes and outbuildings. They've tested soil, had new wells drilled, new septic systems installed. There were contractors to hire, loans to secure, permits and more permits, trees and shrubs to replant. Today marks the two-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire and other devastating blazes that swept through the foothills of the Cascades on Labor Day of 2020. For many of those evacuated, it has been 24 months filled with challenges and heartache. Some say they still have nightmares, grow tense when they see or smell smoke from other wildfires. But they say they feel a fierce sense of community and a determination to rebuild. On Monday, there was a procession through the McKenzie Valley marking the fire's anniversary and the rebuilding effort. Challenges remain: Even with improved, centralized programs, many wildfire evacuees say they spent much of past two years grappling with insurance and clean-up efforts, securing financing and permits, finding contractors, dealing with record-high building materials prices, and finally getting work underway. Some, especially those who were renters, were permanently displaced or chose to move elsewhere. Others say they are</p>

committed to rebuilding on their land and in their communities, even as they acknowledge that the valley and their lives are different going forward. ; The Holiday Farm Fire blaze ignited amid high, east winds on the evening of September 7, 2020, and overnight swept down the valley, burning more than 173,000 acres and destroying hundreds of homes, community businesses, and other buildings. The scope of the disaster was unprecedented and triggered an unprecedented response. Across Lane County, residents and businesses donated money, goods, and services and volunteered their time to support those forced to evacuate. State and local governments scrambled to address the needs of the thousands left unhoused after various the Labor Day fires, a process sometimes marked by fits and starts as they worked to streamline clean-up and permit processes. Organizations including the United Way of Lane County created special funds to assist wildfire survivors and affected communities. Money, materials, and volunteer hours were donated by individuals, businesses, and foundations from Lane County and across the country. That includes financial assistance to survivors, and providing necessities such as food, shelter, and counseling, funding for debris cleanup efforts, and more. High school students and others have learned construction skills while building storage sheds for residents replacing lost homes and outbuildings. The McKenzie Valley Long-Term Recovery Group has worked to assist those who have not received adequate support from FEMA, their insurance policies, and other assets to restore safe, secure and sanitary living conditions on their property. The group includes representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business, and other organizations. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: New booster shots have arrived and social distancing guidelines have eased but COVID-19 infections aren't going away anytime soon. Experts predict the wave of infections that's already lasted longer than the 1918 flu pandemic will linger far into the future. Vaccines and protections are making the virus easier to live with — for now. But it is still killing more than 400 Americans every day, and it may well keep evolving in worrisome ways, such as becoming better able to get around immunity from vaccination and past infection. It's possible it could also evolve to cause more serious disease. ; Updated COVID-19 boosters are being distributed across Oregon and Lane County. They will be available from many primary care providers, pharmacies, and local clinics. Lane County Public Health is among those preparing to offer the doses. The agency is expanding the hours of its new location inside Eugene's Valley River Center near Round 1, offering doses to walk-ins Wednesdays through Saturdays, from noon to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 11 to 4. The Oregon Health Authority is offering weekend doses at a drive-up clinic in the parking lot of the Oregon Department of Human Services Building on northeast Eugene's Chad Drive. That's on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. No appointment is needed. The Oregon Health Authority also offers a walk-in vaccination clinic on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. at the El Torito Meat Market at 1333 West 7th Avenue in Eugene. Eugene's White Bird Clinic offers appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The vaccines, made by Pfizer and Moderna, offer the most up-to-date protection at yet another critical period in the pandemic. The intent is to blunt an anticipated winter surge and provide a boost for those whose broader protection might have waned in the months since their last vaccination dose. The updated boosters are a combination or "bivalent" vaccine — their formulation contains half the original vaccine. The other half is designed to protect

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/ HEALTH, YOUTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Electronic cigarette maker Juul Labs has agreed to pay nearly \$440 million to settle a multi-state investigation into its vaping products, which have long been blamed for sparking a national surge in teen vaping. Oregon is one of 33 states along with Puerto Rico participating in the legal settlement. Attorneys general joined together in 2020 to probe Juul's early promotions, including product parties, viral marketing and social media influencers. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum co-led the investigation. Our state will receive at least \$18.8 million in the settlement, paid out over six to ten years. Much of the settlement money will go toward vaping prevention and education efforts. Teen use of e-cigarettes skyrocketed after Juul's launch in 2015, leading the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to declare an "epidemic" of underage vaping among teenagers. Health experts said the unprecedented increase risked hooking a generation of young people on nicotine. But since 2019 Juul has mostly been in retreat, dropping all U.S. advertising and pulling its fruit and candy flavors from store shelves. The biggest blow came earlier this summer when the FDA moved to ban all Juul e-cigarettes from the market. Juul challenged that ruling in court and the FDA has since reopened its scientific review of the company's technology. The company also still faces separate lawsuits from other states and individuals. The FDA review is part of a sweeping effort by regulators to bring scrutiny to the multibillion-dollar vaping industry after years of regulatory delays. The agency has authorized a handful of e-cigarettes for adult smokers looking for a less harmful alternative. While Juul's early marketing focused on young, urban consumers, the company has since shifted to pitching its product as an alternative nicotine source for older smokers. The legal settlement also includes restrictions on where Juul products may be placed in stores, age verification on all sales and limits to online and retail sales. Juul initially sold its high-nicotine pods in flavors like mango, mint and creme. The products became a scourge in U.S. high schools, with students vaping in bathrooms and hallways between classes. Recent federal survey data shows that teens have been shifting away from the company. Most teens now prefer disposable e-cigarettes, some of which continue to be sold in sweet, fruity flavors.

/ LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIME: They hope they'll never have to use them, but they're grateful to have the skills. For four days last month, and ahead of the start of Fall classes, officers with the Springfield Police Department provided active shooter response training to more than 1,500 employees from the Springfield Public Schools and Willamalane Parks & Recreation District. The police department's school resource officers organized and led the trainings, which included everything from large group presentations to small group instruction, along with several simulated scenarios. Along with Springfield Police, the Eugene

Police Department and Lane County Sheriff's Office provided support for the trainings. Springfield Police Chief Andrew Shearer notes that, "The safety of the Springfield community relies on strong partnerships like those that exist today" with the Springfield Public Schools and Willamalane. / CRIME: An alarming wake-up in southwest Eugene early yesterday morning. A woman called police to report that a man she didn't know had entered her home and ordered her to leave. She fled and called 911. Eugene Police say her home had been lightly ransacked and that her handbag and keys were stolen along with her vehicle, which had been parked on the street. Police used the owner's tracking company service to locate the vehicle near West 18th Avenue near Bertlesen Road. With the help of a K-9 officer, they located the suspect, 36-year-old Michael Scott Wrighthouse. Investigators say Wrighthouse was uncooperative and spit in an officer's face while being placed in a patrol vehicle. After that, they say he began hitting his head and body against the compartment. He was transported to Lane County Jail on charges of Burglary in the First Degree, Unauthorized Use Vehicle, Aggravated Harassment, and a warrant. The vehicle and home were processed and released to the grateful owner. / SAFETY; The Lane County Sheriff's Office is seeking your tips as investigators work to locate a missing woman from the Florence area and her young daughter. 34-year-old Kristin Williams is believed to have left her residence on South Slough Road on September 3rd or 4th with her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Skye. The two have not been seen or heard from since. Kristin is described as a white female, 5'5", heavy build with blonde hair and blue eyes. Skye is described as a black female, 2'9", 32 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. I've shared the sheriff's office post on my TracyKKNU Facebook page. If you have any information, please contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150. ; Investigators say a teen driver died in a crash yesterday afternoon on South Willamette Street near Fox Hollow Road. Sheriff's deputies responded shortly before 1 p.m. While en route, they were advised that a family member of the 17-year-old girl from the Eugene area had located the crash site after being unable to reach the teen by phone. Officials say the red Volvo SUV left the roadway for an unknown reason, leading to the fatal crash. / ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT: In the early results, an effort to recall Eugene City Council member Claire Syrett appears to be succeeding. Syrett represents Ward Seven, which includes much of the River Road -Santa Clara area, along with the Whiteaker and Trainsong neighborhoods. Recall backers say they are unhappy with Syrett's support for the proposed Lane Transit District EmX route along River Road. Syrett says she has a strong record on supporting her ward and that the petitioners misrepresented some of her stances. She says recall backers should have waited to run someone against her in the next election. / HOUSING: Rents are starting to come down after spiking to record levels this past summer, but experts are uncertain if the slowdown will continue. Christopher Mayer is a professor of real estate at Columbia Business School. He says people looking for an apartment now might have a better experience than they did in May or June. The national median asking rent was up 14 percent in July over July the previous year. That's the smallest annual increase since November 2021. Experts say the market could slow further toward the end of the year, but there's still a lot of uncertainty. / TRANSPORTATION: For the first time since COVID-19 brought air travel to a standstill, the number of people streaming through U.S. airport-security checkpoints over a holiday weekend exceeded pre-pandemic levels. The summer

travel season ended on a busy note as more than 8.7 million people passed through security in the last four days, topping the Labor Day weekend of 2019. After a summer plagued with delayed and canceled flights, TSA officials say things ran relatively smoothly. Airlines canceled less than one percent of all flights. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Over the holiday weekend, Transportation Security Officers intercepted 67 firearms and prevented them from entering aircraft passenger cabins. On average, TSA stopped 17.3 firearms each day at checkpoints since the beginning of the year. If this pace continues, TSA anticipates that firearm catches at checkpoints will eclipse the current full year-record of 5,972 firearms intercepted at the nation's checkpoints in 2021. / TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS: The summer vacation season is winding down, and for airlines that means the return of business travelers is very important. Leisure travel in the United States is roughly back to pre-pandemic levels, but airlines say business is still about 25 percent below 2019 levels. Business travelers generally pay higher fares, so the absence of so many of them has an outsized impact on airline revenue and profit. The Global Business Travel Association predicts that corporate travel won't fully return until mid-2026. Experts say business travel is lagging behind because many white-collar workers still have not returned to their offices, and some trips are being replaced by video meetings. / SPORTS: Georgia moved up to No. 2 in the first Associated Press college football poll of the regular season after Saturday's thumping of the Oregon Ducks. The Bulldogs passed Ohio State after the defending national champions dominated their opener. Alabama remained No. 1 in the AP Top 25. The Bulldogs narrowed the gap on the Crimson Tide after beating Oregon 49-3. Oregon's loss to Georgia left the Ducks unranked. /

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NAME OF PROGRAM	Morning News
LENGTH OF PROGRAM	30 Seconds
ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, SAFETY, UTILITIES, COMMUNITY: Our first east wind event of the Fall appears likely Friday into early Saturday, which will bring critical fire weather conditions to much of Western Oregon. Dry weather continues into early next week. A Fire Weather Watch remains in effect through Saturday morning. High temperatures, low humidities, and windy conditions increase the risk of brush fires and wildfires in the Willamette Valley and in the Cascades. Rapid fire spread might threaten lives and property. Use caution if working or playing in Oregon's outdoors. ; Utility officials with Pacific Power yesterday notified close to 12,000 customers in six Western Oregon counties that their electricity might be temporarily shut off tomorrow and Saturday because of the risk of high winds downing power lines and sparking life-threatening wildfires in dry vegetation. The Public Power Safety Shutoff notifications cover parts of Linn, Douglas, Lincoln, Tillamook, Marion and Polk counties. In Linn and Marion Counties, they include the cities of Lebanon and Sweet Home; a stretch through the Santiam River Canyon east of Stayton. In Douglas County, the possible shutoffs would reach from the city of Glide east along the Umpqua Highway. Another possible power shutoff is on the Oregon Coast for the community of Lincoln City and surrounding areas. It comes amid a forecast of high temperatures, low humidity, and gusty easterly winds during extreme wildfire conditions from early Friday morning through late Saturday evening. Those are the sorts of conditions that led to the runaway wildfires on Labor Day of 2020, which destroyed thousands of homes and businesses. ; Pacific Power customers were notified of the potential power shutoff through phone calls, email and text messages. Utility officials say they will continue to receive updates in the coming days. A map of potentially affected areas is available at www.pacificpower.net/psps Visit www.pacificpower.net/wildfiresafety for additional information on Public Safety Power Shutoffs, outage preparedness and wildfire safety. For all non-emergency questions about the Public Safety Power Shutoff, customers should call Pacific Power at 1-888-221-7070. Utility leaders say crews will actively patrol and remove debris from lines and make repairs, if needed. Once weather conditions have subsided and line inspections are complete, Pacific Power will restore service. Pacific Power also is setting up temporary community resource centers in affected communities. These could include air-conditioned areas,</p>

mobile device chargers, and more. Last night, officials with Portland General Electric said it is increasingly likely that they, too, will shut off power to 30,000 customers in 10 areas served by PGE because of the risk of wildfire. ; The evacuation zone expanded yesterday for the Cedar Creek Fire, affecting more popular hiking, camping, boating, and other recreation spots on the east side of the Cascade crest. The blaze, burning about 15 miles east of Oakridge along the western and northern sides of Waldo Lake, covers more than 18,000 acres and is 12 percent contained. But amid a forecast of hot, dry weather and gusty winds, fire managers yesterday expanded the Level 3 "Go Now" evacuation zones to many areas on the southern end of Central Oregon's Cascade Lakes Highway. They include recreation and resort areas along the northwest side of Wickiup Reservoir; the area surrounding Crane Prairie Reservoir; and spots south of 6 Lakes Trail and Lava and Little Lava Lakes. That includes the Cultus Lake Lodge and nearby campgrounds, including at Little Cultus Lake, as well as nearby Cultus Mountain and Crane Prairie Reservoir. Other nearby areas are under Level 1 "Get Set" or Level 2 "Be Ready" notifications. The southern section of the Cascade Lakes Highway from the Davis Lake cut-off to just south of Elk Lake also is closed as a precaution and to allow fire crews to better stage personnel and equipment. Notifications have been issued by the Lane and Deschutes County Sheriff's Offices, along with the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests. / SAFETY: Yesterday morning, a crew assigned to battle the Cedar Creek Fire notified the Lane County Sheriff's Office that they had spotted a vehicle in the water off the Aufderheide Drive near Milepost 5. A man was found deceased in the water a short distance from the vehicle. Sheriff's investigators say he is a 75-year-old from the Eugene area who had been the subject of a search that began on Tuesday evening. A family member said the man had left to run errands and go for a short hike, but they became concerned when he did not return. Initial investigation reveals no evidence of foul play. The man's name will be released after additional relatives are notified. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: Updated COVID-19 boosters are being distributed across Oregon and Lane County. They will be available from many primary care providers, pharmacies, and local clinics. The first doses arrived around 3:30 yesterday afternoon at the Lane County Public Health clinic inside Eugene's Valley River Center. The air-conditioned location includes seating areas and is located near Round 1 in the northwest part of the mall. It offers doses to walk-ins Wednesdays through Saturdays, from noon to 7 p.m., and Sundays from 11 to 4. The Oregon Health Authority is offering weekend doses at a drive-up clinic in the parking lot of the Oregon Department of Human Services Building on northeast Eugene's Chad Drive. That's on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-6 p.m. No appointment is needed. The Oregon Health Authority also offers a walk-in vaccination clinic on Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. at the El Torito Meat Market at 1333 West 7th Avenue in Eugene. Eugene's White Bird Clinic offers appointments on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The vaccines, made by Pfizer and Moderna, offer the most up-to-date protection at yet another critical period in the pandemic. The intent is to blunt an anticipated winter surge and provide a boost for those whose broader protection might have waned in the months since their last vaccination dose. The updated boosters are a combination or "bivalent" vaccine — their formulation contains half the original vaccine. The other half is designed to protect against the BA.4 and BA.5 omicron subvariants now causing nearly all COVID-19 infections—and contributing tens of thousands

of new cases and close to 500 American deaths every day. Medical experts say the original COVID-19 vaccines still offer strong protection against severe illness and death, especially among younger and healthier people who've gotten at least one booster. But those vaccines were designed to target the virus strain that circulated in early 2020. Effectiveness drops as new mutants emerge and more time passes since someone's last shot. The new updated vaccines are for use only as a booster, not for someone's first-ever vaccinations. The Food and Drug Administration cleared Pfizer's new doses for people ages 12 and older. Moderna's is for those ages 18 and older. / BUSINESS, ECONOMY, PANDEMIC: Cineworld Group, the owner of Regal Cinemas, yesterday filed for bankruptcy protection in the U.S. as it deals with billions of dollars in debt and lower-than-expected attendance at its movieplexes. But corporate officials say they have enough financing to continue operations at all 800 Regal Cinemas complexes, including at Eugene's Valley River Center. British company Cineworld is the world's second-largest theatre chain. It struggled to rebuild business after 2020's pandemic-related closures, seeing a gradual recovery in ticket-buyers amid a limited number of theatrical releases. The company's biggest competitor, AMC Entertainment Holdings, has faced similar challenges but raised enough investor money to stay afloat when individual investors made it a popular internet "meme stock." / DISABILITIES, HOMELESSNESS, LEGAL: A group of Portland residents with disabilities has filed a lawsuit against the city, accusing it of failing to keep public sidewalks accessible. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the class action lawsuit filed Tuesday in federal court accuses the city of violating the Americans with Disabilities Act by allowing people to camp on city sidewalks. The Americans with Disabilities Act, known as the ADA, prohibits discrimination based on disability and requires sidewalks be accessible to everyone. The lawsuit says Portland sidewalks are only available to those who have the ability to sidestep the camps. A city spokesperson declined to comment on the lawsuit. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	NOTE: Extreme wildfire risk as we headed into the weekend led to explosive growth of the Cedar Creek Wildfire, west of Oakridge, Westfir, and High Prairie. Friday's newscasts were focused on providing critical information to listeners in those communities. Coverage continued over the weekend, during Saturday's live programming and around the clock on pour social media. Here are the notes used as the basis for Friday morning's updates.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FORECAST SUMMARY

A strong east wind event is on tap today into early Saturday. This will bring critical fire weather conditions, above normal temperatures, and smoke and haze in various quantities for different parts of the region. Things will begin to reverse Sunday into Monday, which will lead to marine air returning to lower elevations and a cooling trend next week. The intensity of the east winds is forecast to increase this afternoon. Expect winds to peak tonight into early Saturday with some gusts to 50 mph over exposed terrain in the Cascades, with 40-45 mph gusts in the Columbia River Gorge and some spots near the crest of the Coast Range. Gusts could approach 35 mph in portions of the Willamette Valley, with the possibility some might reach 40 mph. This will coincide with low relative humidity, down to the teens, across most of the area. The east winds will usher in hotter and drier conditions. Temperatures are expected to be much warmer than normal today and Saturday, with highs ranging from the 80s near the coast to the 90s inland. There are also concerns for smoke degrading air quality because of the wildfires in the Cascades, including the Cedar Creek Fire east of Oakridge, and east of the mountains. Skies will be hazy with some areas possibly seeing wildfire smoke closer to the surface, especially in the southern Willamette Valley.

RED FLAG WARNING

Critically dry conditions are occurring across much of Western Oregon. They began impacting the Oregon Cascades overnight and are spreading across the rest of the region this morning. A Red Flag Warning remains in effect through Saturday night. High temperatures in the 90s, low humidity down to 15 percent, and windy conditions with gusts of 35-45 mph in some locations increase the risk

of brush fires and wildfires. Rapid fire spread can lead to extreme fire behavior and threaten lives and property. Use caution with potential ignition sources, especially in grassy areas.

AIR QUALITY ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL 10 AM SATURDAY

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (L-RAPA) and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have issued an Air Quality Advisory, which is in effect until 10 a.m. Saturday. Wildfires burning in the region, combined with east winds and critically dry conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through Saturday. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. More information about air quality can be found at www.lrapa.org and www.oregon.gov/DEQ

UTILITIES

The region's utilities spent yesterday making additional preparations ahead of today and tomorrow's forecasted extreme weather. Some, but not all, are preparing for Public Safety Power Shutoffs. A number of utilities have notified customers but phone, text, and email when those shutoffs are expected to begin and when and how power will be restored. It comes amid the risk that high winds will down power lines and spark life-threatening wildfires in dry vegetation.

LANE ELECTRIC

The Lane Electric Cooperative will implement its public power safety shutoff starting at 5 p.m. this evening through Saturday night. This outage will impact nearly all Lane Electric customers, although the utility plans to maintain power to the city centers of Oakridge, Lowell, and Veneta to provide key services. Crews will begin power restoration during the daylight hours on Sunday morning. For tips for preparing for outages, visit laneelectric.com/outages/power-outage-tips

EUGENE WATER AND ELECTRIC BOARD

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) will begin Public Safety Power Shutoffs in its McKenzie Valley service area beginning at 5 p.m. this evening. The planned power outages will impact about 3,000 customers east of Hayden Bridge up to Vida, including the Camp Creek and Upper Camp Creek areas, Cedar Flats, Deerhorn, and Walterville. Customers are advised to prepare for at least 48 hours without power. Visit www.eweb.org/wildfire for more information.

Before re-energizing, crews will patrol lines and remove debris, make repairs if needed and will respond to emergency reports of lines down or other damage to the power system. Once that work is complete, EWEB will restore service. Restoration is anticipated to take longer than is typical.

Weather-related outages could happen outside of Public Safety Power Shutoff

areas. The best time to prepare is now. Check that your outage kit is stocked and ready. Things to include are:

- Flashlights or headlamps
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio, fans
- Extra batteries
- Car chargers for cell phones and electronic devices
- Stored/bottled water for people and animals (especially if you rely on electricity to pump water)
- Frozen cold packs or water frozen in bags or plastic bottles (keep ready in your freezer)
- Emergency phone numbers

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

Due to a planned EWEB power outage beginning this evening at 5 p.m., organizers have canceled the Walterville Community Fair and 5k Waddle.

PACIFIC POWER

Utility officials with Pacific Power say their shutoffs, which affect close to 12,000 customers, are occurring or have already occurred this morning. The Public Power Safety Shutoff notifications cover parts of Linn, Douglas, Lincoln, Tillamook, Marion and Polk counties. They include:

- Douglas County: 6 a.m. today from Toketee Falls east to Diamond Lake, with additional areas added around 4 p.m.
- Linn County: 6 a.m. today Sweet Home east along Highway 20, with additional areas added around 4 p.m.
- Marion County: 6 a.m. today Lyons east along Highway 22, with additional areas added around 4 p.m.
- Lincoln County: 10 a.m. today.
- Tillamook County: 10 a.m. today.
- Polk County: 10 a.m. today.

Pacific Power also is opening Temporary Community Resource Centers at 8 a.m. today and Saturday. These include air-conditioned areas, mobile device chargers, and more.

Pacific Power's temporary community resource centers will remain open both days until 10 p.m., unless service is restored earlier, at:

- Douglas County – Glide High School – 18990 N. Umpqua Highway, Glide, OR 97443
- Linn County – Sankey Park – 877 14th Ave, Sweet Home, OR 97386
- Marion County – Bethel Baptist Church – 645 Cleveland Street, Aumsville, OR 97325

For all non-emergency questions about the Public Safety Power Shutoff,

customers and the public should call Pacific Power at 1-888-221-7070. For a map of affected areas and outage preparation information, please visit www.pacificpower.net/psps

Utility leaders say crews will actively patrol and remove debris from lines and make repairs, if needed. Once weather conditions have subsided and line inspections are complete, Pacific Power will restore service.

Last night, officials with Portland General Electric said it is increasingly likely that they, too, will shut off power to 30,000 customers in 10 areas served by PGE because of the risk of wildfire.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Sweet Home Schools are closed today in anticipation of planned precautionary power outages.

INCREASED CEDAR CREEK FIRE EVACUATION LEVELS

Increased fire activity has prompted another increase in evacuation levels for areas around the Cedar Creek Fire.

LEVEL 2 (BE SET) EVACUATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- High Prairie area – This all of High Prairie Road, Brock Road, Bar BL Ranch Road, Nubian Way, Mountain View Road, and Huckleberry Lane.

Level 2 means: You must prepare to leave at a moment's notice, and this may be the only notice that you receive to evacuate as needed.

LEVEL 1 (BE READY) EVACUATION NOTICES HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- The Greater Oakridge and Westfir areas, including the rural outlying areas surrounding Oakridge and Westfir.

Level 1 means: Be aware of the danger that exists in the area, monitor emergency services websites and local media for information. This is the time for preparation and the precautionary movement of people with special needs, mobile property and (under certain circumstances) pets and livestock. Make sure that you have adequate fuel to evacuate as needed.

Officials are asking residents to keep cell phones and any other devices used to receive emergency alerts charged. Public safety personnel cannot guarantee they will be able to notify you if conditions rapidly deteriorate. Continue to closely monitor your phone, local media and the website at

www.LaneCountyOR.gov/CedarCreek for information. All current evacuation notices may be found at www.lanecounty.org

PARKS CLOSURES AND FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Amid increased fire danger, the Howard Buford Recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah is closed to the public today through at least Saturday. The closure includes all areas of the park, including the trails, the Arboretum and the river access.

Events already scheduled events at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum's White Oak Pavilion are being allowed to take place. Arboretum staff are working with the event planners to ensure the events are conducted safely.

Additionally, all campfires in Lane County campgrounds, day use areas and beaches are prohibited effective at least through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Stoves and propane fire pits that can be turned off by a valve are permitted as long as they are kept on blacktop or gravel surfaces.

HIGHWAY NOTES

The planned U.S. 20 construction closure east of Sweet Home has been delayed until Sunday, September 11, for traveler safety. The road will be open today and Saturday.

Drive carefully and be prepared if you travel this weekend. Hot, dry winds may prompt power line shutoffs to prevent fires. Treat traffic signals without power like a four-way stop. Be aware that, due to forecasted gusty winds, trees and vegetation might be on the roadway.

Because of dry conditions, be careful parking to prevent vehicle-sparked fires. Do not park on grassy areas. Check trailer tow chains to ensure they are not dragging and throwing sparks.

NOTE: There were a few other news stories mentioned during the morning, including:

CRIME: There are multiple crime scenes and no word yet on motive. One person is dead, and another was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries after a reckless driver yesterday went on a rampage on Highway 99 in Eugene. It began shortly after 3:30 p.m. when police say the driver of the Toyota 4-Runner went off the road and ran over a tent with people inside. Farther down the road, witnesses say he went onto a sidewalk and struck a pedestrian near the Dari-Mart at Highway 99 and Royal Avenue. Some bystanders helped detain the driver in a parking lot near the Gilbert Shopping Center until police arrived and took him into custody and to the hospital for treatment of undetermined conditions. Investigators say a woman in the tent died and the pedestrian hit near the Dari-Mart has life-threatening injuries. Officials say the multiple crash scenes cover more than one mile. Travel along that stretch of Highway 99-North was restricted for hours during the investigation. The EPD Patrol, Major Collision Investigation team, Violent

Crimes Unit, Community Service Officers, Drone Team, Eugene Springfield Fire, Eugene Public Works, Lane County Sheriff's Office, and Oregon State Police, were among those responding. / SAFETY: Officials yesterday released the name of the 76-year-old man who had been reported overdue in the Eugene area on Tuesday evening after telling his family he was running errands and going for a short hike. Alfred Biddle's body was found Wednesday morning in the water near his vehicle after it apparently crashed into the North Fork of the Willamette River near Westfir. There was no initial indication of foul play. ; The Lane County Sheriff's Office thanks everyone for their assistance. A missing 34-year-old Florence woman, Kristin Williams, and her one-and-a-half year-old daughter, Skye, have been located and are now in contact with William's family. / SPORTS: In this weekend's College Football action: Oregon (0-1) hosts Eastern Washington (1-0) in Saturday's home opener at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. The 5:30 p.m. game between the Ducks and the Eagles is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. ; Oregon State (1-0) visits Fresno State (1-0) Saturday at 7:30 p.m. The contest between the Beavs and the Bulldogs is being carried by the CBS Sports Network. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES, ANIMALS, CHARITY: Some significant updates for those in the Oakridge-Westfir area midday Sunday: Some evacuation levels have been reduced to Level 2 "Get Set," allowing some residents to make a cautious return to their homes. But some remain at Level 3 "Go Now." According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office, in consultation with the fire teams, the slightly reduced Level 2 evacuation notice is in effect for the portion of Oakridge west of Salmon Creek, south of Laurel Butte Road, and north of the Middle Fork Willamette River, along with the city of Westfir. But some areas remain at a Level 3 "Go Now" evacuation notification and re-entry is not allowed at this time. Those areas include: High Prairie area, including all of High Prairie Road, Brock Road, Bar BL Ranch Road, Nubian Way, Mountain View Road, and Huckleberry Lane; Westfir-Oakridge Road from Westfir city limits to Roberts Road; McFarland Road; Oakridge north of Laurel Butte Road, and Oakridge east of Salmon Creek; Hills Creek Reservoir area south of Highway 58 and Greenwaters Park. While every effort is being made to protect the communities of Oakridge, Westfir and High Prairie, officials say it is possible that conditions might require moving back to a Level 3 (Go Now) evacuation notice in some or all of these areas where residents are being allowed to return and that could happen at any time. Additionally, people who have mobility limitations, special needs or who are medically fragile are encouraged not to return the Level 2 (Be Set) area. People who lack access to reliable transportation and those with large animals or pets that can be time consuming or difficult to move are also encouraged not to return to the Level 2 (Be Set) area. ; Following the reduction of evacuation levels for much of the Oakridge and Westfir areas and fewer people seeking services, Lane County yesterday afternoon closed the temporary evacuation point at Lane Community College. Additionally, due to significantly decreased call volume, the non-emergency call center will close today, Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 p.m. Residents can call 2-1-1 for information. But evacuees who remain in shelters continue to receive services from the Red Cross Cascades Region. Lane County Animal Services continues to operate a large animal evacuation shelter at the Lane Events Center to provide a safe place to house animals from properties in Level 2 (Be Set) and Level 3 (GO NOW) areas. ; Oakridge-Westfir Community notes: The Oakridge Schools are</p>

closed all this week as some but not all evacuees return to their homes and the wildfire threat, while reduced, continues. Classes will resume on Monday, Sept. 19. Also, the Lane Council of Government's Oakridge office of Senior & Disability Services is closed this week. Lane County Waste Management will open the Oakridge transfer site (48977 Kitson Springs Road) from noon to 3:00 p.m. today, so residents returning home after a multi-day power outage can dispose of food waste. According to the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture), a refrigerator will keep food safe for up to 4 hours during a power outage. Discard refrigerated perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers after 4 hours without power. After a power outage never taste food to determine its safety. Find a food safety chart at www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage. Also, there will be a virtual community meeting to provide additional West Side fire updates this evening (Sept. 12) at 7 p.m. See the event details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2906631582975284/>; The Oregon Department of Transportation has reduced the Cedar Creek Fire closure on Oregon Highway 58. On the west side, the road remains open between Interstate 5 and Oakridge. On the east end, the road is closed up to Willamette Pass (Milepost 62). Expect heavier traffic today on the west side because some—but not all—evacuation levels have been lowered and people are returning to their homes and communities. Be aware that conditions may change. Check www.TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1 for current road conditions; Also, U.S. Highway 20 closed Sunday morning from Milepost 54 to Milepost 57 for a construction repair project that was postponed amid Friday's and Saturday's critical fire conditions. Oregon Highways 126 and 22 are open for those heading over Santiam Pass; There was good news Sunday morning for fire crews and beleaguered residents of the Oakridge and Westfir areas: an easing of extreme weather and, with it, some of the Cedar Creek Fire's critical fire behavior. The National Weather Service allowed its Red Flag Warning to expire Saturday at 11 p.m. Fire managers breathed a cautious sigh of relief as winds calmed Saturday night and began to shift from the east to a northwesterly direction. Meteorologists assisting in the battle say it is still very dry across the Cedar Creek Fire, but temperatures are starting to cool, and the heavy smoke layer has the effect of shading and moderating fire activity. Skies here in the valley are expected to continue clearing, albeit slowly. The Air Quality Alert for the southern Willamette Valley remains in effect through this morning at 11 a.m. Learn more about air quality from the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency at <https://lrpa.org/148/Air-Quality>. Across the region, utility crews worked through the weekend to monitor power systems, then restore service after that series of precautionary Public Safety Power Shutoffs that affected tens of thousands of customers in Western Oregon. They've been patrolling the lines and removing any wind-related debris, making repairs if needed, responding to emergency reports of lines down or other damage to the power system, then reenergizing the lines; Lane Transit and First Student buses, along with RideSource and Diamond Express shuttles assisted first responders with the initial evacuations. LTD's scheduled service to Oakridge has been suspended until further notice. Due to the closure of Highway 58, Route 92 is unable to serve the town of Lowell until further notice. Route 92 will operate on regular routing until the town of Dexter and will detour onto Lost Creek Road to resume service to Eugene Station; The relief effort took shape over the weekend and there are several ways you may assist. But check for updates before you do. For example, the St.

Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County has opened a donation center at 2890 Chad Drive in Eugene that is open during regular business hours. Leaders of the non-profit thanks everyone who answered the initial call and says donated water and blankets are no longer needed at this time, but monetary donations are. Also, please do not bring donations to the evacuation shelter at the Lane Events Center. Volunteers and staff are unable to sort and process donations at this time. Instead, they ask that you donate to a local wildfire assistance fund. ; The United Way of Lane County is coordinating with many community partners, including the Lane COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disasters), and local emergency management. Any financial contributions made to United Way will be used to support individuals here in Lane County that are impacted by the fire. Possible ways that emergency funds will be used include nonperishable food items, water; supplies for people who are impacted by the power cuts (e.g. coolers, ice); support for temporary sheltering; and smoke and heat mitigation support for seniors and other vulnerable populations. You may donate to the Community Response Fund online at <https://www.unitedwaylane.org/donate> If you have been affected by the fire and are in need of immediate resources, please call 211. @211info ; Lane County Animal Services on Saturday asked for volunteers with previous large animal experience to assist at the Lane Events Center large animal shelter. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old, and minors must be accompanied by a guardian. Volunteers will assist with feeding, cleaning stalls and other tasks related to caring for the large animals evacuated from the Oakridge area due to the Cedar Creek Fire. Interested volunteers may go to the Lane Events Center livestock arena at 796 West 13th Avenue in Eugene. Donations of hay and other supplies are also welcome. ; Donations to help animals: Greenhill Humane Society is in need of new or like-new large to medium pet crates, bedding and pet food. Donations may be provided directly to Greenhill. Lane County Animal Services is accepting donations of the following at the large animal evacuation shelter at Lane Events Center, including hay, feed, and water buckets. / DISASTERS, TERRORISM: In fire camps, crews here and across the country took a brief moment early Sunday to pause and mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. Firefighters were among the key first responders on that day and suffered some heavy losses when the towers fell and many developed other illnesses from their exposure to the debris at the site in the years that followed. For so many of those fire service, this is not just a job but a calling. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, CHARITY: Here in Eugene, there are gatherings of a different sort as Public Information Officers conduct daily briefings at Red Cross shelters in Eugene for individuals who have been displaced from Oakridge. Information officers provide current information on the fire, closed roads, evacuation areas, as well as answer questions each day. The Cedar Creek fire update is given at the Lane Event Center at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at 796 West 13th Avenue in Eugene. These briefings are open to the public If additional people would like to attend to learn more about fire activity. / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire is now estimated at 85,926 acres after growing significantly during Friday's and Saturday's east wind event. The leading edge of the blaze continues to burn about four miles northeast of Oakridge, sending plenty of smoke into the area. It also over Friday through Sunday moved north and reached a portion of Forest Road 19, the scenic Aufderheide Drive. On the east side, the blaze moved across the top of Waldo Lake and continues to inch toward

Little Cultus Lake and other popular spots along the Cascade Lakes Highway, including Cultus Lake and Crane Prairie Reservoir. To the south, the main body of the fire has not reached Oregon Highway 58 and crews are maintaining a heavy presence there and along the Aufderheide to directly attack the fire. You may see the latest updates on the blaze and the close to 1,000 personnel battling it on the Cedar Creek Fire Facebook page. ; Two Lane County Task Forces that were assisting earlier last week protecting homes in parts of Eastern Oregon from fast-moving blazes were recalled mid-week ahead of Friday's and Saturday's winds and are working to protect homes and other structures in the Oakridge-High Prairie-Westfir area. Task Force 41 includes personnel and equipment from the Coburg, Siuslaw, Lane Fire, Eugene/Springfield, Junction City, and Pleasant Hill/Goshen districts and departments. Task Force 42 is made up of personnel and equipment from Coburg, Mohawk, Eugene/Springfield, McKenzie, and South Lane. It's hard and often challenging work but by using urban crews to protect the structures, it frees up the wildland crews to focus on the firelines. / WILDFIRES, RECREATION: Closer to the Willamette Valley, Lane County Government has reopened the Howard Buford Recreation Area (Mt. Pisgah) to the public. But officials remind you that fire danger remains high. / CRIME: Eugene Police over the weekend released the name of the driver and one of the victims in Thursday afternoon's vehicle rampage along a portion of Highway 99 in northwest Eugene. Officials say the suspect, 18-year-old Anthony Charles Rodeen, faces charges of Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and two counts of Felony Hit-and-Run. One woman died when police say a Toyota 4-Runner driven by Rodeen went off the road around 3:30 p.m. Thursday and ran over a tent with people inside. Police have identified the victim as 42-year-old Amber Joanne Mark. Farther down the road, witnesses say Rodeen went onto a sidewalk and struck a female pedestrian near the Dari-Mart at Highway 99 and Royal Avenue. That 23-year-old victim's name has not yet been released. Some bystanders helped detain the driver in a parking lot near the Gilbert Shopping Center until police arrived and took him into custody. / SPORTS: In weekend College Football action: Oregon is back in the national rankings—barely. The Ducks are now Number 25 after Bo Nix threw for 277 yards and five touchdowns and Oregon rebounded from its season-opening loss to Georgia with a 70-14 rout of Eastern Washington on Saturday night. It was Oregon's 20th straight win at Autzen Stadium and its 18th straight victory in a home opener. Troy Franklin caught 10 passes for 84 yards and a touchdown while Byron Cardwell caught a scoring pass and ran for another TD. Gunner Talkington threw for 87 yards and two touchdowns for the Eagles, who managed just 187 yards in total offense. The Ducks had 607. ; Oregon State might not yet be in the national rankings, but the Beavs picked up some votes after Jack Colletto scored on a 2-yard run on the final play of the game and OSU rallied for a 35-32 victory over Fresno State. The Beavers initially appeared ready to go for a game-tying field goal before coach Jonathan Smith opted to gamble for the win following a timeout by Fresno State. That proved to be the right call as Colletto took the direct snap and ran it in for the score that gave the Beavers their first 2-0 start since 2014. It capped a wild final stretch of the game that featured three lead changes in the final 1:50. /

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COMMUNITY, SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, WILDFIRES: Late yesterday morning, the Lane County Sheriff's Office reduced the evacuation levels for all residential areas in and around Oakridge and Westfir to Level 2 "Be Set." It comes as the imminent threat from the Cedar Creek Fire has eased. The City of Westfir, and areas of the City of Oakridge that were reduced to Level 2 (Be Set) on Sunday and remain at that level. The additional easing of evacuation notifications applies to: The High Prairie area, including all of High Prairie Road, Brock Road, Bar BL Ranch Road, Nubian Way, Mountain View Road, and Huckleberry Lane; Westfir-Oakridge Road from Westfir city limits to Roberts Road; McFarland Road; and Oakridge north of Laurel Butte Road. Officials say that while every effort is being made to protect the communities of Oakridge, Westfir, and High Prairie, it is possible that conditions may require moving back to a Level 3 (Go Now) evacuation notice in some or all of these areas should and that can happen at any time. Emergency officials say being at Level 2 (BE SET) means that residents should be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. Because of that, people who have mobility limitations, special needs or who are medically fragile are encouraged not to return the Level 2 (Be Set) zones just yet. People who lack access to reliable transportation and those with large animals or pets that can be time consuming or difficult to move also are encouraged not to return to the Level 2 (Be Set) area. Lane County Animal Services will continue to operate its large animal evacuation shelter at the Lane Events Center to provide a safe place to house animals evacuated from the Oakridge-Westfir-High Prairie areas. Many forest and road closures remain still in effect. And fire crews are continuing heavy operations in the area. Residents are asked to remain aware of increased fire-related traffic, drive safely, and obey all road closures and traffic safety laws. ; While Level 3 evacuation notices have been eased on the west side of the fire, they remain in effect along the southern portion of the Cascade Lakes Highway. This includes areas around Cultus and Little Cultus Lakes, Crane Prairie Reservoir, and the northwest portion of Wickiup Reservoir. The fire-related closure of the Cascades Lakes Highway stretches all the way from the Davis Lake Cutoff on the south to midway between Lake and Elk Lakes on the north. ; Oakridge-Westfir Community notes: The Oakridge Schools are closed all this week as some but not all evacuees return to their homes and the wildfire threat,

while reduced, continues. Classes will resume on Monday, Sept. 19. Also, the Lane Council of Government's Oakridge office of Senior & Disability Services is closed this week. The Oakridge Senior Meals site also is not operating this week. Lane Transit officials say the Diamond Express Bus Service to Oakridge will resume today with an added stop from the Lane County Fairgrounds at 7:50 a.m., 10:50 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. until further notice. Lane County Waste Management yesterday postponed the reopening of its Oakridge waste transfer site (48977 Kitson Springs Road) to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. The site is expected to be busy much of tomorrow as Oakridge and Westfir-area residents dispose of food waste affected by the multi-day power outage. The site will be on its normal operating hours. According to the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture), a refrigerator will keep food safe for up to four hours during a power outage. Discard refrigerated perishable food such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers after 4 hours without power. After a power outage never taste food to determine its safety. ; The Oregon Department of Transportation has lifted all Cedar Creek Fire-related closures on Oregon Highway 58. But Cedar Creek fire responders remain in the area. Watch for those fire crews as you travel over the mountains. Be aware that conditions might change. Additionally, there is a work zone between mileposts 56 and 62, east of the Salt Creek Tunnel. Expect delays up to 20 minutes. Traffic is being controlled by flaggers and a pilot car. Also, U.S. Highway 20 into the mountains is completely closed for three miles while crews work on a major road construction project. The shutdown, between Milepost 54 to Milepost 57, is just east of the Upper Soda area—midway between Cascadia and Santiam Junction. The highway reopens on September 22. Oregon Highways 126 and 22 remain open for those heading over Santiam Pass. ; The Cedar Creek Fire has burned more than 90-thousand acres. More than 1,200 personnel are battling the blaze. The leading edge of the blaze continues to burn about four miles northeast of Oakridge. Its northern edge late last week reached a portion of Forest Road 19, the scenic Aufderheide Drive. On the east side, the blaze moved across the top of Waldo Lake and continues to inch toward Little Cultus Lake and other popular spots along the Cascade Lakes Highway, including Cultus Lake and Crane Prairie Reservoir. To the south, the main body of the fire has not reached Oregon Highway 58 and crews are maintaining a heavy presence there and along the Aufderheide to directly attack the fire. ; Two Lane County Task Forces that were brought in to help protect homes and other buildings in the Oakridge and Westfir areas returned home yesterday. The Task Forces include personnel and equipment from nine different districts and departments. Many of them spent late August and the early part of this month shoring up defenses around homes threatened by blazes along southwestern Oregon's Rogue River, followed by deployments to parts of Eastern Oregon. / CRIME, SAFETY: Commuting on the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridges this morning? You'll notice some burned grass, brush, and trees above the rock-climbing area on the west side of Eugene's Skinner Butte. It comes after a blaze was reported there around 5:15 p.m. yesterday afternoon, prompting a very fast response from local crews. It was quickly extinguished. The cause of the fire is under investigation. / SAFETY: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say a man drowned Sunday morning near Paradise Campground on the McKenzie after the raft in which he and two friends were riding capsized. It happened around eight a.m. on a stretch of the river above McKenzie Bridge. Officials say the victim had been underwater for a period

of time and that once he was pulled from the river bystanders performed CPR until medics arrived. But he did not survive. The man's name is being withheld while relatives are notified. Investigators say all three men had lifejackets in the boat, but none were wearing them at the time of the capsizing. / CRIME: Lane County Sheriff's investigators say there is no ongoing threat to the public after an assault and standoff yesterday at a residence just south of Springfield. The male suspect died in the incident and the woman officials say was his hostage was treated for a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to the abdomen. It began shortly before 4 p.m., when a caller contacted 911 from the location on South Ash Street near Second Street to say that his stepfather was assaulting his mother at the residence. Deputies arrived and entered the residence, which is the site of a daycare business, and evacuated seven children, ranging in age from one year old to 11 years old. They say the male suspect had barricaded himself with his female hostage in the basement. After lengthy negotiations involving multiple agencies, shots were fired shortly after 9:30 last night. Investigators say the woman had a non-life-threatening gunshot wound to her abdomen and the man was deceased. Two Lane County Sheriff's Deputies advised that they had fired shots from their department issued firearms during the incident. No deputies were physically injured during the incident. The deputies involved in the shooting have been placed on paid administrative leave as is standard protocol in deadly force incidents. / MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT: It's modeled on the CAHOOTS program here in Lane County, which assists people experiencing mental health and substance abuse crises. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services yesterday announced financial support through Medicaid for expansion of such mobile mental-health crisis intervention units in Oregon. We are the first of 20 states to receive the higher level of federal aid. It comes after Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden led a push to fund such programs nationwide. Federal officials say prioritizing behavioral health treatment by putting crisis care in reach for more Americans is critical. They encouraged all U.S. states to take advantage of the federal funding opportunity, which provides an 85-percent reimbursement match for mobile crisis services during the next three years. State health officials say the funding helps expand effective and compassionate care to people in crisis. / EDUCATION, WOMEN: She is a national higher education teaching leader in the engineering. She's a top researcher and is committed both to public and academic service. She's also the new president of Oregon State University. Jayathi Murthy took the helm at OSU on Friday. She hails from UCLA, where she has been Dean of the School Engineering and Applied Science for more than six years. She also was a distinguished professor in the school's mechanical and aerospace department. Murthy became OSU's 16th president during a ceremony on September 9. She is the first woman of color to lead OSU. During her tenure with UCLA, Murthy has expanded access to engineering education and led an effort to attract more women to the field. She also helped attract more than \$330 million in donations and endowments. Her focus is on engineering in medicine and biology; sustainable and resilient urban systems; artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science; cybersecurity and the future internet; robotics and cyberphysical systems; as well as advanced materials and manufacturing. / ECONOMY, FINANCES: Sharply lower prices for gasoline and cheaper used cars slowed U.S. inflation in August for a second straight month, though many other

items rose in price, indicating that inflation remains a heavy burden for American households. Consumer prices surged 8.3 percent in August compared with a year earlier. Though still painfully high, that was down from an 8.5 percent jump in July and a four-decade high of 9.1 percent in June. Inflation has escalated families' grocery bills, rents, and utility costs, among other expenses, inflicting hardships on many households and deepening gloom about the economy despite strong job growth and low unemployment. Even if inflation peaks, economists expect the cost of rental apartments and other services, including health care, could keep rising in the months ahead. / AGRICULTURE: The Pacific Northwest cherry crop this year is the smallest in 14 years at least in part because of a spring snowstorm that affected the cherry bloom. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the crop was 80,000 tons short. Oregon and Washington experienced a severe winter storm on April 14, during the region's cherry blossom bloom. / ENTERTAINMENT: The Broadway touring production of "Hamilton" opens its run this evening at Eugene's Hult Center for the performing arts. This weekend's performances are sold out, but a few tickets remain for tonight, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings' shows. Go to hultcenter.org for details. /

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WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY, LOW-INCOME: Another day of cooler conditions and higher humidity in the Oakridge and Westfir areas. As the immediate threat from the 90-thousand-acre Cedar Creek Fire continues to ease a bit, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has downgraded Westfir and West Oakridge to a Level 1 "Be Ready" evacuation notification. Some other areas, including High Prairie, East Oakridge, and the Hills Creek Reservoir area remain under a Level 2 "Get Set" notice. Many forest and road closures also remain in effect. Officials say that while every effort is being made to protect the communities of Oakridge, Westfir, and High Prairie, it is possible that conditions may require a return to higher evacuation levels should weather conditions change and the wildfire makes another run toward the communities. The leading edge of the Cedar Creek Fire is about three-and-a-half miles northeast of the edge of Oakridge. Also, a reminder to returning residents: Fire crews still are conducting heavy suppression operations in the area. Be aware of increased fire-related traffic, drive safely, and obey all road closures and traffic safety laws. More than 1,200 personnel are battling the blaze. While evacuation levels have been eased on the west side of the fire, they remain in effect along the southern portion of the Cascade Lakes Highway. This includes areas around Cultus and Little Cultus Lakes, Crane Prairie Reservoir, and the northwest portion of Wickiup Reservoir. The fire-related closure of the Cascades Lakes Highway stretches all the way from the Davis Lake Cutoff on the south to midway between Lake and Elk Lakes on the north. ; Oakridge-Westfir Community notes: FOOD For Lane County is sending its Mobile Pantry to Oakridge later this morning to distribute pre-packed food boxes to residents who lost food during the multi-day power outage. The Mobile Food Pantry will operate from 10 a.m. to noon at Oakridge High School. Food boxes will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Also, a quick reminder for older residents in the Oakridge and Westfir areas: The Oakridge Senior Meals site is not operating this week. Lane County Waste Management reopens its Oakridge waste transfer site (48977 Kitson Springs Road) to 8:00 a.m. this morning and resumes its normal operating hours. The site is expected to be busy as Oakridge and Westfir-area residents dispose of food waste affected by the multi-day power outage. The Oakridge Schools remain closed all this week as some but not all evacuees return to their homes.

Classes will resume on Monday, Sept. 19. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they've made an arrest in connection with Monday's brush fire on Skinner's Butte. Investigators say they'd been called to the top of the butte shortly after 5:00 p.m. Monday for a report of a woman with a gun. When they arrived, they say they spotted the suspect, later identified as 39-year-old Shelly Ann Reed, at the top of the basalt rock-climbing columns on the west side of the butte. Officers say Reed began screaming as she crouched in the grass and a few moments later the brush fire began in the area where Reed was last seen. Six crews worked to suppress the fire and had it under control in 25 minutes. The blaze burned one acre of grass and other vegetation above the rock columns. No injuries were reported. Police say Reed fled the scene but was located near 2nd Avenue and Lincoln Street. But an officer said when he attempted to take Reed into custody, she brandished a flashlight-shaped taser at him and sparked it. Another officer arrived to assist, and Reed was arrested and handcuffed. Officers searching the top of the Skinner's Butte columns, where Reed had been, say they recovered a black BB gun with a loadable magazine and a butane torch. Reed was charged with First-Degree Arson and Second-Degree Disorderly Conduct. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: Rents across Oregon could see another big leap in 2023. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services this week published the annual maximum rent increase allowed by statute for next year: 14.6 percent. That's almost five percent higher than this year's rent increase cap of 9.9 percent. Under state law, landlords are not allowed to raise rents above a certain level. But that amount is calculated using the Consumer Price Index plus seven percent. With inflation soaring this year, the Consumer Price Index has climbed—the leading factor in pushing up the maximum rent cap. That could increase the financial hardship for those struggling to earn enough to cover rising costs in rent, groceries, and utilities. While 14.6 percent is the maximum allowable amount for 2023, not every property owner or manager plans to push through hikes that large. But others say they will need to, to cover their own rising maintenance and other expenses. / LABOR, BUSINESS: Employees at Weyerhaeuser sites in Oregon and Washington are on strike, citing low wage increases and high health care premiums. That includes the company's mill on the south end of Cottage Grove. Leaders with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents more than 1,100 Weyerhaeuser employees, said negotiations for a new bargaining agreement have been underway since this spring. Employees reportedly voted to reject the timber company's latest offer on Aug. 19, with the union saying the proposal came, quote, "nowhere close to what our members wanted or deserved." Union members voted to strike soon after. Leaders of the Seattle-based company said in a statement that while officials are disappointed in the decision to walk out, they are committed to negotiating in good faith. / TRANSPORTATION, LABOR, BUSINESS, ECONOMY: Business and government officials are bracing for the possibility of a nationwide rail strike, although talks between the railroads and the union representing their workers continue. Already, freight railroads and their unions are facing increasing pressure from business groups and the White House to settle their contract dispute before Friday's looming strike deadline. Railroads have begun cutting shipments of hazardous materials and have announced plans to stop hauling refrigerated products as the strike deadline nears. Businesses that rely on goods shipped by Union Pacific, BNSF, Norfolk Southern, CSX, Kansas

City Southern and other railroads are watching to see what happens — and are planning for the worst. That includes Northwest farmers, many of whom rely on railroads to ship their products to processors and ports during the busy summer and fall harvest season. The possible strike also is affecting passenger rail carrier Amtrak. Earlier this week, Amtrak began canceling many of its long-distance routes amid concerns passengers, crews, and trains otherwise might become stranded during a walkout. While Amtrak owns some shorter rail lines in the Northeast, it uses rails used by freight companies for many of its longer itineraries. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: Two important afternoon food updates for the Oakridge / Westfir / High Prairie areas. The first is for those who receive SNAP benefits, the second comes from our local food bank. If you receive SNAP benefits and lost food due to the recent wildfire-related power outages, you can get replacement benefits from the Oregon Department of Human Services. Oregonians who lost food purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits due to the recent public safety power shutoffs or wildfire evacuations are encouraged to request replacement benefits with the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS). Households who receive SNAP who lost or disposed of food that was unsafe to eat due to these events can request that replacement benefits be issued for the cost of the food lost. They may request to replace food benefits equal to one month of the normal benefit amount for the household. Replacement benefits must be requested within 10 calendar days of the food loss: Call (800) 699-9075 or Email: SSP.StatewideWorkshare@dhsos.state.or.us Once approved, replacement benefits are added to the households existing Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card. Resources to help meet basic needs: Find a food pantry: foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or www.adrcforegon.org Dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-211, www.211info.org . There was huge demand yesterday morning for those free food boxes from the FOOD For Lane County Mobile Pantry. Coordinators of the food giveaway say 75 vehicles were waiting in line as they opened. They handed out 126 food boxes but had to turn many people away But more food boxes are headed to the Oakridge-Westfir area. FOOD for Lane County officials say their Mobile Pantry returns tomorrow and again will be distributing food boxes at Oakridge High School between 10 a.m. and noon—first come, first served. Also, beginning next week, the Oakridge Food Pantry plans to be open during its normal operating hours at two locations: Westfir: 46433 Westfir Rd., Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Oakridge: 47663 Highway 58, Oakridge, Thursdays from 10:30 – 1 p.m. / CRIME, DISASTERS: Two burglaries, two attempted burglaries, and two prowler calls. Oakridge Police say some</p>

people returning this week to evacuated homes discovered thieves had arrived there before them. Oakridge Police, supported by the Junction City Police, say they were conducting neighborhood patrols and working to prevent crime in the mostly empty towns. They say if evacuees discover more evidence of criminal activity and encourage you to let Oakridge Police know as they continue their investigation. / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge, now covers more than 92,500 acres. More than 2,100 personnel are battling the blaze—both on the ground and in the air. They are taking advantage of cooler weather to shore up fire lines in spots where nearby communities, structures, and recreational sites are threatened. While evacuation levels have been eased on the west side of the fire, they remain in effect along the southern portion of the Cascade Lakes Highway. This includes areas around Cultus and Little Cultus Lakes, Crane Prairie Reservoir, and the northwest portion of Wickiup Reservoir. The fire-related closure of the Cascades Lakes Highway stretches all the way from the Davis Lake Cutoff on the south to midway between Lake and Elk Lakes on the north. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, LABOR, BUSINESS: Good news for many businesses, manufacturers, farmers, even some American commuters: President Joe Biden says a tentative railway labor agreement has been reached, averting tomorrow's potentially devastating nationwide strike. Biden said early this morning the tentative deal will keep the "critical rail system" and a network of privately-owned freight railroads running and avoid a new round of economic and supply chain disruption. Under the labor deal, tens of thousands of rail workers will receive 24 percent raises and \$5,000 in bonuses. Railroads agree to ease strict attendance policies to address some union concerns about working conditions. Businesses rely on goods shipped by Union Pacific, BNSF, Norfolk Southern, CSX, Kansas City Southern and other railroads. Carmakers and other manufacturers warned a walkout would further postpone deliveries of much-needed vehicles and parts. Shippers had already begun postponing deliveries of everything from oil and hazardous substances to refrigerated goods and livestock feed to avoid having the cars stranded on sidings across the country. For many Northwest farmers, a tentative agreement means they will be able to continue shipping their harvests to processors and ports during the busy summer and fall agricultural season. Amid the uncertainty over whether the two sides would settle, and as last-ditch bargaining continued, Amtrak officials yesterday cancelled today's long-distance passenger trains to ensure passengers and crews would not become stranded. While Amtrak owns some shorter rail lines in the Northeast, it uses rails used by freight companies for many of its longer itineraries. Regular long-distance departures are expected to resume tomorrow and passengers whose itineraries were disrupted are being offered rebooking or refunds. The tentative settlement also produced a sigh of relief for those who use major commuter rail services in Seattle, the San Francisco Bay Area, Chicago, Washington, D.C., and other systems that use portions of tracks owned by freight railroads. Had there been a strike, they would have been forced into full or partial shutdowns. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, PANDEMIC: Oregon's unemployment rate rose a bit to 3.7 percent in August from 3.5 percent in July. This was the first increase in Oregon's unemployment rate since April 2020. But the numbers don't tell the entire story. State analysts say more people are looking for work. They say Oregon has recovered all of the jobs lost during the start of the pandemic—although they've come back in different

ways in different sectors. And they say the overall workforce is now larger than it was before the start of the pandemic in March of 2020—with employers still trying to hire more people amid continued and unprecedented consumer spending and demand. Oregon's unemployment rate ticked up from 3.5 to 3.7 percent last month. But that remains close to historic lows. The biggest gains came in areas including Government, Leisure and Hospitality, Construction, Professional and Business Services, and Manufacturing. The only areas shedding some jobs last month were Other Services and Financial Activities. With the rapid gains in total nonfarm payroll jobs in July and August, Oregon reached a record employment total of 1,974,700 jobs in August, which was 2,500 jobs above the pre-pandemic peak reached in February 2020. The private sector has also regained all of the jobs it lost during the pandemic recession. State labor economist Gail Krumenauer says during the Great Recession of 2007-2008, it took 82 months for Oregon's payroll workforce to recover to its previous levels. But during the recent pandemic-caused recession, it only took 30 months. / ECONOMY, HOUSING: Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates climbed over six percent this week for the first time since the housing crash of 2008, threatening to sideline even more homebuyers from a rapidly cooling housing market. The long-term average rate has more than doubled since a year ago and is the highest it's been since November of 2008, just after the housing market collapse triggered the Great Recession. Most economists forecast that the Fed will jack up its primary lending rate another three-quarters of a point when it meets next week. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Americans picked up their spending a bit in August from July even as surging inflation on household necessities like rent and food take a toll on household budgets. The U.S. retail sales rose an unexpected 0.3 percent last month, from being down 0.4 percent in July, the Commerce Department said. Excluding business at gas stations, sales rose 0.8 percent. Sales at grocery stores rose 0.5 percent, helped by rising prices in food. Business at restaurants rose 1.1 percent, while online sales fell 0.7 percent. Business at clothing stores rose 0.4 percent while sales at furniture stores fell 1.3 percent. ; A growing number of American shoppers have jumped at the chance to use "buy now, pay later" loans to pay for new sneakers, electronics, or luxury goods in installments. Companies such as Affirm, Afterpay, Klarna and PayPal have built popular financial products around these short-term loans, particularly for younger borrowers, who are fearful of never-ending credit card debt. But as the industry continues to rack up customers, delinquencies are climbing. Inflation is squeezing consumers, making it tougher to pay off debts. Some borrowers don't budget properly, particularly if they are persuaded to take out multiple loans, while others may have been credit risks to begin with. / PANDEMIC: During the first two years of the pandemic, the number of people working from home tripled, home values grew, and the percentage of people who spend more than a third of their income on rent went up. That's according to survey results released today by the U.S. Census Bureau, which provide the most detailed data yet on how life changed in the U.S. under COVID-19. The Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey one-year estimates also found that the share of unmarried couples living together rose, fewer people moved, Americans became more wired, preschool enrollment dropped, and the percentage of people who identify as multiracial jumped. / CRIME: They say he was armed with a bow and arrow and began firing them late Tuesday night at people and property in a mobile home park south of

Creswell. No one was wounded, but Lane County Sheriff's deputies say they found arrows scattered throughout the residential park on Davisson Road and one arrow stuck in the side of a mobile home. Deputies responded shortly before 11:30 Tuesday night after callers reported that the suspect, later identified as 29-year-old Jose Deleon, was on the roof of one of the units, yelling that he was going to shoot the property manager, and firing arrows at people. One caller said Deleon had put on an army helmet at one point. Deputies say he appeared unarmed when they arrived but that he jumped off the roof and tried to flee. Investigators say Deleon was wearing ballistic body armor when he was taken into custody. / SPORTS: The NFL is set to make its debut with a streaming service tonight. Former Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert and the Los Angeles Chargers take on the Kansas City Chiefs on Prime Video. The AFC West showdown is a potential preview of the conference title match-up. Herbert is 2-0 at Kansas City. The NFL stream on Amazon Prime is the highest-profile of a series of deals between sports leagues and streaming services. NHL games will be shown on both ESPN+ and Hulu. Major League Baseball has deals with Apple TV+ and Peacock. Industry experts say viewers are becoming more comfortable with streaming games and advances in technology have made it seamless. / SPORTS, BUSINESS, MENTAL HEALTH, FINANCES: A new surveys shows nearly one in five U.S. adults bet money on sports over the past year. The report from the Pew Research Center shows that 19 percent of adults surveyed said they bet on sports. The most common way they did so involved bets with friends or family, such as a private betting pool, fantasy league or a casual bet; 15 percent say they bet this way. Only 8 percent say they made sports bets in person at a casino, racetrack or kiosk, and 6 percent did so online. A record 46.6 million Americans say they plan to bet on the current NFL season, according to the American Gaming Association. More male respondents than female — 24 percent versus 15 percent — said they had bet on sports in some form in the past year. And of respondents under 50 years of age, 22 percent had bet on sports compared to 17 percent over 50. It found no significant differences in sports betting by educational attainment or household income level: 18 percent of college graduates said they bet on sports in the past year, and 20 percent of those without a college degree said they had done so. Meanwhile, 22 percent of adults in the upper-income wage bracket, 19 percent of middle-income and 19 percent of lower-income households reported making sports bets in the past year. As of May, the fourth anniversary of a U.S. Supreme Court decision clearing the way for all 50 U.S. states to offer legal sports betting should they choose to do so, Americans had wagered over \$125 billion on sports. /

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sometimes joined by local law enforcement, to determine whether servers and retail clerks follow the law and ask for identification providing they are 21 or older and able to purchase legally. Compliance was better during two Minor Decoy Operations in the Portland area at 70 percent and 85 percent. In Salem, there was a compliance rate of 88 percent, which was the best result so far. But statewide, average compliance stands at only 63 percent. Inspectors from the OLCC's Marijuana Program are also ramping up Minor Decoy Operations. They say a recently completed operation in the Medford region resulted in a 67 percent compliance rate. Due to the high rate of non-compliance, the OLCC plans to aggressively conduct compliance operations across the state to ensure alcohol service licensees have better controls in place and are taking the proper steps to ensure public safety in their communities. OLCC Commissioners are aware of the high failure rates and will consider increasing penalties for the sale of alcohol to minors. / TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: The Biden administration has approved plans from 34 states—including Oregon—that detail how those each state will roll out its part of an ambitious national electric vehicle charging network. The approval means \$900 million in National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funding will begin flowing to states under President Biden's massive infrastructure law. The money will help create a national fast-charging network for electric vehicles. Experts say building out a reliable and convenient network is critical to spur more adoption of the technology, and that electric vehicles or EVs are key to reducing greenhouse emissions that cause global warming. In practical terms, Oregonians could see more charging stations start popping up along major travel corridors as early as next summer. Biden has a goal of ultimately installing 500,000 chargers across America and building a network of fast-charging stations across 53,000 miles of freeways from coast to coast. Experts say the federal dollars should kickstart more involvement from the private sector to fill in the gaps for EV charging across the U.S. Last year, electric cars accounted for about five percent of new vehicle sales in the U.S. and made up about 0.9 percent of all vehicles in the nation. But those numbers are expected to grow as more automakers offer the models, prices on EVs drop, and more drivers opt for vehicles that aren't dependent on fluctuating gasoline prices. Earlier this month, California leaders announced they will require all new cars, trucks and SUVs sold within their borders to run on electricity or hydrogen by 2035. Oregon and Washington are joining California on that timeline, part of an ambitious West Coast effort to move away from gasoline-powered vehicles and the pollution they emit. This funding is specifically for installing the most powerful chargers along major freeways that connect states. The goal of the NEVI program is to eliminate concerns about running out of power in the middle of a long trip — a worry that currently keeps many people from purchasing electric vehicles or using them on long road trips. Under proposed guidelines, states would be required to install at least one four-port fast-charging station every 50 miles on these corridors and ensure they are within one mile of an off-ramp to address that issue. A number of states with larger rural areas have raised concerns about proposed guidelines that would require a charging station every 50 miles. These states say there isn't the electric infrastructure or demand to support stations in some areas. These states were allowed to ask for exceptions as part of their plan and many were granted by the Biden administration with a one-year window. / ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: The Biden administration hopes to

develop floating platforms in the deep ocean for offshore wind towers that could power millions of homes and vastly expand offshore wind in the United States. The plan announced Thursday would target sites in the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon and California coasts, as well as in the Atlantic in the Gulf of Maine. President Biden hopes to deploy up to 15 gigawatts of electricity through floating sites by 2035, enough to power five million homes. There are only a handful of floating offshore platforms in the world — all in Europe — but officials say new technology could soon establish the U.S. as a global leader in offshore wind generation. The push for offshore wind is part of Biden's effort to promote clean energy and address global warming. Biden has pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030. A climate bill Biden signed last month would spend about \$375 billion over 10 years to boost electric vehicles, jump-start renewable energy such as solar and wind power, and develop alternative energy sources like hydrogen. Officials say three pilot projects are planned: One off the southern Oregon coast and with the other two off California's north and central coast. More than half of the nation's offshore wind resources are in deep waters where traditional offshore wind foundations are not economically feasible, Haaland said, adding that "floating wind will help us reach areas once not attainable. And this is critical because floating wind will help us build on the administration's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030." / ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, BUSINESS: It was the end of an era yesterday in Eastern Oregon. Using explosive charges, crews with Portland General Electric demolished the 656-foot-tall stack and boiler at the utility's Boardman Coal Plant. The plant closed in 2020 amid a push to cut back on the use of climate-warming fossil fuels. PGE streamed the demolition on YouTube. / BUSINESS: The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that retail giant Amazon has indefinitely shelved plans to develop an enormous, 517,000-square-foot warehouse on a 47-acre property in Canby. Just one year ago, the online retailer announced plans to build the project, promising 500 jobs paying an average wage of \$18 an hour. But on the heels of consumers' online shopping boom during the pandemic, analysts say buying patterns have returned to normal and consumers have become more cautious in their spending amid soaring inflation. Bloomberg shared figures earlier this month from supply chain consulting firm MWPVL International that found Amazon has closed or halted plans to open 42 warehouses with a combined footprint of nearly 25 million square feet. The firm said Amazon was delaying another 21 locations. Oregonian reporter Mike Rogoway notes that Amazon continues to operate shipping facilities in Salem, Portland, Hillsboro, and Troutdale, and is continuing to build a massive, 3.8 million-square-foot warehouse in Woodburn. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, CLIMATE CHANGE, SAFETY: Medical centers around the country say fires, flooding, heat waves and other extreme weather are increasingly jeopardizing medical services, damaging health care facilities and forcing patients to flee their hospital beds. That's according to findings released Thursday in a report from the House Ways and Means Committee. A majority of the 63 trade associations, hospital systems and community health centers that responded to the questionnaire say they have experienced at least one extreme weather event in the last five years. They represent roughly 25,000 medical facilities across the U.S. In some cases, those responding to the survey say the disasters forced closures or evacuations and cost health care systems millions of dollars. / WILDLIFE, EDUCATION: Helloooo, whale. Marine researchers, including one at

Oregon State University, say they've learned that sperm whales in the Pacific Ocean make distinct vocalizations that help them identify whales in different clans. These vocalizations, called "identity codas," are unique sequences of Morse code-like clicking sounds that function as symbolic markers of different social groups and are indicative of whale culture. Mauricio Cantor, an assistant professor in OSU's Marine Mammal Institute and a co-author on the study, says the whales are, quote, "all kind of using the same language, but phrasing things slightly differently." Cantor compared it to humans who wear football jerseys: If you attend a game but don't know anyone in the crowd, a jersey is a simple way of telling everyone else which group you're a part of. And he says the vocalizations, as a sign of whale culture, are shared among clan members, learned and passed down through generations. Cantor says it's another indication that humans and animals share many similar traits, including in socializing and communication. The Marine Mammal Institute is based at OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Ore., part of the university's Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences in the College of Agricultural Sciences. /

SPORTS: Oregon hosts BYU on Saturday at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. The 12:30 p.m. match-up between the Ducks and the Cougars will be broadcast on Fox. The 25th-ranked Oregon Ducks are playing their second ranked opponent of the season when they meet the No. 12 Cougars. It is BYU's makes its first trip to Autzen Stadium since 1990 on Saturday. Oregon has won 29 straight nonconference home games, the second-longest active streak in FBS, including seven against ranked teams. BYU won all five games against Pac-12 teams last season, including two against ranked teams. ; Undefeated Oregon State heads to Portland on Saturday for a rare game at the Rose City's Providence Park—home to the Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns. The Beavs host Montana State at 5:00 p.m. in a game carried by the Pac-12 Networks. It comes as work continues to rebuild and upgrade one side of Reser Stadium. ; An NFL showdown last night and some concerned moments for fans of Los Angeles Chargers quarterback and former Oregon Duck Justin Herbert. In a showdown between the Chargers and Kansas City, Herbert was drilled by a defender in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter while making a pass. The Eugene native left the field clutching his side, returned one play later, and spent the rest of the game grimacing after every snap. Kansas City won the contest, which was streamed on Prime Video, 27-24. Herbert gamely tried to keep the Chargers alive after the team blew a ten-point lead. Despite an earlier key interception, he threw for 334 yards and three touchdown passes, including a touchdown with a minute to go. But Kansas City recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock to end the game. Herbert's ribs were X-rayed, but his head coach told a reporter for The Athletic he does not expect the injury to be an issue moving forward. /

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SPORTS: Bo Nix threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more to lead No. 25 Oregon a 41-20 victory over No. 12 BYU. The victory extended Oregon's winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 21 games, the third-longest in the nation. Nix, a transfer from Auburn, completed 13 of 18 passes for 222 yards. He ran for 35 yards on nine carries. Jaren Hall threw for 305 yards and two scores for BYU. The win over BYU moved the Ducks up ten spots in the national rankings, to No. 15. Georgia is now No. 1. And the Washington Huskies made their Top 25 debut at No. 18 after a win over Michigan State. The Ducks visit Washington State next Saturday. The 1:00 p.m. is being broadcast on FOX. ; The University of Oregon and representatives of its student section have apologized to Brigham Young University fans after they were subjected to an offensive, anti-religious chant during Saturday's football game at Autzen Stadium. It comes after Ducks fans were seen yelling a profane chant about Mormons in a video clip widely shared on social media. It happened during the second half of the Ducks' 41-20 victory over BYU. The private university in Provo, Utah, is sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The video prompted Utah Governor Spencer Cox to tweet, "Religious bigotry alive and celebrated in Oregon." The Pit Crew, which represents Oregon's student section, issued an apology, as did the University of Oregon, which called the chant, "offensive and disgraceful." The statement on the UO's Twitter account added, "These types of actions go against everything the university stands for, and it goes against the spirit of competition. We can and will do better as a campus community that has no place for hate, bias or bigotry." ; Chance Nolan threw for 276 yards and four touchdowns and Oregon State remained undefeated with a 68-28 victory over Montana State at Portland's Providence Park on Saturday night. Anthony Gould caught a pair of touchdown passes and returned a punt for another score for the Beavers, who are 3-0 to open the season for the first time since 2014. The Beavers host the USC Trojans next Saturday night in Corvallis. The 6:30 p.m. game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. ; On Friday Night, the Eugene Emeralds finished off the sweep of the Vancouver Canadians to take home the Northwest League Championship. The back-to-back titles in the first two years at the High-A level give the Emeralds four championships in the last six years. For the Emeralds, this was the eighth championship in the 68-year history of the franchise (1955, 1974,

1975, 1980, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2022). Eugene becomes the eighth team in Northwest League history to win consecutive championships. It's the second time the Emeralds have won back-to-back titles. They also accomplished the feat in the 1974-75 seasons. / EDUCATION, HOUSING: Students are returning to Eugene and Corvallis for the start of classes at the University of Oregon and Oregon State. Many students are living in rental apartments and homes, sororities and fraternities, but thousands of others are living in campus dormitories. Oregon State University's residence hall move-in began on Saturday in Corvallis and continues through tomorrow. The New Student Convocation takes place on Tuesday. Classes begin on Wednesday. In Eugene, the U-of-O's "Unpack the Quack" takes place on Thursday and Friday. That's when students begin moving into campus residence halls in Eugene. Watch for traffic on Franklin Boulevard and Agate Streets. There also are welcome events set for the weekend, including the UO Convocation and a pep rally. Classes begin one week from Tuesday, on September 27. Lane Community College Fall Term classes also begin on September 27. / EDUCATION: Big congratulations to the Springfield School District's Scott Crowell. He is one of the state's "Regional Teachers of the Year." Crowell is a teacher at Springfield's A3—the Academy of Arts and Academics. In addition to offering great in-class instruction, he's been praised for his efforts to reach students from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. He also helps coordinate A3 students' big Downtown Cleanup, which took place on Friday. Crowell says it's a chance of for students not only to improve the environment but to provide a service to their downtown neighbors. As the Lane ESD's 2023 "Teacher of the Year," Crowell receives a \$1,000 cash prize and is in the running for Oregon "Teacher of the Year." / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge, now covers more than 112,000 acres. The fire's size grew in recent days as crews took advantage of cooler weather to set controlled fires to deprive the blaze of fuel and reinforce fire lines. Close to 2,500 personnel are battling the blaze—both on the ground and in the air. Elijah Bristow State Park and Dexter Boat Launch are closed to the public while being used by firefighters for water operations. Both the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests have closures in effect to protect the public and firefighters. While evacuation levels have been eased on the west side of the fire, they remain in effect along the southern portion of the Cascade Lakes Highway. This includes areas around Cultus and Little Cultus Lakes, Crane Prairie Reservoir, and the northwest portion of Wickiup Reservoir. The fire-related closure of the Cascades Lakes Highway stretches all the way from the Davis Lake Cutoff on the south to midway between Lake and Elk Lakes on the north. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, HOMELESSNESS: An intense restoration of Eugene's Washington-Jefferson Park is entering its second week and will continue into the winter. The park was used during the height of the pandemic to house the unhoused. But by the time the camp closed, the soil was heavily compacted, the irrigation system damaged, and assessments found that small debris, including needles, had been compacted into the ground to a depth of between one and about five inches. The park closed to the public March 16, and on Monday of last week work began to restore the site, including scaping away the tainted topsoil; installing new topsoil and turf, repairing and upgrading the sprinkler and irrigation system; updating electrical and lightning; and improving the rest of the park's infrastructure and hard surfaces. The first phase of work on Washington-Jefferson Park is taking

place on the portion south of the railroad tracks. The northern section of the park, including the skate park and horseshoe pits, between the tracks and West 1st Avenue, has remained open and will remain accessible. Work will go section-by-section, finishing on the block between West 6th and West 7th Avenues. The restoration budget is \$810,000 and is being paid for by federal funds through the American Rescue Plan Act funds. After hearing suggestions from neighborhood and park users, crews also will create a new walkway through the park to improve community safety and connect West 4th Avenue between Washington and Jefferson streets. When the restored portion of the park reopens, Eugene officials say all City Park Rules will be in effect, including a prohibition on camping. The park also will be closed overnight. Parks and Open Space staff, including Eugene Police Park Resource Officers, visit City parks regularly to promote safe and clean park enjoyment in accordance with Park Rules. Parking Services and police also address issues in the park.

/ LEGAL, AGRICULTURE, ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: The Oregon Supreme Court has declined to hear an appeal from 13 counties in a long-running \$1 billion timber revenue lawsuit. The denial ends a six-year legal battle over forest management on 700,000 acres and is a victory for the state Department of Forestry and environmental groups. The decision leaves in place a lower court ruling from April saying that Oregon can manage forests for a range of values that include recreation, water quality and wildlife habitat — not just logging revenue. Oregon has funneled millions of dollars to the counties over the years, bolstering local budgets. But 13 counties took the state to court, saying the state was shortchanging them. “Greatest permanent value,” they argued, equals maximum timber revenue. A Linn County jury agreed in 2019 and ordered Oregon to pay \$1.1 billion plus interest in damages to the timber counties. But the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed the verdict earlier this year. Linn County is one of several Oregon counties and special taxing districts that took part in the lawsuit. Linn County received a cut of logging profits from forestland it gave to the state in the 1930s and 1940s. In exchange, Oregon agreed to manage those lands, which were mostly burned and logged over at the time of donation, “so as to secure the greatest permanent value of those lands to the state.” The Oregon Department of Justice, which represented the state government in the case, issued a written statement Friday calling the Supreme Court’s decision a “victory for Oregon’s environment and for sound forest management in general.” ; A Virginia judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed on behalf of 13 young people who claim that the state’s permitting of fossil fuel projects is exacerbating climate change. The lawsuit, filed by Eugene-based nonprofit Our Children’s Trust, asked the court to declare portions of the Virginia Gas and Oil Act unconstitutional. It also alleged that the state’s reliance on and promotion of fossil fuels violates the rights of the plaintiffs. But on Friday, a judge granted the State of Virginia’s request to dismiss the lawsuit. The judge found that the complaint is barred by sovereign immunity. The plaintiffs’ lawyer said they will likely appeal the ruling to the Virginia Court of Appeals. The lawsuit is one of five filed by Our Children’s Trust in states around the country. Lawsuits in Hawaii and Utah are in the early stages, while a lawsuit in Montana is expected to go to trial next year. A federal lawsuit filed in Eugene in 2015, *Juliana v. United States*, remains in litigation after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against the plaintiffs last year. The plaintiffs, who were between the ages of 11 and 22 when the lawsuit first was filed, have since asked to file a narrower amended complaint

and are awaiting a decision. The plaintiffs, several of whom were from Eugene and other Oregon towns, contended the federal government violated their rights by allowing the use of fossil fuels. Their argument is the government was aware fossil fuel consumption was contributing to the kind of climate change that will negatively impact the plaintiffs' futures. / BUSINESS, CRIME: The ride-hailing service Uber says all its services are operational following what security professionals are calling a major data breach. It says there is no evidence the hacker got access to sensitive user data. But the breach, apparently by a lone hacker, put the spotlight on an increasingly effective and polished break-in routine: The hacker appears to have gained access by tricking an Uber employee into surrendering their credentials. Screenshots the hacker shared with security researchers indicate they obtained full access to the cloud-based systems where Uber stores sensitive customer and financial data. It is not known how much data the hacker took. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A three-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 20 in the Cascades is completely closed this week while crews wrap up work on a major road construction project. The shutdown, between Milepost 54 to Milepost 57, is just east of the Upper Soda area—midway between Cascadia and Santiam Junction. The highway reopens September 22. Oregon Highways 58, 126, and 22 remain open for those heading over Santiam Pass. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY, WILDFIRES, HEALTH: Smoke from the Cedar Creek Fire rolled into Eugene-Springfield yesterday, sending air quality to Unhealthy levels. In the Oakridge area, air quality was Hazardous for much of the day. The smoke eased a bit late yesterday and overnight as the wind shifted. Air quality is "moderate" in the metro area this morning and scattered rain showers could help clear the air. But an Air Quality Advisory remains in effect through Wednesday morning. ; The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has issued an Air Quality Advisory, which is in effect until 11 a.m. Wednesday. In Eugene and Springfield, air quality of "unhealthy for sensitive groups" is expected in the mornings with improved air quality each afternoon. In Oakridge, air quality is likely to worsen to "hazardous" on the Air Quality Index. Young children, older adults, and people with heart or lung problems are especially vulnerable. With school back in session, it is important to consider public health guidance for school outdoor activities when scheduling time outdoors for children. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. / WILDFIRES: The Cedar Creek Fire, burning east of Oakridge, now covers more than 113,000 acres. More than 2,500 personnel are battling the blaze—both on the ground and in the air. That includes 58 crews, 92 engines, 105 pieces of heavy equipment, and 12 helicopters. Higher humidity and cooler temperatures have slowed the fire's growth and allowed crews to reinforce the lines. Containment is estimated at 11 percent. Protecting the communities of Oakridge, Westfir, and High Prairie remains the top objective for firefighters. Along the south and southwest areas of the fire, crews continue setting backfires where they can in order to deprive the leading edges of the blaze of fuel. They've also been cutting snags along containment lines that would otherwise pose a risk to the safety of firefighters. Hotshot crews have contained the area from Charlton Lake west to Waldo Lake and are securing the east side of Charlton Lake to the Cascade Lakes Highway. On the east side of Waldo Lake, crews have completed six miles of fuel break, 75 feet deep, using existing Forest Service roads, where possible. More than 170 structures have been assessed during the process and 90 of the structure-protection work has been completed. In addition, crews have</p>

worked to protect many campgrounds, including North Waldo, Islet, Cultus Lake, Little Cultus Lake, Davis Lake, Reservoir, Osprey Point, North Davis, North Lava Flow, Quinn, Rock Creek, Trapper Cove, Gold Lake, and Lucky Lake. Crews also are continuing to work to create a firebreak between Odell Lake, Davis Lake, and the Cascade Lakes Highway, using a pair of Forest Service roads. /

COMMUNITY, RECREATION: After more than a year of construction, Eugene's Sheldon Pool & Fitness Center is ready to reopen on Monday of next week (September 26). The 55-year-old facility in the Cal Young neighborhood closed in late Spring 2021 for expansion and renovation, thanks to funding from the Parks and Recreation Bond measure passed by Eugene voters in May 2018. Eugene Recreation officials say the updated facility features a unique warm-water pool and current channel to serve a mix of needs, ranging from fitness and recreation to swim lessons. Many of the offerings differ from what's available at the Echo Hollow or Amazon aquatics complex, offering Eugene recreation patrons additional services. Located next to Sheldon High School and connected to the Sheldon Community Center, the indoor facility now has a three-pool design that features a deep diving well and lap pool, which allows for both deep and shallow water fitness programming, along with the new warm-water pool. Other highlights of the \$10.1-million project include a new hot tub on the main deck; renovated locker rooms and new family changing rooms; updated and expanded HVAC and pool systems; new solar panels on the roof; and expanded paved parking area on the east side of the building between it and the Sheldon High School football field. Sheldon Pool also provides a variety of aquatic programming such as swim lessons, recreation swims and lap swims in addition to a fitness center and partnering with Sheldon Community Center for summer camps. The pool also serves host to many swim meets for local club and high school teams. Managers say the project took longer than expected, in part due to supply-chain delays and staffing challenges. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS: Today, September 20, is National Voter Registration Day. Across the country, elections officials encourage eligible voters to check and update their registration or register for the first time to participate in local, state, and federal elections. ; But at the same time elections officials are encouraging Americans to register to vote, they are dealing with unprecedented challenges. Oregon's secretary of state says county clerks are being inundated with public records requests tied to what she calls "the big lie" that the 2020 election was stolen. It's increased workloads even while elections leaders are already busy preparing for the November election. Secretary of State Shemia Fagan has been visiting Oregon's 36 counties to speak with county clerks and other elections officials, and says she's seen the strain imposed by the avalanche of requests, from populous counties around Portland to rural Lake County, with only 5,590 registered voters. Monday marked one month before ballots will start to be mailed out to voters, on Oct. 19. Oregon Elections Director Deborah Scroggin says the main "myths" officials are encountering are that the 2020 election was stolen, that vote-by-mail elections can't be trusted, that machine tabulators are fraudulent, and that ballot boxes are not secure. Officials say none of those myths are true. "These are sort of copy-and-paste records request that we're being flooded with," she said. Earlier, they focused on forensic audits. These days, there have also been calls for hand-counts, voting system certification and attempts to undermine trust in drop-off ballot boxes. Oregon elections officials are combatting false information through public service

announcements on radio, TV and the internet, and by describing election integrity and the ease of voting in Oregon. Oregon was the first state to institute vote-by-mail, in which ballots are mailed to voters who can return them either by mail or at official, secured, drop-off boxes. Monday marked one month before ballots will start to be mailed out to voters in Oregon, on October 19. The last day to print and mail ballots to military and overseas voters is Saturday. Fagan said her office will go to the Legislature to request a full-time public records person to help deal with the requests received by the secretary of state and county elections officials.

/ ECONOMY: Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell bluntly warned in a speech last month that the Fed's drive to curb inflation by aggressively raising interest rates would "bring some pain." Tomorrow, Americans might get a better sense of how much pain could be in store. The Fed is expected at its latest meeting to raise its key short-term interest rate by a substantial three-quarters of a point for the third consecutive time. Another hike that large would lift its benchmark rate — which affects many consumer and business loans — to a range of 3 percent to 3.25 percent, the highest level in 14 years. In a further sign of the Fed's deepening concern about inflation, the panel will also likely signal that it plans to raise rates much higher by year's end than it had forecast three months ago — and to keep them higher for a longer period. Short-term rates at that level would make a recession likelier next year by sharply raising the cost of mortgages, car loans and business loans. The Fed intends those higher borrowing costs to slow growth by cooling off a still-robust job market to cap wage growth and other inflation pressures. Yet the risk is growing that the Fed may weaken the economy so much as to cause a downturn that would produce job losses. The U.S. economy hasn't seen rates as high as the Fed is projecting since before the 2008 financial crisis. Last week, the average fixed mortgage rate topped 6 percent, its highest point in 14 years. Credit card borrowing costs have reached their highest level since 1996, according to Bankrate.com.

/ PANDEMIC, HEALTH: We hit a major milepost during the past week, as President Biden said during an interview for newsmagazine "60 Minutes" that the emergency phase of the COVID-19 pandemic is "over." Cases are flat or falling in nearly every state, though about 400 people in the U.S. still die from COVID-19 each day, according to data from The New York Times. At that rate, COVID still amounts to one of the biggest causes of death in the U.S., even as public officials herald the availability of vaccines and treatments. But last week, the director-general of the World Health Organization noted that the end of the pandemic is "in sight," although, "not there yet." The U.S. government still designates COVID-19 as a public health emergency, which ensures expanded Medicare coverage, telehealth services, and other pandemic measures to remain in place. But while Americans have been urged to learn to live with the coronavirus, it continues to take a toll. In Oregon, close to 8,500 have died from COVID-related causes over the past 30 months— 619 of them here in Lane County. They leave behind family and friends who grieve their loss. We've seen a slowing of infections and deaths, but elderly people bore the brunt of that increase, with a death rate that had tripled among people who'd reached their 80th birthday. But others were not spared: In addition to the stark toll on the elderly, hundreds of middle-aged and younger people also lost their lives to the virus in recent months. Experts say that the rampant spread of the Omicron variant has driven up the number of deaths even as many others are surviving infection—some with symptoms of "long COVID." And while many

Americans have returned to their pre-pandemic lives, many older adults, those who are immunocompromised, unvaccinated, or under-vaccinated remain at increased risk. / **HEALTH:** Sharply rising cases of some sexually transmitted diseases — including a 26 percent rise in new syphilis infections reported last year — are prompting U.S. health officials to call for new prevention and treatment efforts. Infections rates for some STDs, including gonorrhea and syphilis, have been rising for years. Last year the rate of syphilis cases reached its highest since 1991 and the total number of cases hit its highest since 1948. HIV cases are also on the rise, up 16 percent last year. And an international outbreak of monkeypox, which is being spread mainly between men who have sex with other men, has further highlighted the nation's worsening problem with diseases spread mostly through sex. Officials are working on new approaches to the problem, such as home-test kits for some STDs that will make it easier for people to learn they are infected and to take steps to prevent spreading it to others. Another expert said a core part of any effort is the increased use of condoms. One infectious disease expert noted, "It's pretty simple. More sexually transmitted infections occur when people are having more unprotected sex." Syphilis is a bacterial disease that surfaces as genital sores but can ultimately lead to severe symptoms and death if left untreated. New syphilis infections plummeted in the U.S. starting in the 1940s when antibiotics became widely available. They fell to their lowest ever by 1998, when fewer than 7,000 new cases were reported nationwide. The CDC was so encouraged by the progress it launched a plan to eliminate syphilis in the U.S. Experts are also concerned about the rise in congenital syphilis, in which infected moms pass the disease on to their babies, potentially leading to death of the child or health problems like deafness and blindness. Annual congenital syphilis cases numbered only about 300 a decade ago; they surged to nearly 2,700 last year. Of last year's tally, 211 were stillbirths or infant deaths. The increases in syphilis and other STDs may have several causes, experts say. Testing and prevention efforts have been hobbled by years of inadequate funding and spread may have gotten worse — especially during the pandemic — as a result of delayed diagnosis and treatment. Drug and alcohol use may have contributed to risky sexual behavior. Condom use has been declining. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** The number of people killed on U.S. roadways fell slightly from April through June, the first decline in two years. But the government says traffic fatalities are still at a crisis level, and that many of the deaths are preventable by taking simple safety precautions while driving. Estimates from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that more than 20,000 people (20,175) died in crashes from January through June, an increase of one-half of one percent over the same period last year. The small second-quarter decline was the first drop after seven-straight quarters of increases that started in 2020. The decrease might signal that traffic deaths are finally dropping after an increase fueled by more dangerous driving that happened as roads were clear of traffic during lockdowns early in the pandemic. Nearly 43,000 people were killed on U.S. roads last year, the highest number in 16 years as Americans returned to the roads. The 10.5 percent jump over 2020 numbers was the largest percentage increase since NHTSA began its fatality data collection system in 1975./

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CRIME: Another major marijuana bust in Lane County, this one southeast of Junction City. It comes after investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office received a tip about the grow operation on property in the 30000 block of Maple Lane. When authorities with a search warrant arrived at the property last week, they say they seized close to 8,000 illegal marijuana plants from multiple greenhouses and 4,800 pounds of dried marijuana, along with concentrated marijuana products known as "BHO" or "Butane Honey Oil." They also confiscated close to nearly \$50,000 in cash and \$32,000 in silver. Investigators also seized a luxury vehicle that they believe was purchased using funds from the illegal operation. 50-year-old Kevin John O'Donnell was issued citations in lieu of custody for Unlawful Manufacturing of Cannabinoid / Marijuana Items, and Unlawful Possession of Marijuana. In addition to the criminal concerns, officials say such large-scale illegal marijuana manufacturing operations have health and safety impacts on the community. These include unsafe, unregulated working conditions, stolen water to irrigate the plants, piles of illegally dumped trash, and dangerous chemicals stored and used improperly. They note that Butane Hash Oil (BHO) labs also use volatile chemicals that create a significant explosion and fire hazard to anyone in the vicinity. Plus, many illegal grow sites contain dangerous wiring and overloaded electrical systems that also pose a significant fire risk. In this illegal operation, investigators say the site is located directly adjacent to the Willamette River. They say they found numerous unpermitted structures, a swimming pool, and two separate unpermitted wells. They add that a typical marijuana plant uses approximately 1.5 gallons of water per day, so a marijuana grow of this size could be illegally consuming close to 12,000 gallons of water daily or well over one-million gallons over a 90-day period. That can affect streamflows and habitat in the Willamette and surrounding lands, stealing water from legal users. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending that all new vehicles in the U.S. be equipped with blood alcohol monitoring systems that can stop an intoxicated person from driving. The recommendation, if enacted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, could reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes, which are one of the biggest causes of highway deaths in the U.S. Under last year's bipartisan infrastructure law, Congress required NHTSA to make automakers

install alcohol monitoring systems within three years. The recommendation also calls for systems to monitor a driver's behavior, making sure they're alert. Many cars now have cameras pointed at the driver, which have the potential to limit impaired driving. The National Transportation Safety Board and a group of 16 automakers have been jointly funding research on alcohol monitoring since 2008, forming a group called Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety. The group has hired a Swedish company to research technology that would automatically test a driver's breath for alcohol and stop a vehicle from moving if the driver is impaired. The driver would not have to blow into a tube. Instead, a sensor would check the driver's breath. Another company is working on technology that could test for blood alcohol by shining bright light through a person's fingertip. Breath technology could be ready by the end of 2024, while the touch technology would come about a year later. It could take one or two model years after automakers get the technology to add it to new vehicles. But once the technology is ready, it would take years for newer models to account for most of the roughly 280 million vehicles on U.S. roads. The new safety push was included in a report released Tuesday about a horrific crash last year in which a drunk driver collided head-on with another vehicle near Fresno, California, killing both adult drivers and seven children. NHTSA officials said this week that roadway deaths in the U.S. are at crisis levels. Nearly 43,000 people were killed last year, the greatest number in 16 years, as Americans returned to roads after pandemic stay-at-home orders. In 2020, the most recent figures available, 11,654 people died in alcohol-related crashes—about 30 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths and a 14 percent increase over 2019 figures, the last full year before the coronavirus pandemic.

/ HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH: An influential health guidelines group says U.S. doctors should regularly screen all adults younger than the age of 65 for anxiety. It's the first time the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended anxiety screening in primary care for adults without symptoms. The guidelines from the task force often help determine insurance coverage, but anxiety is already on the radar of many primary care doctors. In 2020, a group affiliated with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommended routine primary care anxiety screening for women and girls starting at age 13. The recommendations are based on a review that began before the COVID-19 pandemic, evaluating studies showing potential benefits and risks from screening. It came amid reports of a surge in mental health problems linked with pandemic isolation and stress. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health complaints, affecting about 40 percent of U.S. women at some point in their lives and more than 1 in 4 men. Anxiety can manifest as panic attacks, phobias, or feeling always on edge. People living in poverty, people of color, people who have lost partners, and those who have other mental health issues are among adults who face higher risks for developing anxiety. Medical experts say about 1 in 10 pregnant and postpartum women also experience anxiety. Common screening tools include brief questionnaires about symptoms such as fears and worries that interfere with usual activities. These can easily be given in a primary care setting, the task force said, although it didn't specify how often patients should be screened. The task force said there isn't enough solid research in older adults to recommend for or against anxiety screening in those aged 65 and up. The group continues to recommend depression screening for adults and children, but said there isn't enough evidence to evaluate potential benefits and harms of suicide screening in

adults who show no worrisome symptoms. In April, the group issued similar draft guidance for children and teens, recommending anxiety screening but stating that more research is needed on potential benefits and harms of suicide screening kids with no obvious signs. / ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, FINANCES: Fuel prices continued to drop across Oregon and the U.S. this month, but analysts are wondering whether we've reached the end of those declines. Officials with AAA, the automobile club, say after more than three months of falling prices at the gas pump, factors ranging from the continued war in Ukraine, global concerns about inflation, the continuation of the pandemic, and the start of the U.S. hurricane season threaten to push fuel prices higher. This morning in Eugene-Springfield, the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline is \$4.65—up a penny from yesterday but down 17 cents from one month ago. Diesel prices this morning average \$5.47 per gallon locally, down 18 cents from this time last month. / ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, PANDEMIC: Lane County's unemployment rate edged up to 4.0 percent in August compared with 3.8 percent in July. With the start of the school year, there was a large gain in education, as well as in health services. But there were large declines in professional and business services and retail trade. But even though the unemployment rate ticked higher, more people are in the local workforce. Lane County's payroll employment increased a seasonally adjusted 100 jobs in August after increases of 800 in July and 300 in June. The county has regained 88 percent of the jobs lost in March and April 2020 at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. In the past year alone, local employers added more than 5,700 jobs. Among the big gainers over the past 12 months: Leisure and Hospitality (1,900), Education and Health Services (700), Construction (600), Manufacturing (600), and Financial Activities (600). While that's higher than the county's record low jobless rate of 3.6 percent in November 2019, it is well below the number from a year ago of 4.9 percent. Oregon's August rate was 3.7 percent, matching the national unemployment numbers for last month. / EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES: A staffing shortage has contributed to a delay in the start of a tuition-free state-provided preschool program for thousands of lower-income Oregon families. It was expected their children would start the program this month, but families have been told that those plans are on hold. The agency which oversees the Preschool Promise program has yet to send contracts to most of the 248 participating preschools statewide. Those schools are set to offer the program to families living at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line. But without a contract, smaller facilities are hesitant to accept children in the program. The state says the preschools serving more than 6,300 children and now must open no later than October 30. / CRIME, WILDLIFE: An interesting and effective penalty for two Oregon men convicted of illegally guiding hunters in Wallowa County: They forfeited mules and gear that were tied to the operation following a multi-state investigation. Prosecutors said 69-year-old David Ravia of Dayton and 48-year-old Caleb Richmond of McMinnville guided out-of-state hunters in Hells Canyon National Recreation Area during at least the past ten years. The suspects were apprehended and served search warrants at a trailhead as they led a pack string of six mules carrying hunters and gear to a remote Northeastern Oregon camp. Because they illegally guided clients, who often were from out of state, the pair's case was elevated to the federal level and involved U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services along with the Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife division. As the cases

were resolved during the past year, the men also agreed to pay fines and serve 24 months bench probation, which includes a prohibition on hunting, guiding, and possession of firearms while camping; serve 80 hours of community service, and issue a letter of apology to all hunters and guides. David Ravia also forfeited the evidence seized for the case, including pack bags, a chainsaw and saddles. Eventually, two of six mules were definitively linked to the crime and seized. They are now the property of ODFW, where they might be used in the high lakes fish stocking program, according to ODFW wildlife biologist Phillip Perrine. In Oregon, guides must provide proof they are adequately insured and bonded, have basic First Aid and CPR skills, carry the required safety equipment, and agree to conduct themselves according to ethical and professional standards. An annual Oregon hunting guide and outfitter license costs \$150 for residents. Outfitters must provide a \$5,000 surety bond if they accept pre-payments from clients. Those who skirt the rules skip out on paying license fees, and may reap other rewards, according to Bolduc. For instance, taking animals illegally may deprive legitimate guides and outfitters hunting in the same area. But remote camps and out-of-state clients can draw out investigations. The case also activated a new Turn In Poachers (TIP) reward program directed by the Oregon Outfitter Guide Association. Tipsters who call in illegal guide activity can earn \$200 if their tip leads to an arrest or citation. In 2021, OHA handed out nearly \$11,000 in rewards, and ODFW issued 178 hunter preference points for callers whose tips lead to an arrest or citation. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION, HOUSING, TRAFFIC: Watch for traffic on Franklin Boulevard, Agate Street, and other roads near campus today and tomorrow. Students are moving into the residence halls at the University of Oregon. Last year, there were significant traffic backups. There will be no public parking on campus. The roads on campus will be closed to anyone without a permit provided by UO for move-in day. Students have assigned specific move-in times for the various residence halls. Once students unpack their vehicles, they will move them to the Autzen Stadium parking lot, where shuttles will return them to their residence halls to complete their move-in. The U-of-O's "Unpack the Quack" wraps up with weekend welcome events before Fall Term classes begin on Tuesday. / EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Drivers, can we take a moment to talk about school bus safety? Classes are back in session and buses are back on the road shuttling kids. But not every driver has figured that out. Not only are people speeding through 20 mile-per-hour school zones, they're ignoring flashing red lights as buses slow and stop to pick up and drop off their precious cargo. That puts lives at risk. When a bus is flashing amber lights, prepare to stop. When the red lights on a school bus begin to flash, motorists traveling in both directions must stop before reaching the bus and must remain stopped until the red lights are turned off. Oregon law requires motorists to stop whenever the red lights on a school bus are flashing, regardless of the direction in which they are traveling. That applies to any roadway with two or more lanes of traffic, including multi-lane highways. The only exception is on divided highways separated by an unpaved median strip or barrier. In that case, only drivers on the same side of the road as the bus must stop. But remember: A painted median strip or a center lane that's used only for left turns does not create two separate lanes. In this situation, all lanes of traffic must stop. The same rules apply to church or worker buses equipped with amber and red flashing lights. / GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, RECREATION: They are among Lane County's most-visited attractions. Backers hope voters will support a five-year levy on November's ballot to provide some much-needed maintenance and improvements to 73 sites managed by the county. Supporters of the ballot levy kicked off their campaign yesterday at the Mount Pisgah Arboretum at the Howard Buford Recreation Area. It is Lane County's largest park, just south of Eugene-Springfield. Backers say Lane</p>

County's parks have been underfunded for years. They say that's led to deferred maintenance and the closure of some areas for safety and other reasons. Some of the improvements would increase parks access for people with disabilities. That includes upgraded paths, accessible bathrooms, and accessible boat ramps. A portion of the levy also would pay for enhanced security by helping to fund increased staffing and enhanced law enforcement patrols at park properties. Backers say the five-year county parks levy would increase property taxes for the average homeowner by less than \$40 per year. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY, HOUSING: State environmental officials say removal and replacement of soil from five residential properties near the shuttered J.H. Baxter plant in West Eugene is being delayed until early next year. The soil has elevated levels of dioxin believed to have come from the now-closed wood treatment facility. Crews managed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality planned to remove soil from the properties by the end of this year. However, testing that took place in June determined the dioxin contamination went much deeper than had been expected – as much as 12 inches down in some yards. Officials say more sampling is needed to determine the depth of contamination. That, in turn, will determine how much soil needs to be removed. DEQ experts say the additional sampling will take several months to complete. Agency officials say shared details of the updated sampling with the affected property owners, all of whom agreed with the decision to delay soil removal. To date, the DEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have sampled 32 properties in the area north of the former J.H. Baxter facility. The results show five yards with dioxin concentrations that exceed 40 parts per trillion, a level that needs cleanup as soon as possible based on potential health impacts to children under six years old. No children live in the five homes set for soil cleanup. Once further soil sampling is complete, DEQ will develop a detailed cleanup plan and timeline. / ECONOMY: As expected, members of the Federal Reserve board yesterday intensified their fight against inflation, raising a key interest rate by a substantial three-quarters of a point for a third straight time. The panel also signaled more large rate hikes to come — an aggressive pace that could heighten the risk of an eventual recession. The Fed's move boosted its benchmark short-term rate, which affects many consumer and business loans, to a range of 3 percent to 3.25 percent, the highest level since early 2008. On Wall Street, stock prices fell, and bond yields rose in response to the Fed's projection of further steep rate hikes ahead. The central bank's action followed a government report last week that showed high costs spreading more broadly through the economy, with price spikes for rents and other services worsening even though some previous drivers of inflation, such as gas prices, have eased. By raising borrowing rates, the Fed makes it costlier to take out a mortgage or an auto or business loan. Consumers and businesses then presumably borrow and spend less, cooling the economy and slowing inflation. Falling gas prices have slightly lowered inflation, which was a still-painful 8.3 percent in August compared with a year earlier. But this and any future interest rate hikes will sharply raise the costs of mortgages, car loans and business loans. Last week, the average fixed mortgage rate topped 6 percent, its highest point in 14 years. Credit card borrowing costs have reached their highest level since 1996, according to Bankrate.com. Analysts say inflation appears increasingly fueled by higher wages and by consumers' steady desire to spend—and less by the supply shortages that have bedeviled the economy since the start

of the pandemic recession. But some economists remain concerned that the Fed's rapid rate hikes -- the fastest since the early 1980s -- will cause more economic damage than necessary to tame inflation. / ECONOMY, BUSINESS: Walmart and Target plan to begin offering deals and price matching offers earlier this year to keep up with Americans pressed by soaring inflation and looking for ways to take the sting out of holiday shopping. Inflation that is hovering near four-decade highs, experts believe, could push families to get an earlier start on shopping with hopes of avoiding even higher prices later. The early marketing plans, announced today, come as forecasts point to slower holiday sales growth compared with a year ago. AlixPartners, the global consulting firm, forecasts that holiday sales will be up anywhere from 4 percent to 7 percent over last year. The current inflation rate of 8.3 percent means retailers would see a decrease in real sales. ; Walmart is taking a cautious approach to the holiday shopping season. It says it will hire 40,000 U.S. workers for the holidays, most of them seasonal workers. Walmart plans to focus on hiring seasonal workers, rather than permanent ones. Walmart says current employees will get first dibs on extra shifts if they want to earn extra money for the holidays. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: COVID cases continue to fall in Oregon. Still, state health officials yesterday said they received reports of close to 4,500 new coronavirus infections during the past week. More than 300 of those were in Lane County. During the past seven days, the state also was notified of 28 additional deaths connected to COVID-19. Six of those were among Lane County residents, as our local pandemic death toll climbed to 625. Since March of 2020, Oregon has reported 890,000 confirmed or presumed infections and 8,520 deaths. Experts say current infection numbers represent only a fraction of actual cases. That's because many people use at-home tests and do not report the results to their local health department. But a recent forecast by Oregon Health & Science University predicts infections and hospitalizations are projected to continue falling into early November. Many Oregonians are eligible for the new COVID vaccine boosters, which target the omicron variants that led to a surge in infections over the summer. State officials earlier this month said close to 19,000 people have received doses of that new booster. / HEALTH, CHILDREN: A second pediatric case of monkeypox virus (hMPXV) has been identified in the state. But officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the case is not linked to a school, childcare, or other community setting. To protect patient confidentiality, OHA is not disclosing the child's sex, age, county of residence or how the child is believed to have acquired the illness. A pediatric case is defined as someone with the virus in the 0-17 age range. Monkeypox spreads primarily through close skin-to-skin contact. Most commonly during the current outbreak, this has been through intimate or sexual contact. But infection has also occurred when a parent or other caregiver comes in close contact with a child or other family member. Much less often, monkeypox can spread through contact with towels, clothing or other objects that have been in contact with monkeypox lesions—or from coming in contact with large respiratory droplets or droplets from an infected person's saliva. Oregon has recorded 204 presumptive and confirmed cases of monkeypox since early June. The cases are in nine counties, including 22 here in Lane County. The Oregon Health Authority continues to encourage vaccination against monkeypox for anyone who anticipates having, or has had, recent, direct, skin-to-skin contact with at least one other person who had monkeypox, or who knows other people in their social

circles or communities who have had monkeypox. People who suspect they have monkeypox should contact their health care provider to let them know before going in to be seen. The provider may recommend testing for monkeypox.

Oregon has distributed, or is in the process of distributing, more than 8,870 vials – about 44,350 doses – of the Jynneos vaccine and 340 courses of the investigational antiviral drug known as tecovirimat – or TPOXX. /

ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has extended the Air Quality Advisory for Eastern Lane County until 11 a.m. Friday. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through Friday morning. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. /

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DISCUSSED EDUCATION, HOUSING: Sounds like things ran pretty smoothly yesterday for the first day of "Unpack the Quack" at the University of Oregon. Students and their families arrived at scheduled times to move into residence halls. The U-of-O brought in extra assistance to help coordinate parking and the shuttling of student possessions to dorm rooms. Today is Day Two of the effort. Watch for additional traffic on Franklin Boulevard, Agate Street, and other roads near campus again today. "Unpack the Quack" wraps up with weekend welcome events before Fall Term classes begin on Tuesday. / SPORTS: The Oregon cross country teams run on their home course today as they host the 2022 Bill Dellinger Invitational at the Pine Ridge Golf Club in Springfield. The men's 8K starts at 11 a.m., followed by the women's 6,000 meters at 11:45 a.m. The meet will be streamed by RunnerSpace. Fan parking and a free shuttle to the course are available at Willamette Leadership Academy. Drop off will be at the Pine Ridge main clubhouse. Shuttles run continuously starting at 9 a.m. Today's schedule of events also includes the Dellinger Trail dedication ceremony at 5:30 p.m. at the West D Boat Ramp in Springfield and the Hayward Field Welcome Party at 6:30 p.m. For the Hayward Field Welcome Party at 6:30 p.m., fans may enter the track-and-field facility on the University of Oregon campus at the southeast gates—just across Agate Street from the fire station. The night will include a welcome from head coach Jerry Schumacher and a movie beginning at 7:30 p.m. Along with the Ducks, the 15th running of the Dellinger Invitational will also feature entries from Cal State Fullerton, Lewis & Clark, Oregon State (w), Portland, Portland State, Texas (w), UC Davis, UCLA and Washington State. First run in 2006, the Dellinger Invitational is named for legendary UO head coach Bill Dellinger who led the Men of Oregon to four NCAA team titles and 12 top-three national finishes. A storied athlete on his own accord, Dellinger was twice an NCAA champion for the Ducks, a three-time Olympian and the 1964 Olympic bronze medalist in the 5,000 meters. ; In College Football: The No. 15 Oregon Ducks visit undefeated Washington State for their Pac-12 opener on Saturday. The 1:00 p.m. game is being broadcast on FOX. It will be sunny and 70 degrees at kick-off. Oregon quarterback Bo Nix seems to have hit his stride after struggling in the opener against Georgia. The Auburn transfer threw for five touchdowns in a victory over Eastern Washington, then built on that success by throwing for a pair

of TDs and running for three more in a 41-20 victory over BYU. He was named the national Maxwell Award Player of the Week and the Senior Bowl Offensive Player of the Week. ; The Oregon State Beavers host the USC Trojans Saturday night in Corvallis. The 6:30 p.m. game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. The forecast calls for clear skies tomorrow night. It'll be 76 degrees at kickoff, cooling to 67 by the close to the game. Oregon State has a chance to start the season 4-0 for the first time since 2012 with a win over No. 7 Southern California. The Beavers beat USC 45-27 last season for their first win in the Coliseum in more than 60 years. There are currently four Pac-12 teams in the latest AP poll, but a win over the Trojans could very well elevate the Beavers into the rankings. ; Marijuana use will continue to be banned for athletes competing in elite track and field events. The World Anti-Doping Agency or "WADA" has resisted calls to change cannabis' status on the list of prohibited substances. The agency was asked to review the status of THC, which is the psychoactive ingredient in cannabis, after the case of United States sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson. The U.S. women's 100-meter winner was unable to compete in last year's Tokyo Olympics after testing positive at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials last summer in Eugene. WADA officials also are banning the opiate tramadol from use in competitions starting in January 2024. Tramadol use has been an issue in cycling. / RECREATION: Saturday is National Public Lands Day—good news for those heading for one of our federal recreation sites, including those managed by the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and National Parks Service. On National Public Lands Day, most day-use fees are waived, so you have free access to many popular picnic areas, boat launches, trailheads, and visitor's centers. Some locations also are hosting special celebrations, educational activities, and volunteer events. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply. Fees also will be charged at recreation sites operated by concessionaires unless the individual site manager chooses to participate. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Paving work is taking place this week during the daytime hours on a 14-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 58 on both sides of Willamette Pass. Expect delays of up to 20 minutes between Milepost 56 and Milepost 70. Construction crews are working on the project between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. ; U.S. Highway 20 fully reopens at midnight tonight in the Cascades. The highway has been closed for a landslide repair project the past two weeks. The shutdown, between Milepost 54 to Milepost 57, is just east of the Upper Soda area—midway between Cascadia and Santiam Junction. / EDUCATION: The math, reading, and writing skills of Oregon students have plummeted in the wake of the pandemic and related school closures and online learning that came with it. Oregon Department of Education officials say in 2022 the gap grew larger for students who were already behind before the pandemic: Those children had the most learning loss. But students of all grades lost ground when compared to 2019's overall test scores. Across grades three through eight, just 39 percent of students scored as proficient at reading and writing last spring, down from the previous low of 51 percent. Only 28 percent of students were considered proficient in math, far below the previous low point of 40 percent. Officials say the drop in student proficiency skills could take years to erase. The scores come from results of assessment tests known as the Smarter Balanced Assessments. Not all Oregon students, grades, and schools did poorly. A few even held their own or improved slightly. But officials

acknowledged the latest proficiency results are sobering. But Colt Gill, the head of the Oregon Department of Education, says schools already have seen assessment scores rising for students who have returned to onsite learning and are spending more time in classrooms. With the right support, caring educators, and deep partnerships with families and community, Gill says Oregon students will thrive. He also noted that schools are beginning to receive revenues from the federal pandemic aid and the state's \$1 billion-a-year business tax for education, which was created in 2020. And Gill also emphasized the importance of other services to students, including supporting good mental health as schools and education emerge from the pandemic. / EDUCATION, CRIME, FINANCES: Oregon's attorney general issued a warning this week, saying the state Justice Department is receiving growing numbers of reports about federal student loan scams. It comes after the recent White House's recent announcement on loan forgiveness, on the federal student loan payment pause that ends December 31, and limited waiver opportunity for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. State investigators encourage you to ignore phone calls, emails, social media messages, and other unsolicited messages from anyone claiming that they can help you get your student loans forgiven faster or telling you that you should refinance your loan. They say you should never accept such unexpected offers without checking first to see if the offer is legitimate. The chances are it is not. Scammers might use phrases such as a "pre-enrollment for all loan forgiveness" or "you must apply within the next 24 hours" to try to force you to make a quick decision. Don't fall for it. Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum says, "You don't need to pay anybody to sign up for the new loan forgiveness program — or the payment pause. Nobody can get you in early, help you jump the line, or guarantee eligibility. Anybody who says they can or tries to charge you money, is a scammer." Officials say the average Oregon student borrower owes, on average, slightly more than \$36,000 by the time they graduate college. Combined, Oregonians have more than \$18.9 billion dollars in student loan debt. More than 3,500 Oregonians have had their balances forgiven under one federal program. With thousands more still owing money, it's easy to understand how student debt can become an attractive matter for scammers to exploit. If you have outstanding student loans, it's a good idea to check in with your federal loan servicer. Be sure you know who they are, and that they have your most recent contact info. Sign up for Department of Education updates to be notified when the process for the newly announced loan forgiveness has officially opened. That will help you get the latest on the cancellation and pause. When it does come time to apply for loan forgiveness or PSLF, remember all government websites end in ".gov." If you have fallen victim to a student loan scam, you can file a complaint online at www.oregonconsumer.gov or call the Attorney General's Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 and ask that a complaint form be mailed to you. You can also learn more about student debt, or file a complaint against a student loan servicer on the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Division of Financial Regulation's student loan website at <https://dfr.oregon.gov/help/student-loan-help/Pages/index.aspx> or by calling the department at 1-888-877-4894. / CHARITY, COMMUNITY: They're taking time to help out Habitat for Humanity in Florence; at Junction City Local Aid; at the McKenzie River Discovery Center in Waltherville; even at the Lane County Diaper Bank. We're in the midst of the United Way of Lane County's annual "Days of

Caring.” More than 600 volunteers are taking a break from their lives, work, and classes to donate their time to non-profits around the area. That includes spots ranging from the Mount Pisgah Arboretum to the Cottage Grove Theatre in Cottage Grove. Thanks to everyone who’s taking part. / CRIME, BUSINESS: A rise in crime targeting state-regulated liquor stores. At its meeting yesterday, members of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, the OLCC, heard from liquor store owners who say they’re seeing an increase in retail criminal activity and want to see more arrests and prosecutions. Operators of the liquor stores, particularly those in the Portland Metro area, say they’ve seen a rash of blatant shoplifting and robberies, with some thieves working in groups, others damaging businesses and threatening employees. OLCC officials say the agency recently joined the Oregon Retailer Crime Association (OR-ORCA). That group is made up of national and regional retailers, along with local law enforcement and district attorneys. Members are collaborating on a unified response to the increase in retail crime, as well as sharing information about organized crime operations. / HEALTH, PANDEMIC: More than four million Americans have rolled up their sleeves for the new omicron-specific booster vaccine doses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted the count Thursday. The new doses are designed to target the most common omicron strains of the coronavirus. The U.S. has ordered 171 million doses of the new boosters for the fall. The first hint of public demand for the new boosters comes as health experts lamented President Joe Biden’s recent remark on “60 Minutes” that “the pandemic is over.” The president later clarified his comment after facing heat from health experts, who worry the message might slow prevention efforts. / MILITARY, FAMILY, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING: The Pentagon announced a number of new programs Thursday that are aimed at helping service members who are struggling with housing shortages and steep food and living expenses as they move from base to base. The effort also includes programs to expand childcare and make it easier for spouses to find work. With growing competition from corporations seeking to hire young people in the tight job market, the military services are struggling to meet their recruiting goals. A key problem in the past year or two has been housing. Service members transferring to new duty stations have complained about difficulties finding rentals, particularly ones they can afford as escalating housing costs surpass their military allowance. In response, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin ordered increases in the basic housing allowance in 28 areas where rent has spiked more than 20 percent above current allowances. Austin also directed a permanent increase in temporary lodging expenses for service members moving into areas where there are housing shortages. Troops will now get 14 days — rather than the previous 10 — in temporary living costs for moves within the U.S., and up to 60 days in areas where there are housing shortages. Both of the housing changes take effect next month. Austin also ordered price cuts of up to 25 percent at base commissaries, eliminating the requirement that commissaries maintain a specific profit margin to cover their operating costs on staples like bread, milk and eggs. Service members should see prices fall over the next two weeks. Austin also has directed the department to increase funding for childcare centers so they can serve more children. He created a new standard policy to give service members working at the centers a 50 percent discount for one of their children to be enrolled there. And he said the department will work more quickly to set up interstate agreements to help military spouses transfer

their professional licenses when they move to a different state. Spouses often have a difficult time getting new jobs when the service member is deployed to a new base because their licenses or professional certifications aren't recognized in that state. /

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Franklin with 1:21 left to give No. 15 Oregon its first lead as the Ducks scored three late touchdowns to defeat Washington State 44-41 on Saturday. Washington State (3-1, 0-1 Pac-12) had taken a 34-22 lead with just over six minutes left, but the Ducks (3-1, 1-0) roared back for their third straight win. Mase Funa iced the game for Oregon when he intercepted a pass by Cameron Ward and ran it back for a touchdown with a minute left, providing the winning points. Nix completed 33 of 44 passes for 428 yards, with three touchdowns and one interception. The Ducks produced 624 yards of offense. ; No. 7 USC overcame a shaky performance for a 17-14 victory against Oregon State. The Beavers, vying to start 4-0 for the first time since 2012, took the lead on Jam Griffin's 18-yard touchdown run with 4:41 remaining. But USC quarterback Caleb Williams led an 11-play, 84-yard drive that ended with Jordan Addison's sixth touchdown catch of the season. / ELECTIONS, POLITICS, TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: As the Nov. 8 elections near, officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation that political signs are not allowed on state highway rights of way and will be removed. Only official traffic control devices are allowed on state highways. Experts say improperly placed signs can block driver sightlines, obscure safety messages, and distract drivers from what's happening on the roadway, itself. Wrongly placed signs that are taken down will be held at a nearby ODOT district maintenance office for 30 days. They may be reclaimed during that time. If not, they will be disposed of. Because the width of the state right-of-way varies depending on location, it's up to political campaign organizers and backers to make sure their signs are not on public property. If you're unsure about whether you may place a sign at a specific location, contact your nearest ODOT maintenance office for guidance. Political signs are allowed on private property within view of state highways. But they are limited to 12 square feet and may only be larger if they obtain an official variance. Signs cannot contain flashing or intermittent lights, or animated or moving parts. They may not imitate official highway signs or devices. And they are not allowed in scenic corridors. Also, you cannot pay or compensate the property owner in exchange for either the placement of political signs which are visible to a state highway. Signs are prohibited on trees, utility poles, fence posts and natural features within a highway right-of-way. They also are prohibited within view of a designated scenic area. Local municipalities might also regulate the placement of political signs. / TRANSPORTATION: Amtrak today restarts its Cascades passenger-train service between Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia — earlier than the originally planned December date. Amtrak officials say a single roundtrip will be offered daily, with a second daily trip added later as Amtrak staffing and equipment allow. Amtrak suspended service on the route to Canada about two years ago when the pandemic started and borders were closed. Amtrak said this spring that a lack of staff was the national passenger railroad from restarting service. / BUSINESS: Some deals are forever, at least at one major national retailer. Leaders of Costco Wholesale say they will keep the price of their hot dog and soda combo at \$1.50. Costco CFO Richard Galanti said during a presentation on fourth-quarter financial results Thursday that the company might lose money on the deal—popular with the shopping and lunch crowd—but they see it as a way of building and retaining customer loyalty. With 583 locations in 48 U.S. states, Costco did change its policies in 2020 so that customers now must have a Costco membership to make purchases at the in-store food courts. To meet demand and control costs, the retailer years ago built

its own hot dog-manufacturing plant in the Los Angeles area to make its Kirkland Signature hot dogs. Business was so strong that Costco opened another plant in Chicago. / HEATH, CHILDREN: Pfizer is asking the Food and Drug Administration to expand use of its updated COVID-19 booster shot to children ages 5 to 11. Some 4.4 million Americans already have received one of the updated boosters since they rolled out earlier this month for anyone 12 and older. Just like with Pfizer's original vaccine, the elementary school-aged children would get a third of the dose of the updated booster. The FDA is expected to decide soon. Pfizer and its partner BioNTech also announced that they have begun a study of the updated booster in children younger than 5. /

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DISASTERS, HEALTH, CHARITY: As Hurricane Ian continues to move toward Florida, Bloodworks Northwest—our local blood bank—is sending an emergency supply of 30 Type O units to blood centers in Florida. The goal is to offset a drop in donations this week as Florida's own blood donation centers shut down during precautionary evacuations. Because of the emergency out-of-state allocation, Bloodworks Northwest is asking donors here in Oregon to help refill its Type O inventory — the blood type most needed in trauma situations. Experts say close to two in every five people have Type O-positive blood, and another nine percent have Type O-negative, which is known as the “universal blood type” because anyone can safely receive a transfusion of Type O-negative blood. It takes a thousand donors a day of all blood types to maintain a safe and reliable supply for unexpected emergencies and continued medical care in our region. Only 30 percent of the donors needed in October have booked appointments, leaving a gap of over 14,000 open appointments between now and Halloween. Donors in October play an important role in readying the blood supply for the busy holiday season. / WILDFIRES: Smoke from the lightning-caused Cedar Creek Fire crept into southern Lane County yesterday, bringing hazy skies all the way into the Eugene-Springfield area. More than 1,700 personnel are battling the 114,000-acre blaze, which is burning on both sides of the Cascade crest east of Oakridge and is 20 percent contained. The warmer, drier days are also drying out vegetation, leading to more visible smoke. Crews have worked to expand firelines and take advantage of calmer weather to set burn operations in some areas, depriving the leading edges of the blaze of fuel. / GOVERNMENT, SAFETY, WILDFIRES, EVENTS, BUSINESS: An expanded the personal fireworks ban for the city of Eugene. Members of the Eugene City Council voted last night to approve the ban, amid growing concerns about urban wildfires and brush fires, and the dangers of illegal fireworks. Fireworks are a traditional part of many celebrations. But Eugene already has seen bans the past few years in much of the South Hills and other fire-prone areas. The new ban expands across the entire city. KEZI reports that before the 6-2 vote, opponents had argued that tougher penalties on illegal fireworks use would be a better approach. Others suggested the city go forward with the ban but set up designated areas where residents could set off fireworks on the Fourth of July and New Year's Eve. /

GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION: The Congressional Budget Office estimates that President Joe Biden's plan for student debt cancellation will cost about \$400 billion over the next 30 years. The estimate was issued Monday in response to a request from Republican lawmakers who oppose Biden's plan because of its cost. The White House says the cost of the student debt cancellation plan will be offset by other measures to reduce the federal deficit. They cited the estimates as evidence that the plan will "bury" taxpayers. The Biden administration previously estimated the plan will cost about \$24 billion a year over the next decade, while other estimates put it at a total of \$500 billion or more. / GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: President Joe Biden is hosting a conference this week on hunger, nutrition and health, the first by the White House since 1969. The Biden administration has an ambitious goal for America: ending hunger in the U.S. by 2030. The administration's plan includes expanding monthly benefits that help low-income Americans buy food. It also seeks to promote healthy eating and physical activity so that fewer people are afflicted with diabetes, obesity, hypertension and other diet-related diseases. Expanding Medicaid and Medicare access to obesity counseling and nutrition are part of the strategy. /

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DISASTERS, CHARITY: Trained disaster volunteers from the American Red Cross Cascades Region are headed to Florida in advance of Hurricane Ian. They will assist relief agencies in Florida with sheltering and supporting those who are impacted by the storm. The seven volunteers from Oregon are among hundreds of trained disaster workers being deployed along with relief supplies. Another 14 volunteers from Oregon and Southwest Washington are on standby. / ECONOMY, HOUSING, FINANCES: Depending on the damage from Hurricane Ian, there could be demand for lumber for rebuilding. Mills in Oregon have been working at a brisk clip the past two years processing trees salvaged from wildfire burn zones. Yesterday, the Wall Street Journal reported that lumber prices have fallen to their lowest level in more than two years, bringing two-by-fours back to what they cost before the pandemic building boom. Lumber prices slid in the early days of the 2020 pandemic-related shutdowns, but they exploded that summer when Americans who were stuck at home embarked on a remodeling frenzy. Two-by-four prices nearly tripled the pre-pandemic record in an early sign of rising inflation and broken supply chains. Home sales and home prices also surged. Things have slowed as mortgage interest rates climbed in recent months. The National Association of Realtors reported this morning that pending home sales fell two percent nationwide in August. But numbers in the Western states actually registered a small increase last month, although pending sales slowed significantly compared to the same period one year ago. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: The nation's average gasoline prices rose a nickel over the past week and could climb more if Hurricane Ian disrupts oil production in the Gulf of Mexico and impacts large coastal refineries. Although gasoline demand has decreased, tight supply and fluctuating oil prices have increased the national average price. Many refineries elsewhere in the U.S. also are making a changeover to fall and winter fuel grades. There also are continued fears of a recession-led global economic slowdown and the war in Ukraine. ; Amid economic uncertainty and refinery slowdowns, gas prices made a dramatic jump the past week here in Lane County. Officials with AAA, the automobile club, say this morning in Eugene-Springfield, the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline is \$5.15—up a whopping 70 cents from one week ago. But diesel prices this morning average \$5.34 per gallon locally, which actually is down three cents

per gallon from this time last week. / ECONOMY, RECREATION, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Starting next year, visitors to Lane County will pay higher taxes on lodging and rental cars, part of an effort to fund some big-ticket projects that could further increase entertainment and tourism activity in our area. Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday unanimously approved two percent increases in what are known as the Transient Lodging Tax and Car Rental Tax. But there's still the matter of deciding where the added funds will be spent. Supporters of the Eugene Emeralds, our longtime minor-league baseball franchise, want to see some of the revenue set aside to help build multi-use facility during a renovation and update of the Lane County Fairgrounds. Ems backers say that without the new facility to meet Major League Baseball's franchise rules, they will be forced to leave town. Others want to see the new money go toward creation of an indoor multi-use facility that would include an indoor track. It could attract out-of-town events but also would provide added space for local sports including youth activities and competitions. The county board will consider those options in a future discussion. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The three women who want to be Oregon's next governor clashed over gun rights, abortion, and other hot-button topics in a debate last night in Bend, just six weeks before election day. The candidates are working to appeal to not only their own base, but to the state's close to one million registered voters who claim no party affiliation. Those voters could swing the outcome of the Nov. 8 election. Oregon has had a Democrat in the state's top job for decades. The last time Republican governor served was in 1987. The last time an independent held the office was in 1937. / EDUCATION, BUSINESS: It looks exceptionally cool and a tiny bit unnerving. Cassie, a two-legged robot invented at the Oregon State University college of Engineering and produced by OSU spinoff company Agility Robotics, has established a Guinness World Record for the fastest 100 meters by a bipedal robot. Cassie clocked the historic time of 24.73 seconds at OSU's Track and Field Center. The robot has knees that bend like an ostrich's and operates with no cameras or external sensors, essentially as if blind. While Cassie has finished other challenges, including last year traversing five kilometers in just over 53 minutes. But the sprint, while shorter, was a bit more difficult because the robot needed to remain upright while moving at a relatively fast clip. Cassie was developed under the direction of Oregon State robotics professor Jonathan Hurst with a 16-month, \$1 million grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA. Since Cassie's introduction in 2017, in collaboration with artificial intelligence professor Alan Fern, OSU students funded by the National Science Foundation and the DARPA Machine Common Sense program have been exploring machine learning options in Oregon State's Dynamic Robotics and AI Lab. Hurst, chief technology officer at Agility Robotics and a robotics professor at Oregon State, called the Guinness-recognized accomplishment "a big watershed moment." "This may be the first bipedal robot to learn to run, but it won't be the last," he said, adding, "I think progress is going to accelerate from here." / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH: The fall outdoor burning season will open on Saturday, Oct. 15 for many Lane County residents. The season, originally set to start Oct. 1, was delayed by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry due to a dry and warmer than average weather outlook. While we have passed the peak of our fire season, Lane County remains dry with only minimal moisture in the forecast. Yard debris may not be

burned while the season remains closed. Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites are resources available to those who wish to dispose of woody yard material ahead of the burn season on Oct. 15. Residents who burn during the closed season are subject to violations ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more. / OLDER ADULTS, HEALTH, FINANCES: For the first time in a decade, older Americans will pay less next year on monthly premiums for Medicare's Part B plan, which covers routine doctors' visits and other outpatient care. The rare, three-percent decrease in monthly premiums—a savings of \$5.20 for most—comes after millions of Medicare beneficiaries endured a tough year of high inflation and a dramatic increase in those premiums this year. Most people on Medicare will pay \$164.90 monthly for Part B coverage starting next year. The decrease in Medicare fees comes as many older people await news about big increases next year to their Social Security checks, which are often used to pay for Medicare premiums. / CRIME, HEALTH, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT; Federal officials have issued a fresh warning about a growing health threat: an increasing number of fake prescription pills containing potentially deadly fentanyl. Drug Enforcement Administration agents say they're trying to crack down on violent drug cartels believed to be trafficking drugs into the U.S. Between May and September authorities have seized more than 10 million fentanyl pills and hundreds of pounds of powder. The DEA also continues to warn that some of the pills are what's known as "Rainbow Fentanyl." And are made in rainbow colors designed to look like candy. Officials say rainbow fentanyl is a version of the highly toxic and often fatal synthetic opioid that can look like sidewalk chalk, or candy. Rainbow fentanyl has appeared recently in several forms in cities across the country, including here in Oregon. Officials say fentanyl is commonly disguised in fake prescription pills and that the fakes are indistinguishable from real pills. They say if you find or come in contact with pills not dispensed by a licensed pharmacist, assume they are fake and potentially lethal. Anyone who encounters any version of fentanyl is urged to refrain from handling it and call 911 immediately. Provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate there were over 107,000 fatal drug overdoses in the U.S. in 2021, an increase of nearly 15 percent from the previous year, federal officials said. Synthetic opioids — primarily fentanyl — accounted for more than three-quarters of those deaths. /

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DISASTER, SAFETY: A group of Oregon emergency management specialists will spend the next two weeks in Florida assisting residents and communities impacted by Hurricane Ian. They'll be there for up to two weeks. The 13 incident management team members were deployed by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal. These are some of the same people who've assisted Oregon communities during recent wildfire seasons, but they are trained to help out following a wide range of disasters. The teams specialize in coordinating safety, public information, working with community leaders, and handling operations, logistics, and communications. They join others from across Oregon who are lending a hand in Florida. Earlier this week, trained disaster volunteers from the American Red Cross Cascades Region headed east in advance of Hurricane Ian. They are assisting relief agencies in with sheltering and supporting those who are be impacted by the storm. The seven volunteers from Oregon are among hundreds of trained disaster workers are being deployed along with relief supplies. Another 14 volunteers from Oregon and Southwest Washington are on standby. / CRIME, BUSINESS, EVENTS: Federal prosecutors say she committed financial fraud to help pay restitution ordered for a previous bank fraud conviction. Yesterday, a 53-year-old Springfield woman pleaded guilty to falsifying bank statements and financial summaries to influence the sale of her ownership stake of a once-popular but now-defunct country music festival. Prosecutors say Anne Hankins agreed to pay court-ordered restitution and faces a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison for wire fraud and 10 years in federal prison for money laundering. She also might be ordered to pay either fines of up to \$250,000 or twice the gross gains or losses resulting from her offenses. Hankins, the former president and minority owner of the Willamette Country Music Concerts, LLC, will be sentenced on January 5, 2023, in federal court in Eugene. Prosecutors say Hankins—who planned, managed, and promoted the annual Willamette Country Music Festival outside Brownsville—pleaded guilty to one count each of wire fraud and money laundering. They say she falsified bank statements and laundered money between September of 2016 and March of 2018 in order to fraudulently inflate the value of the company. In the process, they say Hankins blatantly deceived her business associate—the majority owner of the festivals—who was based in Beverly Hills, California. Investigators say that in 2018 Hankins

sent an updated financial summary to the majority owner falsely reporting that the company had approximately \$1.1 million in its operating account. In reality, there was only \$16,000 in the company's account. Based on these false financial statements, on March 1, 2018, the majority owner purchased Hankins' stake in the company for \$1.5 million. Officials describe Hankins as a "serial fraudster." After receiving the majority owner's payment, Hankins directed her credit union to issue a cashier's check from her account to the Clerk of the Court for the District of Oregon to satisfy a restitution order on a previous bank fraud conviction from 2001. In doing so, federal prosecutors say Hankins laundered the proceeds from one crime to pay her restitution on another. / CRIME: A 31-year-old man will spend the next 18 years in prison for a fatal accident on Highway 58 in May of last year that left three people dead. James Cam Johnson IV was sentenced this month on charges that included DUII, Criminal Mischief 2, Assault 3, Assault 4 x2, and three counts of Manslaughter 2. Under sentencing terms, he will not be eligible for release until 2040. Oregon State Police investigators say in May of 2021, Johnson attempted to pass a long line of westbound vehicles on Hwy 58 in a "Do Not Pass" zone. He was unable to pass all of them and, when attempting to re-enter the westbound lanes, sideswiped another westbound vehicle before then colliding head-on with an oncoming vehicle. The collision killed three of the four people in that oncoming vehicle. The fourth sustained serious injuries including a broken leg, hip, and spine. The occupants of the side-swiped vehicle also sustained injuries, but not to the extent of the other victims. Investigators say at the time of his arrest, Johnson had a blood-alcohol level of .18 (point-one-eight), more than twice the legal limit. ; Officials say he stole a vehicle from a car dealership, then used it during an armed robbery. A 22-year-old man, Bendan Ivor Lord, was sentenced this month to seven-and-a-half years in prison for his crimes. Eugene Police say that in April, Lord and another male suspect took an Infiniti sedan on a test drive from local used car dealership. They never returned the car. Instead, investigators say Lord used the car to commit additional crimes, including when he and a different man committed an armed robbery at Ashley's Deli on Willamette Street. About one week later, Lord was found sitting in the stolen car outside another deli on North Danebo. He was arrested and police say two firearms were located in the stolen car—one of which was a pistol taken from a vehicle in Central Oregon. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: A suspicious death investigation north of Eugene. Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Department responded shortly after 4:30 yesterday morning to a residence in the 30300 block of Lassen Lane. A resident had called 911 to report that a man was throwing himself against the caller's door. As deputies responded the caller advised that the male had laid down on the porch and lost consciousness. When they arrived at the scene, deputies said the male appeared to be injured and not breathing. They say they attempted life-saving measures including CPR, as did arriving medics, but the man did not survive. Detectives are working to determine the circumstances surrounding the male's death. His identity is being withheld at this time, but officials say he is believed to be a resident of another location on Lassen Lane. /

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CRIME, HEALTH, SAFETY: The illicit drugs fentanyl and methamphetamine are continuing to fuel a rise in deaths and hospitalizations in this state. New numbers from the Oregon Health Authority find that opioid overdoses increased last year. The report, Opioids and the Ongoing Drug Overdose Crisis in Oregon, also notes that overdoses involving multiple drugs – known as polysubstance overdoses – rose during 2021. They now account for more than half of all fatal overdoses. The reports also tracks charges for drug overdose-related hospitalizations, and finds they reached \$170 million last year, with overdose-related emergency room charges pegged at \$50 million. State officials say hospitalizations and deaths tied to prescription opioids were on the decline in Oregon over the last decade. But they say the statistics in this new report make it clear that misuse of synthetic and prescription opioids and other drugs continues to take a heavy toll. The report notes that many lives were saved by EMS personnel who administered naloxone, the drug that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose. There were more than 5,500 instances of emergency medical crews using naloxone last year. Other highlights from the state report: There were almost 73,000 emergency department visits and more than 17,000 hospitalizations related to substance use disorder or intoxication issues other than an overdose in 2021. Experts say such interactions offer an opportunity to connect patients with treatment, prescribe naloxone, and provide other supports to reduce the risk of future overdoses. / HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT: The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has continued an Air Quality Advisory, which is in effect until noon Tuesday. The Cedar Creek wildfire smoke combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through Tuesday. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition.; Oregon is set to become the first state in the nation to cover certain climate change expenses under its new, expanded Medicaid program. State health officials say the low-income health plan will cover devices such as air conditioners, air filters and generators for people with medical conditions who live in areas where a weather emergency has been declared. The measure is included in Oregon's renewed Medicaid waiver. Oregon will pay for it with \$1.1

billion in new federal funding. Under the waiver, the state will also become the first to keep children continuously enrolled in Medicaid until age 6. / EDUCATION, CRIME: The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation is warning about the uptick in student loan scams. With recent changes to federal student loan programs, investigators say scammers are bombarding borrowers with fraudulent offers for loan forgiveness and refinancing. Financial regulators remind you to ignore phone calls, emails, social media messages, and other unsolicited messages from people claiming they can help you get your student loans forgiven faster or telling you that you should refinance your loan. Do not accept these unexpected offers without first checking to see if the offer is legitimate. Chances are it is a scam. Scammers might use the phrases such as “pre-enrollment for all loan forgiveness” or “you must apply within the next 24 hours.” And investigators remind you: There are no fees associated with signing up for student loan forgiveness. Everyone will have the same opportunities and there are no ways to cut in line and get loans forgiven faster. There are recent and upcoming changes to federal student loans and forgiveness of loans, as well as the Biden Administration’s one time cancellation. With those changes, unfortunately, there are people who will prey on those seeking help. There is not yet an application available for President Biden’s relief plan. But you can sign up to receive an alert once the program is live by visiting the U.S. Department of Education website. Check the box title ‘NEW!! Federal Student Loan Borrower Updates.’” And remember: If a website is not a .gov website, it is not an official site of the federal government. Have questions regarding your student loan’s eligibility? Go to studentaid.gov. If you believe you received incorrect information from your servicer, email dfc.bankingproducthelp@dcbs.oregon.gov or call the state’s consumer hotline at 888-877-4894 (toll-free). / EDUCATION, POLITICS: Six Republican-led states are suing the Biden administration to try and halt its plan to forgive student loan debt for millions of Americans. They’re accusing it of overstepping its executive powers. This is at least the second legal challenge this week to the sweeping proposal laid out by President Biden in late August, when he said his administration would cancel up to \$20,000 in education debt for millions of borrowers. As the lawsuit was being filed, the administration quietly scaled back eligibility rules for the debt relief, eliminating a relatively small group of borrowers who are the subject of legal debate in the suit. / SPORTS: In college football this weekend: The No. 13 Oregon Ducks host Stanford Saturday night at Autzen Stadium. The Pac-12 match-up kicks off at 8 p.m. The game will be broadcast on FS1. Oregon came from behind last weekend to beat Washington State 44-41. It was the Ducks’ third-straight win following a season-opening loss to Georgia. The Ducks scored 29 points in the fourth quarter against the Cougs. It will be Stanford’s third straight game against a team ranked within the top 20. Stanford has pulled off a couple of unexpected victories over Oregon in the past several years, downing the Ducks at Autzen Stadium in overtime in 2018 and again last season. Oregon beat the Cardinal handily in both 2019 and 2020. But Stanford won’t have running back E.J. Smith, who is out for the season. ; Oregon State travels to No. 12 Utah this week for an 11 a.m. kick-off in Salt Lake City. The game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. Chance Nolan and the Oregon State Beavers are taking on their second straight ranked opponent. The Beavers are trying to bounce back from a 17-14 home loss to No. 6 Southern California in which they surrendered the lead with less than 90 seconds

remaining. Rice-Eccles Stadium has been quite a home-field advantage since the arrival of Utah coach Kyle Whittingham. The Utes are 80-25 at Rice-Eccles under Whittingham, including wins in 21 of their last 22 home games. Oregon State is searching for its first road win over a ranked opponents since beating No. 19 UCLA in 2012. / ECONOMY, FINANCES, HOUSING: The economy shrank a bit in the first half of this year, underscoring fears of a broad-based slowdown that could lead to a recession. But at the same time, the government reported yesterday that the number of people seeking unemployment benefits fell to a five-month low. Still, inflation remains near its highest level in four decades, despite an easing of gasoline prices and other prices in recent weeks. Six months of economic contraction is a long-held informal definition of a recession. Yet nothing is simple in a post-pandemic economy in which growth might be trending negative but the job market remains strong. ; Average long-term U.S. mortgage rates rose this week for the sixth straight week, marking new highs not seen in 15 years. The details come from mortgage buyer Freddie Mac, which reports the average on the key 30-year rate climbed to 6.70 percent from 6.29 percent last week. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, popular among those looking to refinance their homes, jumped to 5.96 percent from 5.44 percent. Rapidly rising mortgage rates threaten to sideline even more homebuyers after more than doubling in 2022. Last year, prospective homebuyers were looking at rates well below 3 percent. / EDUCATION, BUSINESS, LABOR: Unpaid internships are facing new scrutiny from colleges, state lawmakers and student activists. Nearly half of the nation's internships are unpaid. But many students say they can't afford to meet internship requirements, because they can't afford to pay their bills if they're working for free. Instead, they say they're often forced to take a paid internship in a field that has nothing to do with their intended careers, putting them a step behind when they join the workforce after graduation. Educational analysts say many who take unpaid internships do so because they have financial safety nets, meaning such opportunities tend to benefit students who are wealthier and white, adding to longstanding wealth gaps. /