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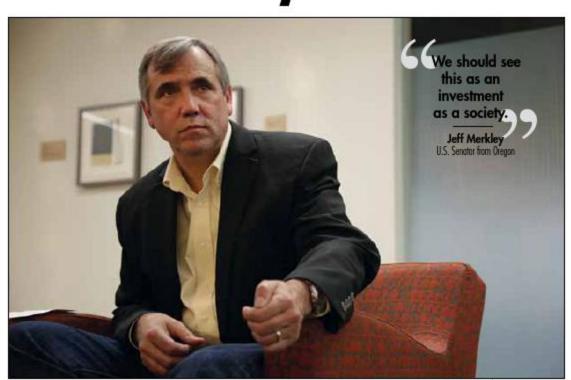
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## @BARONEWS, @BAROSPORTS, @BAROFORUM Sen. Merkley holds student forum at OSU



Sen. Jeff Merkley holds a student forum to discuss the price of higher education and the problem of student loan costs. About 30 people came to Wednesday's event, which was part of Merkley's College Affordability Tour.

 Sen. Merkley discusses college affordability, student loan costs

#### By Abigail Erickson

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., discussed the rising costs of college at an open forum in Furman Hall Wednesday.

The forum, which occurred between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., was part of Merkley's College Affordability Tour. The senator has visited several colleges around the state, reaching out to students about the price of higher education.

About 30 people, including stu-dents, gathered to hear Merkley's proposals and share their own stories. Merkley, a first-generation college

student, said he felt strongly about the rising costs of higher education. Merkley has been recently pushing a bill called the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act.

The bill, according to Merkley, would give students hoping to attend college the opportunity to take out student loans at the lowest possible rates in the country. Additionally, students who have already borrowed money would be able to refinance to those same low rates.

'We should see this as an invest-

ment as a society," Merkley said. "I still believe in the vision I had as a kid: that this is a nation where if you work hard, you should thrive."

Merkley invited students to share their thoughts and experiences during the forum. Students from Oregon and beyond spoke out.

"I really wanted to come to the US to study," said Felicia Becholdt, a student from Moldova. "Even though I have my bachelor's and master's degrees, I still so desire to have a degree from an American college."

Becholdt obtained her previous degrees in Germany and Italy because of cheaper tuition, and eventually came here to study for her master's thesis. Becholdt is struggling to pay the higher U.S. tuition.

Gordon Roth, a senior in political science, also shared his story during the forum. He called attention to how rapidly interest rates on student loans have risen.

"I put off going to college because didn't want to take out loans," Roth said, "but now I have even more debt than I would have if I hadn't waited."

Many students attending the forum shared Roth's concern that debt has

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### OSU reacts to Ebola concerns

 Officials reassure community about low-risk of Ebola at OSU, provide services for screening,

#### By Ria Rankine

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The recent West Africa Ebola outbreak has affected multiple countries, and one case has been confirmed in Texas. In response, Oregon State Universi-ty continues to work in accordance with the protocols set by the Cen-ters for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC has created guidelines specifically for all universities

within the United States in the event of an Ebola outbreak due to the large number of West African students who attend colleges here.

Around 20 students from West African countries attend OSU, making an outbreak on campus very unlikely.

Connie Hume-Rodman, chairperson for the Infectious Disease Response Team and associate director of clinical services at OSU, said Student Health Services has contacted the division of international programs to identify all students, staff and faculty who have gone to programs within West Africa. According to the division of international programs, there have been none.

There is no way to determine who went to West Africa on their own, Hume-Rodman said, which is why campus officials sent out

a mass email to reach more than 30,000 faculty, staff and students, said Steve Clark, vice president for university relations and marketing.

'Within that email, we directed recipients to link to OSU student services website," Clark said. "And on that website, we have some very important information regarding Ebola, as well as information for the CDC.

Also listed on the SHS website are steps OSU takes to provide screenings for any students who feel they are at risk. In addition, Clark men-

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Barbara Lerwick, a registered nurse with Student Health Services, shares a triage

## Vote OR Vote aims high for November

 Campaign strives to register thousands of students to vote for November Election Day

#### By Claire McMorris

THE DAILY BAROMETER

There is at least one political movement on campus that does not care who you vote for as long as you cast your ballot: Vote OR Vote.

The on-going voter registration drive, headed by the Oregon Student Association and hosted by the Associated Students of Oregon State University, is looking to get ballots in students' hands. That all starts with filling out an official voter registration card.

Vote OR Vote is part of a statewide campaign with the OSA — an interest group that represents the student voice in Salem — is completely student run, with the exception of a few staffers who help facilitate the program.

Ben Katz and Audric Perger are OSA staff members assigned to OSU's Vote OR Vote drive.

The reason students choose to run this campaign is to build lobbying power (talking with elected officials) on issues that the OSA have prioritized," Katz said.

The number of students registered on campus and in Oregon really pays off. In 2012, the Vote OR Vote campaign registered more than 50,000 students to vote, which helped the OSA successfully lobby to maintain the first tuition plateau in more than 10 years

Brett Morgan, the executive director of government relations at ASOSU, is excited to help students get involved in

"Vote OR Vote is the largest campaign of its kind in the nation, and it is especially important for students to get involved in this midterm election," Morgan said.

Morgan and the OSA team have also organized volunteers to help out with the campaign.

Volunteers with Vote OR Vote can be seen in front of the OSU Valley Library or at their table in the Memorial Union

quad with bright orange T-shirts and clipboards in hand. Josh Kaufman, a first-year student who studies nuclear engineering, saw the opportunity to get involved at a recent kick-off event for Vote OR Vote.

"I've gotten to meet a lot of people at ASOSU and around campus, and it is always a great thing to get connected,"

Many Oregon elections were won in the past thanks to a



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Vashti Selix (left), vote field director with the OSA, and Ben Katz (right), voter organizer with the OSA, campaign to get students registered to vote.

percentage of smaller voting groups.

"In a district like this, with such a prominent student population, students could swing an election one way or the other, and that's really powerful," Perger said.

The current OSU Vote OR Vote campaign has been

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### Tuesday, September 30

Residence hall theft

Oregon State Police received a report of an alleged theft from a person's room in the International Living and Learning Center. A student discovered \$800 in cash had gone missing from his closet. There is a continuing investigation underway.

Pencil theft

Oregon State Police reported to the Oregon State University Beaver Store where employees had detained a student for an alleged theft. The student cooperated with store employees and a citation for theft in the third degree.



OSP officers and admitted to taking two mechanical pencils and a pack of pencil lead. The items are valued at \$9.29, and the student was released upon receiving

### Friday, September 26

Alleged Beaver Store theft

An employee from the OSU Beaver Store contacted university dispatch after identifying two individuals allegedly stealing merchandise on video surveillance recordings. In the video, two men allegedly take merchandise from the bookstore and place it into their bags before leaving without purchasing the items. They were separately interviewed and cited for theft in the third degree Sept. 28 and 29.

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## State road funds stuck in traffic

By Peter Wong

THE PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND - Oregon lawmakers next year will face renewed questions about how to pay for maintaining roads and moving people and goods.

But so far, there's more of a consensus among the numerous interest groups about what the money should go for than on how to raise the

Advocates say the focus will be on fixing existing roads and bridges — far less glamorous politically than new construction - and that the 2015 Legislature also will have to take into account other forms of transportation.

"It's likely that this package needs to be multimodal," says Craig Honeyman, legislative director for the League of Oregon Cities, who has been making presentations in several cities about league priorities.

That in itself will set any

new financing plan apart from two other recent efforts, which focused on major bridge and new road projects.

"We hope we can go arm in arm to the Legislature with a package," says Mike McArthur, executive director of the Association of Oregon Counties.

Although specific proposals have not yet been agreed on, one of them is to link future increases in the state gasoline tax - now 30 cents per gallon with the Consumer Price Index or some other measure of inflation. Other vehicle fees could also be linked.

Indexing has been proposed before, but lawmakers have never advanced it.

"It would keep us from losing ground, while we have a longer-term conversation about the ultimate funding source," says Metro's Randy Tucker.

Linked automatically to the gasoline tax is the weight-mile tax that is levied on trucks, based on weights carried and distances traveled.

Unlike the earlier funding efforts, which united most interest groups in 2003 and 2009, this one may be even more difficult.

"I do not know that (unity) is going to happen," says Bob Russell, the chief lobbyist for the Oregon Trucking Associations. "Instead of a proposal supported by everybody, there may be a list of options. But we generally support a statewide approach, rather than individual jurisdictions taking action."

Representatives of cities, counties and the state say their needs for road and bridge maintenance are far outpacing the amount of money available.

Although many say they want the option of taking their case to local voters, most say they prefer action by the Legislature.

"When you ask people whether they are willing to pay for it, they say not just now," says Craig Campbell, who represents the American Automobile Association of Oregon/Idaho.

Washington County voters will decide Nov. 4 whether to add \$30 per year for road maintenance to the state's existing two-year vehicle registration fee of \$86. If approved, the higher fee would take effect in 2016.

Portland City Council is still wrestling with a fee earmarked for street maintenance. It is uncertain whether voters will decide the fate of any fee.

According to the League of Oregon Cities, 32 cities have a transportation utility fee.

According to the Oregon Department of Transportation, two counties and 20 cities have their own gasoline tax - from 1 to 5 cents per gallon in addition to the state tax. A four-year moratorium by the Legislature has been lifted, but city voters will have to approve new or increased fuel taxes.

The 2013 Oregon Values & Belief Project survey by DHM Research found that Portlandarea voters were divided on transportation funding. People who live in Portland and close-in communities offered more support for public transit, but communities on the periphery favored more on roads and bridges, according to the survey.

Of those sampled overall, 72 percent rated road maintenance important or somewhat important; 55 percent, buses and trains; 49 percent, new roads.

#### **Funding priorities**

Oregon voters decided in 1980 to earmark fuel taxes and vehicle and driver fees for road and bridge work. Between 1981 and 1993, the state gasoline tax rose from 7 cents to 24 cents per gallon.

In 2003. lawmakers approved \$2.5 billion in bonds, two-thirds of which went toward fixing bridges on Oregon's most critical freight routes. Higher vehicle fees paid off the bonds.

Lawmakers acted after cracks appeared and weight limits were posted for some bridges on Interstate 5, Oregon's main north-south route and a report from state highway officials warned of higher costs and lost jobs if more trucks were forced into detours.

on Interstate 84 near Troutdale and La Grande — are sched-needs. uled for completion by the end of this year.

2005, lawmakers approved the first in a series of lottery-backed bonds for Connect Oregon, which pays for projects other than roads and bridges. During the decade, those bonds have totaled \$382 million plus interest costs.

2009, lawmakers approved \$1 billion they earmarked for specific state highway projects, and increased gasoline taxes that provided cities and counties with their first new money for road maintenance in almost two decades. The tax went from 24 to 30 cents in 2011.

After lawmakers approved the most recent funding plan, highways, the Oregon Highway Users Alliance transformed itself into the Oregon Transportation Forum.

Those of us who were traditional highway people did not really have a good understanding of a lot of the issues that the environmental community was raising," says AAA's Campbell, who's president of the forum. "There was a trust barrier."

#### Maintenance needs

Representatives of Oregon cities, counties and the state Department of Transportation say they can demonstrate their needs for maintenance are outpacing the amount available to spend on them.

Of Oregon's system, about 8,000 miles are in state highways - which carry about 60 percent of all traffic - 26,692 miles in county roads (10,663 miles of them unpaved), and 10,868 miles in city streets.

In a July report, the League of Oregon Cities said cities raised \$120.7 million for street maintenance in 2012-13, but that's \$306 million less than what they say they need.

In a May report, ODOT said 400 miles should be paved every year - on a schedule of 20 years for the entire sys-- but that current fundtem ing allows for only 250 miles annually.

"Our pavement programs resurface less than one-half the need, and higher-cost projects can't be completed with available funds," the agency said in a May report.

Although 87 percent of state highway miles were rated at "fair" pavement condition or - above the 2012 tarbetter get of 78 percent - ODOT says it will be \$100 million per year short of what is needed to maintain those conditions in the next three years.

ODOT estimates that major rehabilitation of pavement costs between \$3 and \$5 and reconstruction between \$8 and \$12 - for every \$1 spent on preventive mainte-

"Because of the deterioration of infrastructure, there is a cost to not doing anything," said McArthur of the counties.

The Association of Oregon The final projects - bridges Counties didn't offer a compa-

> But McArthur says counties have taken hits to their road funds from another source.

> With the end of federal forest payments, he says, road funds have suffered losses in the 31 counties that have national forest lands, and the 18 counties that have O&C lands overseen by the Bureau of Land Management. (Some of those counties overlap.)

We are going to need to do a good job of educating our citizens," says Mary Stern, AOC's transportation policy manager and a former Yamhill County commissioner. "We have to say here are our roads, these are the facts, and this is what we need to maintain what we have."

### Oregon prison growth still slow after 2013 reforms

By Hannah Hoffman

STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM - The state's prisons won't be much fuller in a decade than they are today, according to the forecast released on Wednesday. The study predicts 476 more people will take up prison beds in 2024, following a three-year decrease in the prison population. The forecast is not quite

as positive as the last one that came out in April. Six months ago, analysts predicted the Department of Corrections would add just 219 prisoners over the next 10 years.

However, it is still better than even the best predictions from a year ago about the impact of sentencing reform passed by the 2013 Oregon Legislature. "We really feel like (the

reforms) are working amaz-ingly well. I've never seen (a forecast) like this and I've worked here for 10 years," said Craig Prins, executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

The slow growth predicted in the report also means no new state prisons in Oregon, DOC spokeswoman Liz Craig said. "Any plans for future con-

struction are on hold," she said.

The reforms that passed 18 months ago made several changes, most notably putting more money into community programs aimed at keeping people out of prison and lessening the sentences on some crimes.

Wednesday's report predicts twice the growth that was predicted six months ago. However, that's the result of a mathematical adjustment, Prins said, rather than a real change in crime.

The reform bill decreased the minimum sentence for identity theft from 24 months to 18 months, and he said analysts had thought that would mean people would spend 25 percent less time in prison for those crimes.

However, it turned out judge's sentencing decisions barely changed. People who commit identity theft are still sentenced to an average 26 months, Prins said, which means that estimate was wrong and the reforms did not really reduce the number of people in prison for that crime at any given time.

The reason is that very few people commit just one identity crime. They almost always commit many, Prins said, which means they're not going to serve just the minimum sentence. They're going to be sentenced for multiple crimes.

## Calendar

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room, Religion and Science - How can they be made to agree? - A discussion.

Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc., 6pm, Bexell 320. A social event for rush. Ladies who are interested in attending please bring a white t-shirt to die dye!

### Thursday, Oct. 9

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Is a world mmonwealth possible or practical?

### Friday, Oct. 10

Events

Counseling & Psychological Ser-vices, Noon-3pm, MU Quad. Interac-tive booths with information on mental health, free food and prizes.

#### Monday, Oct. 13

Events

Terra Magazine, 6-8pm, Old World Deli, 341 2nd St. Science Pub: The Dharma in DNA: Intersections of Buddhism and Science, by Dee Denver, OSU College of Science.

Counseling & Psychological Services, 11am-1pm, MU Quad. Join us in a relaxing and rejuvenating guided meditation during a break between

#### Tuesday, Oct. 14

Counseling & Psychological Ser-vices, 6-8pm, MU 208. Miss Repre-sentation Film Screening. A film that explores the under-representation of women in positions of power and influ-ence in America.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 15

Counseling & Psychological Servic-es, 11am-1pm, MU Quad. Free Photo Booth. Reduce your stress and take time to be social by taking pictures with silly props.

Counseling & Psychological Services, 7pm, meet at the Gazebo in Central Park. Finding the Light: A Sui-cide Awareness and Prevention Walk An event to raise awareness, support our families and friends and connect with each other.

#### Thursday, Oct. 16

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Religion without clargy. - A discussion. Events

mental health care in our community

### Counseling & Psychological Servic-es, Noon-1:30pm, MJ 206. Listening Tables. Engage in conversation about

Friday, Oct. 17

Counseling & Psychological Services, 3-5pm, MU Quad. Be Well 5K and Fair. Get some exercise in with the OSU community and check out a demonstration on biofeedback.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 22

Career Services, 11am-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. All Majors Career Fair. Don't forget to get your photo taken at our Linkedin Photo Booth for a professional photo for use on business networking sites.

### Thursday, Oct. 23

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room, A discussion The United Nations - A forum for global focus and consultation.

Career Services, 11am-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Engineering Career Fair. Don't forget to get your photo en at our Linkedin Photo B professional photo for use on business networking sites.

#### Thursday, Oct. 30 Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Are there spiritual solutions to economic challenges? - A discussion

#### Thursday, Nov. 6

Meetings Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-

1pm, MU Talisman Room. Sans Nationalism - A discussion.

### Thursday, Nov. 13

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Spiritual revelation - is it progressive? - A dis-

### Wehby campaign fires back in new video, criticizes Merkley

By Lizzy Duffy

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND - U.S. Sencandidate Monica Wehby is using one year since Cover Oregon's launch as reason to celebrate the exchange's many flaws.

"As a doctor, I know how important it is to be able to have access to the doctor you know and who knows you," says Wehby in the campaign ad.

Along with a new video, Wehby's campaign issued a release that includes a long list of newspaper articles, criticizing Sen. Jeff Merkley's strong support of the Affordable Care Act.

"Despite Merkley's broken promises, the failure of the exchange, and the millions wasted in taxpayer dollars, the junior Senator refuses to take accountability or call for an end to the exchange, which has been referred to as a 'national embarrassment,'" says the post, "Un-Happy Birthday Cover Oregon.

Merkley's campaign fired back shortly after the new ad was released.

"Monica Wehby's campaign is imploding in front of us, and with dozens of press reports detailing how Dr. Wehby plagiarized her health care plan from Karl Rove, we expect Oregonians will see through this cookie cutter attack," said Merkely spokesman Andrew Zucker in a statement.

The new video comes shortly after the Merkley campaign referenced Wehby's apparent plagiarism in two videos, titled "Word for Word" and "Cut and Paste."

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EUGENE - One in 10 female students at the University of Oregon has been raped, preliminary results from a UO professor's survey indicate.

The initial findings also indicate that 35 percent of female students have had at least one sexual experience without their consent. Most of those encounters happened during the students' first year at the UO.

The vast majority of those students did not report the crimes to a university employee, the data show. Many said the campus culture made them feel as if their experience

was no big deal. Psychology Professor Jennifer Freyd and her graduate students — Marina Rosenthal and Carly Smith — presented the findings Tuesday to a University Senate task force that has been studying the UO's sexual assault prevention and support policies for several months.

'What we learned today is simply unacceptable and unconscionable," said profes-sor Robert Kyr, a task force member and University Senate president.

randomly The survey selected more than 1,000 undergraduate students during the past month. While the survey's methodology report does not include a specific the risk of self-selection bias research looked more extenwas greatly reduced because participants did not know the subject matter of the study until after they signed up to complete it.

The results are a first glimpse into how many UO students may be victims of sexual assault or nonconsensual sexual experience during their time on campus. The survey — known as a "climate survey" — overlaps with a - overlaps with a model recommended by the White House for colleges to use, Freyd said.

"We stare at these bar graphs and stare at these numbers, but these are people," said Freyd, who has studied sexual violence for 20 years.

Approximately women and 9,400 men are enrolled as under-graduates at the university. A 10 percent rape figure among women translates to more than 1,000

"If you try to visualize 1,000 people, that's a lot," Freyd said. "I interact with students every day. It's just upsetting at a human level.

Nearly three-quarters of students who had a nonconsensual sexual experience said they knew their perpetrator. The overwhelming majority of perpetrators — 87 percent were men.

National research estimates that one in five women will be sexually assaulted during margin of error, it notes that their time in college. Freyd's

sively at students' experience with sexual contact without consent, such as being fondled, kissed or having an item of clothing taken off without giving permission. Freyd also asked students whether anyone had tried unsuccessfully to have inter-course or oral sex with them.

University of Oregon professor releases survey on sex assault statistics

The University Senate task force will use the survey's initial results as a way to guide policy recommendations to UO Interim President Scott Coltrane. The group plans to complete those recommendations next month.

"I am just stunned," Ibrahim Gassama, a UO law professor and member of the task force, said after Freyd's presentation. "I am crushed.

About 980 randomly selected students completed Freyd, Rosenthal and Smith's survey between August and September. Freyd received 76 partially completed surveys and was able to use some data from those surveys as well, she said.

The majority of partici-pants who responded to the survey were white women between the ages of 18 and 21, were registered as a UO under¬graduate for fall classes, and had also been registered for classes sometime between fall 2013 and spring 2014. Two-thirds of the respondents were women.

Of the male students sur-

veyed, 14 percent said they have experienced an unwanted sexual encounter and 0.3 percent said they have been raped.

Thirty-seven percent of male students and 57 percent of female students said they have been sexually harassed. Sexual harassment in the survey was defined as being told a sexually offensive joke or story, experiencing repeated pressure to engage in a sexual activity, or being threatened to be sexually cooperative.

Earlier this year, the university declined to fund Freyd's survey after some administrators alleged that it could be biased.

In response, Freyd began fundraising. She received money from the UO Center for the Study of Women in Society and private donations to cover the survey's \$20,000 budget. The money provided each participant a \$20 Amazon gift card for completing the 20- to 30-minute online survey, Freyd said.

Most surveyed students said they believe sexual vio-lence research is "definitely important."

It's heartening," Freyd said of the positive response from participants. "There's this eagerness to see this addressed.

Coltrane on Tuesday said the university administration will use the survey's results to help the UO improve programs to prevent sexual assault and encourage victims to report.

"It shows we have a lot of work to do," he said of the data. He said such a survey should be administered on an annual basis.

Freyd said it will take months to do a thorough analysis of the data. For example, she and her graduate research assistants will continue analyzing the data to see whether students have observed their friends being sexually harassed or assaulted, and to find out whether some groups of students are more likely to be victims of sexual violence.

Freyd's preliminary data suggest that gay men are more likely to be a victim of sexual harassment or assault compared with heterosexual men. Freyd will study whether a studen's race or ethnicity puts them at a greater risk of becoming a victim.

More detailed survey results could reveal student experiences, attitudes and behaviors regarding sexual assault and harassment. The survey also is intended to help the university understand how many victims of sexual violence felt that the university or campus groups did not support them after their unwanted sexual encounter.

Freyd and her graduate students will present the preliminary data to a state-level sexual assault task force and at national conferences in the coming months, Freyd said.

"We're eager to make this (data) available," she said.

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### Subaru WRX drivers wrack up most traffic violations

By Lizzy Duffy

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — If you've grown accustomed to seeing police lights in your rearview mirror, it might be your car in addition to your driving that's attracting traffic violations.

Insurance.com found 33.6 percent of Subaru WRX drivers received tickets between January 2013 and July 2014. That's a higher rate than drivers of any other vehicle. Pontiac GTO drivers come in second at 32.7 percent and the Scion FR-S rounds out the top three.

The ranking is based on 550,000 insurance quotes nationwide. On average, about 20 percent of drivers received a traffic violation in the

Scion came out as the most-ticketed car maker (27.6 percent of drivers received a ticket), followed by the Pacific Northwest's staple

By Amelia Templeton

PORTLAND - Public health officials in the Northwest say Ebola poses little threat to the region, but they are prepared to isolate and treat infected health workers or travelers. There have been no suspected or confirmed cases in

Oregon state Health Officer Katrina Hedberg says that most people traveling between West Africa and the United States are aware of the

"Most people, we hope ,will self identify, will want to get evaluated, will not want to spread

recent travel. If you've been in West Africa and develop a fever or diarrhea, share your travel history with a doctor. Hedberg says standard isolation protocols hospitals use to treat patients with highly contagious diseases like the measles would be adequate for an Ebola patient as well.

has certified to test for Ebola.

Scott Lindquist, the state epidemiologist, says so far no tests have been requested.

Ebola has killed more than 2,000 people in West Africa, according to the World Health

### Low risk of Ebola in Northwest, health officials say

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Oregon or in Washington.

risk of Ebola.

any infection to other people," she says.

Hedberg says emergency rooms and hospi-

tals have been reminded to ask patients about

Washington's state public health laboratory is among relatively few in the US that the CDC

Organization.

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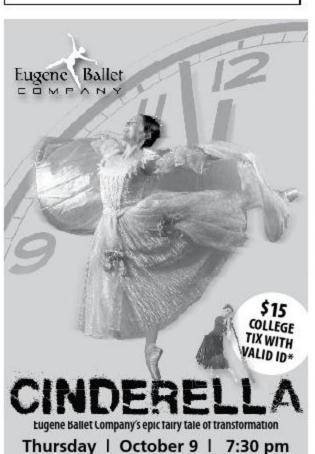
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# Reports shed new light on killing spree

By Jack Moran

EUGENE-Ricardo Chaney of Eugene bid a cryptic farewell to his tiny circle of friends before launching a brief but vio-lent crime spree that ended with his own death after he shot and killed a sheriff's deputy in a March 19 gunfight with police in Northern California, newly

released police reports show.

The handful of close acquaintances who spoke with Eugene police in the wake of Chaney's two-state rampage said the 32-year-old South Eugene High School graduate had a history of occasionally erratic behavior, had recently run out of money and suffered a breakup with his longtime girlfriend, according to the reports released Tuesday.

The reports - which were blacked out by police to conceal portions of interviews conducted with Chaney's best friend and his late mother's longtime partner — provide a number of new details about the disturbing case.

But they do not mention any possible motive to explain why Chaney allegedly began his deadly spree just after midnight on March 19 by fatally shooting former University of Oregon professor George Wasson, and then torching Wasson's home in Eugene's Fairmount neighborhood.

Wasson and Chaney's father, Richard Chaney, were colleagues in the UO's anthropology department before the elder Chaney's death in 1998.

According to the reports, Chaney's closest friend, Eugene resident Eammon Martinez-Wenzl, told police that he knew of no "bad feelings" between Wasson and Chaney.

Eugene attorney John Kolego, mean-while, suggested that a detective speak with Chaney's friends regarding the killer's relationship with Wasson, the reports indicate. Kolego had a long relationship with Chaney's mother, who died in May 2013.

Police redacted portions of the reports that detail investigators' conversations with Martinez-Wenzl and Kolego, and it was unclear whether any of the blackedout information mentioned Wasson. Citing state law, police said some information in the reports was redacted because its release would constitute an unreasonable invasion of privacy.

Eugene police on Tuesday canceled a news conference they had scheduled to discuss the case, which was officially closed on Sept. 2 after tests conducted by state police confirmed that a shotgun found at the scene of a deadly police shooting in Mendocino County, Calif., is the same weapon used to kill Wasson.

Police reports show that in addition to interviewing Martinez-Wenzl and Kolego, investigators spoke with Chaney's ex-wife on the afternoon of March 19, less than four hours after Chaney shot and killed Mendocino County, Calif., sheriff's deputy Ricky Del Fiorentino after a vehicle pursuit.

Chaney was found dead after he was shot by a police officer who arrived at the scene of the deputy's killing and found Chaney there.

'It's god's will"

Chaney's ex-wife told police that she and Chaney separated in 2006 after he had assaulted her in the presence of their young child, and said Chaney had spent March 17 alone with the child. When Chaney returned the child to the woman's home, he mentioned that "he would not be in their life for a while .. and would return only when (the child) was old enough to make a choice as to who (the child) wished to live with, according to Detective Mel Thompson's report.

The woman told Thompson that she knew the 79-year-old Wasson was a Coquille Indian Tribe elder, but was unaware of any problems Chaney might have had with him.

Later on March 19, Thompson also spoke with Martinez-Wenzl, who had attended Roosevelt Middle and South Eugene High schools with Chaney.

Martinez-Wenzl said Chaney had no money or any place to stay, and had broken up with his girlfriend of two years in January. Police learned that the ex-girlfriend — an exotic dancer in Portland who was not interviewed by detectives - had worked with Chaney making pornographic films, according to police reports.

Martinez-Wenzl told detectives that he had met with Chaney on the afternoon before the killings, and that Chaney had sent him a "farewell" email a few hours after their visit.

"You're not just my best friend. You're my only friend, dude," the email states. I am not coming over or saying anything else because I don't want you to be involved. Just be cool and everything will be okay. It's god's will and everything is going the way it should be."

Kolego, meanwhile, spoke with investigators on March 20. He described Chaney as "troubled" and "short-tempered," and said Chaney may have suffered from an un-diagnosed mental illness and had been occasionally delusional, according to a report written by Detective Matt Herbert.

Both Kolego and Chaney's ex-wife said Chaney had been rejected by the military and had long been fascinated with guns, while Martinez-Wenzl and Chaney's ex-wife said the killer had in the past expressed a strong dislike for

police, according to the reports.

Kolego said Chaney had inherited \$100,000 after his mother's death, and Martinez-Wenzl told police that Chaney had taken the money and traveled throughout the United States, according to the reports.

Herbert's report states that Kolego said he hadn't heard from Chaney for months until March 6, when Chaney asked him for cash to retrieve Martinez-

¬Wenzl's pickup after it had been impounded when Chaney was arrested for drug possession and for driving the vehicle with a loaded .22-caliber pistol hidden in the glove box.

Kolego, a longtime local defense attorney, said Chaney stopped by his office at 5 p.m. on March 18 and asked for gas money while appearing to be "unusually intense," according to Herbert's report.

Kolego gave Chaney \$100 and listened to him complain about his estranged sister not responding to issues he had regarding the distribution of their mother's estate. Chaney then left after the 20-minute visit, the report states.

#### A violent crime spree

Firefighters were called to Wasson's home in Eugene's Fairmount neighborhood at 12:32 a.m. on March 19. After finding Wasson seated at his dining room table, dead from a gunshot wound to the head, the firefighters called police.

Investigators later concluded that Wasson's house was torched after fuel had been poured around the base of the house, then ignited with a cigarette lighter or something similar, accord-ing to police reports. Police have said Chaney is the only suspect in the case.

Less than an hour after the fire was reported, police learned that Martinez-Wenzl's pickup had been ditched at the scene of an armed carjacking at the Duck Village apartment complex on Kinsrow Avenue. Two UO students were robbed of their car by a gun-toting man whom police later identified as Chaney.

Later that same morning, Chaney exchanged gunfire with the owner of a business situated along Highway 101 in Northern California, then shot and killed Del Fiorentino after a vehicle pursuit, authorities said.

Chaney was found dead of two gunshots fired by a police officer who arrived at the scene of the deputy's killing. Chaney, who was wearing a militarystyle ballistic vest and armed with two assault-type rifles, had a double-barrelled shotgun inside the stolen BMW. It was the same gun he had used to shoot and kill Wasson.

Included in the reports released Tuesday is one written by police Lt. Doug Mozan regarding a March 21 telephone conversation he had with Pete Peterson of the Red Rooster Barber Shop on East 13th Avenue. Peterson told Mozan that Wasson had said while getting a haircut that "a nephew or close family friend" had threatened to kill him.

Peterson told The Register-¬Guard on Tuesday that Wasson had made the comment approximately 11/2 months before his death, although Wasson hadn't named the person who had made the threat. Peterson said police never contacted him to follow up on his conversation with Mozan.

#### MERKLEY

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become an overwhelming issue for people attending college.

Merkley agreed, and he added that debt doesn't just affect students during college, but also after they graduate.

"Home ownership among college graduates has dropped because of the rising costs of student loans," Merkley "Most students are caught up trying to pay their loans off and won't have enough money left over to afford

The event was largely met with enthusiasm and positive remarks from attendees.

"I think that it's great to see that college affordability is a priority for the senator, Roth said.

Merkley's next stop is Chemeketa Community College in Salem, followed by Portland State University Thursday afternoon.

"I really enjoyed (the event) because students shared their different stories and challenges," Merkley said. "Everyone has had different experiences, but there is also this collective concern among students about the cost of higher

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on campus since January 2014 and will be here through Election Day on Nov. 4.

The drive at OSU has registered 4,492 students since January and 941 so far fall term. In Oregon, the drive has registered 39,735 students with a goal of 50,000 students.

The deadline to register before the November election is Oct. 14.

"Here at OSU, it's about making sure students power to change the future," Morgan said.

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tioned important information on the website about traveling within countries where Ebola is present.

Ebola itself is not contagious until symptoms appear. However, we think it's important to provide complete information related to Ebola (and the) CDC's recommendation on travel," Clark said.

SHS continues to work with state and county medical officials, according to an email sent last week by Sabah Randhawa, provost and executive vice presi-

SHS is working with medical officials, the OSU Infections Diseases Response Team, the office of risk management as well as the division of international programs. Screenings have also been provided for domestic and international students who traveled from West African countries in the past 21 days.

SHS created a questionnaire based on the recommendations provided by

"We're going to do the letter of the law," Hume-Rodman said. "It's extremely unlikely that we will end up with anybody with Ebola on our campus."

The recent case in Texas has affected

and member of the Cambodian Student Association, is now more appreciative of the information provided by OSU, although he does not believe an outbreak on campus could occur. "To be more informed is best," Nop

certain students on campus. Rone Nop,

a senior in digital communication arts

said. "It's better that I know than not.

More information about Ebola is available on the SHS website and the CDC website. Students with further health concerns should speak to a nurse

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Redshirt senior setter Tayla Woods moves in to set the pass up for a potential spike before it has a chance to cross the net in a game against Oregon on Sept. 24.



Senior middle blocker Amanda Brown and fresham outside hitter Mary-Kate Marshall go up for the block against the Ducks during the Civil War on Sept. 24.

# Volleyball looks for successful weekend

The Beavers get a jumpstart Friday against unranked Cal before heading to juggernaut Stanford on Saturday

> By Sarah Kerrigan THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State volleyball heads on its first big road trip in conference play to take on Cal and No. 1 Stanford this weekend.

The Beavers (1-1 Pac12, 11-2 overall) take on Cal (0-2 Pac-12, 8-4 overall) this Friday in what they hope will be their second consecutive conference win before they take on powerhouse Stanford (2-0 Pac-12, 12-0 overall).

"I am glad Cal is our first match this weekend,

but you can't look past anyone in this conference," said head coach Terry Liskevych. "They will be gunning for us to get a win.'

Without a conference win, the Bears are sure to be hungry for a win in front of their home crowd, and with this being the Beavers' first away trip since school started, the home court advantage could play a significant role in the outcome.

For me as a freshman, any new place that you are playing, you don't know the crowd, you don't know the court, it is a little bit nerve-racking," said freshman outside hitter Mary-Kate Marshall.

Junior outside hitter Katelyn Driscoll was on the same wave length.

"Going to different schools is crazy for everybody since it is a new atmosphere, you have people yelling at you that you don't know, so that is distracting," she said. "You also have your schooling playing into it because we can't just eat, sleep and play volleyball now."

In preparing for this weekend's games, Oregon State has focused offensively on having multiple options on attack. The Beavers will need to get their middles more involved in the games to be more effective in scoring.

"We have been working on varying our attack to get more people involved," said Liskevych.

They also worked on hitting the ball to the seams of the Cal defense in prep for Friday's game. The system of play that Cal has defensively, when the outsides are hitting, leaves them potential openings for exploitation.

"For the outsides, we worked on hitting different shots, so we've marked the spots that are open for us to hit and have worked on hitting those," said Marshall.

Defensively, the Beavers will need to continue to have effective blocking at the net and tighten

up their service return.

"We are a good blocking team already, but we've been working on adjusting to different hitters and recognizing who those hitters are," said Driscoll.

Blocking will be huge in both games as both Cal and Stanford have some heavy hitting players.

Ćal's senior outside hitter Christina Higgins

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Beaver players pump each other up before the start of a match against Washington State on Sept. 26 by exchanging some friendly high fives.

## Women's soccer has nowhere to go but up

To say that the Oregon State University women's soccer team is one comprised of youth would be an understatement. Of the 27 players on the roster, more than 50 percent of them are freshman. It is safe to say, based on this fact alone, that the team is in the middle of a rebuild.

Their record of 0-7-3 also suggests a team in transition, and though the win column is all that anyone really pays attention to, it doesn't do these players justice.

It is true that collectively they are being out shot on goal; it's true that their goals per game percentage is significantly lower than their opponents.



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But some key stats that do matter, show signs of a positive future.

Freshman goalie Bella Geist, who has the most time protecting the box by far (over 778 minutes), is to this point carrying a saving rating of .93. When you consider that they almost triple their opponents on saves (63-22), that percentage becomes

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### Beavers have good defense, need better offense

¬ ollowing their 35-10 loss to USC, the Beavers are d looking to rebound this Saturday when they travel to Boulder, Colo. to play the Buffaloes

Oregon State's stats from last Saturday are ugly. The Beavers gained only 181 yards of total offense, committed 13 penalties for 108 yards, converted just 10 percent of their third downs, and they turned the ball over twice.



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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion was responsible for those two turnovers. One was a pick-six, and the other interception came in the end zone. To make matters worse, Mannion threw for just 123 yards,

which is a career-low in his time as an OSU starter.
"I don't really care about that," Mannion said, "I just want

Additionally, Mannion doesn't need to hear any of those stats to confirm what he already knew.

'We lost, and I certainly know I didn't play well, but there was a lot of good football in there and we just need to put it

And he's right - there was some good football against



Senior quarterback Sean Mannion gets in some throwing reps during an OSU practice.



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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion heads out on to the field after halftime versus PSU on Aug. 30.

USC, but most of that was due to the defense or special teams. The offense didn't provide many fireworks.

But as they've done in the past four games, OSU's defense had a solid outing. If you take away USC's interception return for a touchdown and the Hail Mary touchdown that ended

the first half, the Beavers' defense only allowed 21 points, 14 of which came in the fourth quarter hen they had already been on the field

for far too long.

The Trojans had five possessions throughout the game where they failed to gain a single first down, and the defense continues to be a strong point for the Beavers. Looking at the roster, it isn't difficult to see why.

When fully healthy, the Beavers start nine seniors on defense, while the other two are juniors. With all that experience and maturity, and with how well they've been playing, OSU's defense is not a concern. It's the offense that should be.

Through four games this season, Mannion is averaging 256.5 yards per game, when he averaged 358.6 yards just a year ago.

The Beavers lost arguably its best receiver in school history when Brandin Cooks opted for the NFL draft rather than stick around for his senior year.

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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion addresses defense concers before hiking the ball against Portland State on Aug. 30.

### MAHONEY

In his place, the Beavers were hoping that some of the younger receivers could step up and make meaningful contributions, but so far that hasn't exactly materialized.

Sophomore receiver Victor Bolden was expected to shoulder most of the load, and he had played well in the first three games, but he sat out against USC with a dislocated finger. He may miss the Colorado game too.

"Victor's a good player, and it

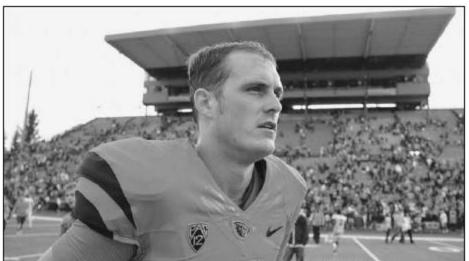
hurts whenever a good player is injured," Mannion said. "But the expectation doesn't change whether he's playing or not."

The only other receiver who made much of an impact is Richard Mullaney, because every other receiver on the Beavers roster has combined for 10 catches, 164 yards and no touchdowns. If Bolden misses more time, the Beavers might have more games that look like the one against

Perhaps less well known is that the Beavers have also had to replace a majority of their offensive line after they graduated three incredibly experienced linemen in the offseason. Michael Philipp, Josh Andrews and Grant Enger combined for 111 career starts, and they are all gone from a season ago.

In esscence, this year's Beavers are a reversal of what they were last year. Last season, the offense needed to put up big numbers to overcome an injury riddled defense. This season, the defense has to keep scores low enough so that the offense can keep pace.

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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion exits the field after a 29-14 win against Portland State University on Aug. 30.

### VOLLEYBALL

and junior middle Lillian Schonewise, are two players that are sure to cause the Beavers trouble at the net. Stanford, on the other hand, has two of the best middles in the country, who are hitting over 50 percent so far this year.

Stanford has a big front line, very talented in the middles, you just have to preserve to get through them," said Liskevych.

Despite the difficulty of the games ahead, the Beavers are going into this weekend with a winning attitude and confidence after their win last weekend.

"It was definitely a boost for everyone's confidence," said Driscoll.

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# &A: MARY-KATE with MARSHALL



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What was the best Summer Vacation you have ever been on?

Mary-Kate Marshall: I went to Hawaii four

years ago and it was awesome!

Mary-Kate Marshall

DB: What was the worst Summer Vacation? MKM: I don't think I have ever been on a bad vacation, but we did have to drive to Wisconsin. It was 18 hours and we drove in one day, so that was terrible.

Volleyball

MKM: My dream vacation would probably be going to some exotic island like Bora Bora. DB: What is your favorite thing about Texas? MKM: I really like that southern hospitality

and southern stuff like that. DB: What is your favorite thing about

MKM: As of right now, I really like the weather because it is much cooler than Texas, so that is nice.

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Oregon State players get a moment of pause before heading back out on to the pitch to resume play.

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encouraging.

Geist is obviously young, but as she inches closer and closer to her 10,000 hours, you get the feeling that she has the potential to be a dominant wall within the crossbar.

The team collectively has also done some impressive things. Of the 10 games they have played thus far, seven have ended with a loss by one goal or less. At a professional level this wouldn't mean much, but at a collegiate level, with such a young team, this can be a sign of future success.

Shots on goal also point toward the positive when you consider who does the bulk of

Freshman midfielder Kayla Latham has one of Oregon State's two goals this season, and that is with only having taken eight shots all year. Freshman forward Nikki Faris has yet to score a goal, but leads the team in attempts with

Likewise, the young sophomores are putting in work on offense. Sophomore midfielder Sabrina Santarossa has OSU's other goal this season, and that has come with only ten shots at the box. Sophomore forward Helene Haavik is also contributing with the second highest attempts with 14.

If the Beavers can improve the number of shots they get per game, then goals are always likely to follow. Likewise, the team needs to get control of

the fouls and goal line crosses they commit on the pitch. Thier opponents are at an advantage in both aspects of the game and the latter of the two is always costly.

These two statistics are a great starting point for positive change, as they are dependent upon the discipline of the players as individuals and as a team overall.

The season is far from over, and this young team only has room to improve their game on the footy pitch. Life without a win can be hard for any team, in any sport. But if these ladies of the center circle focus on lacing up those boots and coming out ready to ball, things will only get better.

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### Editorial

### Calm down, you won't die

arlier this week, the Centers for ◆ Disease Control and Preven-■ tion confirmed the first official U.S. case of the infectious Ebola virus. On top of this, we've seen repeated headlines of the escalating crisis involved with the Islamic State, reports of local politicians accused of plagiarizing documents and continued climate shifts following one of the worst wildfire seasons in the Northwest. These reports keep on coming, so we must all be doomed.

But really we're not.

The means used by major media outlets to sensationalize certain stories is no new practice, and often serves as a way to generate online content views through hysteria.

In terms of true reporting and ethical journalism, this is wrong.

We commonly refer to such sensationalist reports as "yellow journalism."

For instance, if a writer or reporter links movies, television or video games to a chain of serious murders without any substantial evidence to support the case, that's yellow journalism.

In terms of the Ebola virus, we're dealing less with false reports and more with exaggerated descriptions.

Multiply this among the masses and we have ourselves a perfect panic

Fact is fact: There has been one confirmed case in Dallas, and infection only occurs if anyone comes into intimate contact with another infected individual's bodily fluids.

Furthermore, this patient didn't con-tract the virus in the United States.

America's "first Ebola victim" was in Liberia — Ebola hotspot de jour – before coming back home and receiving a diagnosis on U.S. soil.

So, in effect, this is only the first case diagnosed in the states - not contracted in the states.

Incubation of the Ebola virus can take up to 21 days, and it's not contagious until symptoms arise after this period. Another concept to remember is how this strain has a 55 percent mor-

tality rate as opposed to 90 percent. More than 313 million people live in the United States. One infected individual represents a fraction of this amount. So in terms of these recent reports, if you're paranoid about this disease making it into the country, don't panic.

We have the equipment and technology to prevent mass outbreaks. Unlike the unfortunate countries in West Africa, diseases in the U.S. tend not to spread too far.

So ignore the headlines that say "Ebola outbreak in America." There is no outbreak here.

In an effort to "get the scoop" and keep viewers glued to their screens, reports spout "facts" as they come in, which usually turn out to be wrong.

Don't become lost in the misinformation and chaos.

Keep calm, and remember: Those online headlines that spell out "we're all doomed" only work if you keep clicking

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## Obama spends too much time on fancy golf courses

slamic State — or the artist for-merly known as "The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria," or "Islamic State of Iraq and Levant" — is a problem.

This terrorist group has now taken over more than four major cities spanning across Iraq and Syria. It has an organized leader, plenty of weapons and — considering violent videos it keeps spreading online — an abundance of budget, choreography and pizzazz that rivals Taylor Swift.

Obama has taking heat over the last couple of weeks for his sluggish response to the IS threat. As it continues to grow, Obama has come out and said he underestimated IS and overestimated the "will and ability of the Iraqi Army."

It's better late than never, but actions and words can cross wires and undermine each other.

Obama, according to his interview on extreme.

"60 Minutes" said he wants to acquire traction for more air strikes against the ever-growing militant group by gaining more allies to help.

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A fine idea, but the sentiment loses its punch once the same person advocating for change and asking for help is sipping wine in a vineyard rather than holding the occasional summit or two.

You know, president stuff.

We all need breaks. When I'm stressed I binge watch "Breaking Bad" or play my Bop-It on timer mode.

But Obama takes a break to an

president "has spent more time golfing than in intel briefings."

Of course this needs to be put into context; meetings can only go for so long and golf definitely takes a chunk out of your day.

Obama has golfed for more than 800 hours over 200 golf trips since his inauguration. In contrast, he has spent 'almost 700 hours" over the span of 895 days as president.

Our allies are currently helping us, but everyone is not on the same page.

Reports are now coming out that the air strikes are not working. According to CNN, witnesses think

the airstrikes are "too few and far away" from the actual targets. They report that the missiles aren't accurate enough to do enough damage.

This seems like something that should be fixed by using recon and

According to The Daily Caller, our intel in order to realign where IS positions are.

> On that same note, recon is hard when your leader is ordering more than 50 airstrikes while working on his short game on the back nine of the legendary golf course at Martha's Vineyard.

The ISIS crisis is a volatile situation.

It's going to take a lot more than intel, recon and constant reporting to stop the threat.

This is something American citizens can understand.

What our country might be scratching its head at is how an abundance of time can be spent on a hobby usually played at brunch while wearing slacks instead of while acting as leader of the free world.

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## Introducing Dr. Fit: How to avoid freshman weight gain

In coming to college you have most likely heard of the Freshman 15 ... or 20 or 25.

Basically, that weight gain occurs during your freshman year primarily due to lack of activity and increased food and alcohol consumption.

I am here to encourage you that an increasing waistline is preventable, but will require some effort. Weight gain occurs when the calories

we consume are higher than what we expend (with a combination of our metabolic rate and physical activity).

When we transition to college, we

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usually spend much more time being sedentary (sitting in class, studying, watching movies or bingeing on Netflix) and less time being active.

Additionally, we tend to have inconsistent eating habits.

The best way to avoid an increase in weight over this year is to focus on three key strategies to create a consistent routine, even during the stressful times of the term.

Although this seems like an easy thing to do during week one, it becomes more challenging around midterms and when major assignments are due.

Whether it's registering for a Physical Activity Class (PAC), lifting weights, attending a Fit Pass class at Dixon, joining intramurals or walking to the covered bridge with a friend, this allows you some physical activity accountability and stability with your schedule.

When your schedule gets busy, physical activity seems to be the first to go.

However, for your own mental, emotional and intellectual well-being, this

Your name will not be published. should be your top priority, as exercise is linked with stress relief and increased

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learning capacity. Positive Snacking.

Snacking while you study, play comouter games or watch TV distracts you from body cues of fullness.

Therefore, you could be full, but still

Try putting snacks in a small bowl rather than eating them straight from the bag. Then, if you want more, make a conscious decision to go and get more.

Also try eating fruit with yogurt or vegetables with hummus prior to opening a bag of chips.

Limit your drinkable calories.

Whether you drink fancy coffees, soda, energy drinks or alcohol, it is important to be mindful of how many calories are in each beverage you consume.

A 16-ounce mocha—even with nonfat milk — is 300 calories. Sodas can be 150 calories per can and energy drinks about 220. Even a pint or red party cup of beer

ranges from 180-250 calories depending on the type Multiply that over your average Thursday-night consumption and

those calories can really add up. Ultimately, these beverages provide little to no nutritional value and do not

help our waist lines. If we consume a soda or energy drink and fancy coffee each day and 2 pints on Thursday, that is approximately

3,500 extra calories per week. Or shall I say one pound of fat.

If it's 2 p.m. and you are feeling sluggish, before grabbing a high-calorie beverage, try drinking a glass of water, taking a brisk walk and eating a small snack (like trail mix or apples and peanut butter).

Most likely, you will find that your body was thirsty, had low blood sugar and was in need of some movement (and fresh air).

As you leave home and become more independent, take ownership of your health, especially during your unique college experience.

Setting up these regular habits can be challenging, but I encourage you to keep trying, even if there are a few bumps along the way.

Being consistently active and mindful of what you are consuming will benefit you in more ways than just avoiding the Freshman 15. It will set you up for success to live a healthy and balanced lifestyle for many years to come.

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# Oregon's GMO labeling measure could raise food costs

By Tracy Loew STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM - Oregonians' food costs would increase about \$2.30 per person per year if voters pass a measure requiring labeling of foods with genetically engineered ingredients, a new study commissioned by the mea-sure's supporters shows.

The results differ from opponents' claims that passing the measure would drive up grocery costs by hundreds of dollars per family per year.

"The study clearly indicates Measure 92 will not increase food costs in any significant way," said George Kimbrell, senior attorney

at the Center for Food Safety's Portland office cited four recent studies concluding that the on them," Bieber said. and an author of the measure.

Consumers Union, the national organization that publishes Consumer Reports, commissioned Portland-based consulting firm ECONorthwest to review existing studies on

the cost of labeling.

The firm found that labeling could cost between 32 cents and \$15.01 per person per year, with a median cost of \$2.30.

'Information is never free. You could skip labeling food altogether and save a few dollars on groceries, but consumers value information," ECONorthwest director Robert Whelan said.

In a recent mailing, the No on 92 Coalition

proposal would drive up Oregonians yearly grocery costs by hundreds of dollars per fam-

Dana Bieber, spokeswoman for the No on 92 Coalition, said the group has been citing not the cost of changing the labels, but the cost of reformulating products with new, more expensive ingredients just for Oregon.

Manufacturers would choose that route rather than using labeling that could be inaccurate or confuse consumers, she said.

The cost to consumers comes from the fact that food companies would have to remake their products with higher priced non-GMO ingredients to avoid placing misleading labels

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Oregon was the first state to vote on labeling genetically engineered foods, in 2002. That measure was defeated, as were more recent similar measures in California and Washington.

A GMO labeling measure also has qualified for the ballot in Colorado.

"Producers are required to label foods that are frozen, from concentrate, homogenized and irradiated, as well as to state a food's country of origin, said Jean Halloran, director of food policy initiatives at Consumers Union. "We think GE foods can and should be labeled too.

## Northwest's second worse fire season draws to a close

By Conrad Wilson

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND - On Aug. 6, the fastmoving Rowena Fire burned out of control on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge. Craig Thomasian anxiously watched as fire crews worked to protect his home.

"Fire's been burning all around it throughout the morning and afternoon," he said. "The air assets have been amazing. Pin-point drops on the scrub oak. It's been pretty intense.

Thomasian and many of his neighbors were evacuated. They didn't know if their homes would be saved.

"It's not out of the woods yet," he said. "There's nothing you can really do."

Whether through the efforts of fire fighters, a break in the winds or just by chance, Thomasian's home didn't burn.

Others in the Northwest weren't

While it's not officially over, fire country it was a quiet fire season.

season in the Pacific Northwest is coming to a close. For much of the country, the wetter than average summer meant fewer fires in places that typically burn. But dry conditions here fueled the second worst Northwest fire season on record.

The Rowena fire was one of more than 3,200 fires that broke out in the region this year.

So far, states and the feds have spent more than \$446 million to put out fires in the region, according to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center. Last year, firefighting costs were closer to \$235 million.

According to the National Inter-agency Fire Center in Boise, some 1.2 million acres burned in Oregon and Washington.

"That's almost half the total acreage in the country this year," said Ed Delgado, the national program manager for predictive services at

Delgado said for most of the

ern California have had pretty active years, and most of that was com-

mid-July to the end of August," he said. For more than 43 days in a row, the Northwest was the country's top firefighting priority, said Carol Connolly, fire information officer at the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center.

At fire season's peak in late July, some 12,000 fire fighters were work-ing 900,000 acres, she said.

"We had the most resources, the most complexity. It isn't always about how many fires you have, but the threat to life and property of those fires," she said.

elsewhere, the Northwest was able to get all the resources it needed, pressed into the six weeks from Connolly said. Firefighters and

> been stretched even thinner if more western states had active fire seasons, she said. In Oregon, the largest fire was the Buzzard Complex. It started in mid-July

equipment could've

state near Burns. In Washington, the Carlton Complex fire burned more than 250,000

and burned nearly

400,000 acres in the

eastern part of the

acres and destroyed more than 320 homes, Connolly said, becoming the largest fire in the state's recorded history.

"After that they had floods, all sorts of problems," she said. "It was

areas up in that Okanogan Valley."

While September brought some new fires, the National Interagency Fire Center's Delgado said the fire season is coming to a fast close.

We're getting this cool weather bringing in rain, and that's going to, really, it's going to be hard for those conditions to get back to where the fuels are receptive to fire again," he said. "So even if you do get another lightning outbreak you might get some more fire starts, but they're not going to get really big."

The only year worse than this was 2012 when 1.5 million acres in the Northwest burned, Connolly said.

"I'm glad it's over," she said. "It was a very long, challenging year for fire fighters and fire managers. It tested our abilities.

Connolly cautions that just because a lot of acres burned in the region this year, doesn't mean it couldn't happen again next year.

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