

Talking crow



Royal (right) and Jake Eddings (middle) and a friend stop to look at the talking American Crow, one of the endangered species exhibited Tuesday in the EMU Fir Room.

Property thefts cause increase in crime rate

SALEM (AP) — Reported crime rose 6.4 percent in Oregon in the first half of this year, the state Law Enforcement Data System said Tuesday.

Almost all the increase was in property crime, which rose 9.7 percent in the first six months. Crimes against people were up by one-half of 1 percent.

The report also showed that hate crimes — those based on race or other prejudice — dropped 25 percent in the first half of 1994.

Arrests of juveniles increased 13.2 percent, while arrests of adults rose about 2 percent.

Auto theft led the increase in property crime with a 12 percent rise. Burglaries went up 5 percent, and arson rose almost 7 percent, and thefts other than auto increased 8.2 percent.

Reported rape decreased by 21 percent in the first half of 1994. Other sex crimes declined by 15 percent.

Murder rose 1.5 percent and kidnapping dropped 12.8 percent.

Minnesota manufacturer recalls spoiled ice cream

OLYMPIA (AP) — Schwan's ice cream caused 12 cases of salmonella enteritidis poisoning in Washington and may be the cause of 35 other cases in the state, the state Health Department said Tuesday.

The department said another 89 people, who are ill, are being tested for salmonella and its possible source.

The numbers emerged as the department scrambled to make sure that all contaminated Schwan's ice cream is pulled from warehouses and shelves.

"Schwan's finally gave us their wholesale outlets in the state, and schools and institutions where their product is used. We are calling that information to county health departments and they are contacting those outlets," department spokesman Joe Jimenez said.

Schwan's Sales Enterprises issued a voluntary recall, Oct. 8, of all ice cream products produced at its Marshall, Minn., plant. But Jimenez said the recall apparently wasn't heard everywhere.

"We have reports of the product being seen on the shelf days after the recall was issued," he said.

Jimenez said the problem was further complicated by the fact that Schwan's "is right now sending out new product to their suppliers, and that's going to confuse people."

State and local health officials "are continuing to urge consumers not to eat Schwan's ice cream" until its safety can be established, he said.

Schwan's said it is willing to pay for culture tests of people who may be ill with salmonella, but will not pay for treatment, Jimenez said.

The salmonella bacteria can cause abdominal cramps, diarrhea, fever, nausea, vomiting and headaches. Symptoms usually develop six to 48 hours after exposure and may last as long as 10 days. The symptoms are more severe in infants, the elderly and chronically ill people, especially those with weakened immune systems, such as AIDS patients.

Hundreds of people in Minnesota have reported becoming sick after eating Schwan's ice cream. Salmonella cases also have been reported in South Dakota, Wisconsin and Oregon.

Schwan's produces about 400,000 pounds of ice cream each week at its Minnesota plant and sells it nationwide. Much of the ice cream is sold door-to-door from Schwan's trucks.

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