



Captain Ken Hern and engineer Ted Lee rev up the fire engine in response to an emergency call taken at the No. 3 Eugene fire station on Agate Street Monday afternoon.

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Fire Prevention Week

First in a three-part series

TODAY: Eugene City Council discusses budget cuts to provide more money for fire protection.

WEDNESDAY: A profile of the Agate Street fire station and the budget problems that keep it understaffed.

THURSDAY: An explanation of administrative policy about fire safety on campus.

Fire stations receive funds from council

Budget: City cuts next fiscal year's finances to operate public services

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The management program for cable access television and the Sister City program joined other items cut from the city council budget Monday night in the name of fire protection.

The Eugene City Council's budget committee cut \$587,298 from the next fiscal year in order to fund fire operations needed in the Eugene area.

The fire station serving the University, located at 1695 Agate St., is understaffed and

the city needs to locate \$732,000 to have the station fully operational. This amount would also fund the station on Bailey Hill Street, which needs structural work and a fire crew to be opened.

The new budget cuts leave a \$145,000 gap between the amount cut and the \$732,000 needed.

Several members of the committee said the remaining amount should be filled with internal cuts within the city.

"There is no need to continue to cut services to the public," said Barbara Keller, a council member. "It's time to cut back that same quality of

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Police discover murder weapon in Iturra killing

Killing: Tests prove a connection between a gun found in the Willamette River and victim's death

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The search for a weapon used in the murder of Aaron Iturra ended Sunday when police officials discovered a .38-caliber handgun, similar to the one they were looking for, had been in their possession since Monday evening.

A Eugene citizen called the police department on Oct. 3 to report a gun in the Willamette River under the Beltline Bridge. The gun was retrieved and a report was taken, said Tim Birr, public information officer for the Eugene Department of Public Safety.

"Pending some lab tests, it appears to be the weapon that was used in the homicide," Birr said.

When the weapon was retrieved it was not clear that the gun and the murder of the 18-year-old Eugene youth were related, he said.

"Last Monday we didn't know what kind of weapon we were looking for," Birr said.

On Friday and Saturday, members from the fire rescue team searched the Willamette River to look for a gun they believed was disposed of there. The police department received a tip last week that gave it reason to believe the missing weapon was in the river.

During the search, police found bullets in the river that appear to be related to the crime.

Iturra, a "documented gang affiliate," was killed Monday, Oct. 3.

Officials accused of misusing funds

Violation: An employee files a harassment charge to the University

By Edward Klopstein
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A University Physical Plant employee, allegedly reprimanded for reporting "gross" waste of federal funding, is suing the University under the Federal Whistleblowers Act for violating his constitutional rights, according to documents filed in Lane County Courthouse on Friday.

James Johnston, administration specialist at the Physical Plant, is asking for \$126,500 in damages because two University

officials allegedly began harassing him for reporting federal violations to the Department of Energy, Johnston said, in court documents.

Ronald Neet, central power station supervisor, and George Hecht, director of the Physical Plant, were both named, along with the University, as co-defendants in the lawsuit.

Johnston was not available at press time, and both Neet and Hecht said they could not comment because they didn't know about the complaint until asked for a response.

Johnston's complaint stems from the University's reaction to

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LGBA events celebrate National Coming Out Day

Celebration: LGBA sponsors speakers, singers and dancers

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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alliance, in cooperation with Jackie Balzer, coordinator of the University's educational and support services, will celebrate National Coming Out Day with an informational fair, speakers, singers and dancers in the EMU Courtyard from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

"It's basically a day for people

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who wish to come out of the closet to people they know — family and friends," said Mark Ditton, co-director of the LGBA. "It's a day for people who were in the closet to look back to when they were in the closet and remember what it was like and it's a day for heterosexuals to support those who are coming out of the closet."

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GOOD MORNING

► PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It is said that laws and sausages are two things people should never watch being made. Sonny D'Angelo doesn't know about laws, but when it comes to sausages he couldn't disagree more.

D'Angelo loves an audience, and he often gets one at his meat store in the city's Italian Market, where the daily grind produces 200 varieties of sausage.

If it has walked, flown or swum, odds are it has been in a D'Angelo sausage sometime in the 82 years since Sicilian butcher Santo D'Angelo opened his shop.

Sausage — all-natural, no-

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Honda Civic EX V-4	47	56
Geo Metro	44	49
Suzuki Swift	44	49
Honda Civic	42	46
Ford Aspire	36	42
Honda Del Sol	35	41

■ City □ Highway

SOURCE: Environmental Protection Agency



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fillers, nitrate-free sausage crammed with nuts, wine, spices and every meat imaginable — is

in the D'Angelos' blood. "It's the quintessential fast food," says Sonny D'Angelo.