OSU scientists sequence genome of beaver

EUGENE (AP) — Scientists at Oregon State University have sequenced the beaver genome thanks to a 2015 crowdfunding effort.

The Register-Guard reports that the funding drive raised \$20,001 from 103 donors. OSU used the money to pay for research on the genetic code of its mascot animal, the North American beaver

The project used a blood sample from the 5-year-old

beaver, Filbert, who lives at the Portland Zoo. OSU researchers say they discovered that beavers have 26,200 genes, or about 33 percent more inheritable information that humans have

OSU says the project was done in a spirit of fun but could also lead to scientific advances by providing insights into beaver populations, diseases and evolutionary history.

Oregon jobless rate drops to record low set in 1995

EUGENE (AP) — Oregon's average unemployment rate has fallen to match a previous low record set in the economic boom of the mid-1990s.

The Register-Guard reported Thursday that according to the state Employment Department, Oregon's unemployment rate fell to 4.6 percent in December, from 5 percent in November. For 2016, Oregon had an average rate of 4.9 percent, matching a previous low set in 1995.

Between December 2015 and December 2016, employers in Oregon added



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Breakfast, lunch and libations, Every day except Wed., from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. 541.549.2699 403 E. Hood Ave. 52,900 jobs when seasonally adjusted, an increase of 2.9 percent. The national job growth rate is 1.5 percent.

The state's fastest-growing industries in 2016 by percentage were construction, which grew by 8.1 percent; other services such as repair and maintenance, which grew by 4.8 percent; and professional and business services, which grew by 4.5 percent.



Oregon man admits groping girl on flight

By Steven DuBoisAssociated Press

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon man accused of groping a 13-year-old girl on a flight from Dallas to Portland pleaded guilty Thursday, accepting an agreement with prosecutors that will require him to register as a sex offender for 15 years.

Chad Camp, 26, was scheduled to be sentenced May 3 with a recommendation for a 14-month prison term and credit for time already served, Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Edmonds said.

FBI agents arrested Camp after his June flight landed at Portland International Airport. Authorities said an American Airlines flight attendant delivering snacks early in the flight noticed Camp's hand in the girl's crotch area, and a tear falling down her face. The flight attendant then separated the two.

Camp, of Gresham, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman to making an indecent sexual proposal to a minor and assault with intent to commit abusive sexual contact of a minor.

Camp was returning to

Oregon after completing a residential treatment for alcohol dependency in Florida.

A witness told police Camp had at least four mixed drinks during a layover in Dallas.

In court Thursday, Camp acknowledged having a "large amount" of alcohol before sitting next to the girl.

"I invaded her space,

touching her in her thigh and her groin area," Camp said. "I had inappropriate conversations with her. My words were fairly considered to be indecent. What I did was wrong in all respects."

The girl was flying as an unaccompanied minor, and her family has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against American Airlines.

SISTER SEVENTS

Wed.~Jan. 25

Sisters High School Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert: Martin Sexton 7 p.m. Soulful singing and brilliant guitar playing! For more information or tickets call 541-549-4979 or go to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Sisters Fire Hall "Soup & Civility" Event 5:30 p.m.
Enjoy a free light meal; then from 6 to 7:30 p.m., OSU
Communications Professor
Gregg Walker will speak on "constructive confrontation." For info: citizens4community.com.

Sisters Saloon Texas Hold 'Em Tournament 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go online to sisterssaloon.net.

Thurs.~Jan. 26

Sisters Fire Hall STA Presents Guest Speaker Mike Ripley 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Mountain bike trail advocate Ripley is sponsored by the Sisters Trails Alliance, free! Refreshments provided. For information call 541-719-8822 or go online to sisterstrails.org.

Friday~Jan. 27

Sisters Library Annual Art Exhibit Reception & Silent Auction 6 to 7:30 p.m. All are invited to meet the artists! Enjoy the art, refreshments, a silent auction, and hear the winner of the People's Choice award announced. For information go online to sistersfol.com.

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Many galleries and shops in Sisters have extended hours and feature live entertainment and refreshments! For more information go online to sistersartsassociation.org.

Saturday~Jan. 28

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Bobby Lindstrom Band 8 p.m. Blues and rock, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Cup of Joe (Joe Leonardi) 7 to 9 p.m.
No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Caldera Open Studios 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free to the public at 31500 Blue Lake Dr. See the artists in residence and enjoy a 1 p.m. program with refreshments. calderaarts.org.

Wed.~Feb. 1

Sisters High School 20th Annual Coffee House Benefit 7 to 9 p.m. Art demos, silent auction, hands-on stations, live entertainment and more from SHS students! \$5 entry goes to SHS arts programs & scholarship. Refreshments available. For more info call 541-549-4045.

Sisters Saloon Texas Hold 'Em Tournament 7 p.m.
Every Wednesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go online to sisterssaloon.net.

Saturday~Feb. 4

Cork Cellars Live Music with Mike Biggers 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Sisters Saloon Live Music with Mark Conklin 8 to 11 p.m. Country and rock, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

Sunday~Feb. 5



Rancho Viejo Super Bowl Special! Kick-off for the big game on MULTIPLE screens is at 3:30 p.m. Come watch and enjoy some great specials! For information call 541-549-3594.

Sisters Saloon Super Bowl Party! 2:30 p.m. And watch the game on the BIG 80" screen while winning prizes playing Big Game trivia! For more information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

Cascade Trailstop Market Super Bowl at the Market 3:30 p.m. Sit back, watch the game, and enjoy brats & beverage specials; snacks for purchase are just an arm's reach away! For info: 541-719-1246.

Takoda's Restaurant Super Bowl Specials! Watch the big game on MULTIPLE screens! Kick-off is at 3:30 p.m. And take advantage of some great specials, too! For additional information call 541-549-8620.

Gallery Restaurant Super Bowl Sunday! 3:30 p.m. Enjoy Sunday's big event and root for your team with other Sisters locals! For additional information call 541-549-2631.

Events are always subject to change. Submit your items by 5 p.m. Fridays to teresa@nuggetnews.com