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■ GOOD MORNING

► **BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — A city official who admitted stealing at least \$200,000 in public funds resigned, then asked to be paid \$8,500 for unused time off.

"The man couldn't afford to get sick or take a vacation because he was too busy stealing money," grumbled City Councilman Alfred T. Coppola.

David May resigned Monday as assistant registrar of vital statistics. He was caught on videotape taking cash from fees paid to his office for such things as birth certificates. When confronted by police, he took officers to his house and handed over four suitcases loaded with \$200,111 in cash.

City auditors said the amount stolen may be more than \$400,000. Prosecutors are awaiting an audit before filing charges.

City Council members speculated that May refused to take time off from work for fear that a noticeable increase in revenue in his department during his absence would alert people to his thievery.

► **SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)** — A teenager must shovel manure at the zoo for 350 hours, stay home for nine months and give up smoking for killing Obie, the popular swan he attacked during a drunken visit to a pond.

Dan Doney was also ordered to serve three years probation, publish a letter of apology in a weekly newspaper and pay the village of Manlius \$1,098.

Doney, 17, was convicted last month of criminal mischief, criminal trespass and torturing an animal. Obie's legs were broken and it was beheaded at the Manlius swan pond last April. Doney testified that he was drunk at the time.

The crime outraged the Syracuse suburb, and dozens of people showed up to shout abuse at Doney when he arrived for a court hearing in May.

Onondaga County Court Judge J. Kevin Mulroy ordered him to wear an electronic monitoring device. He also told him to quit smoking.

"You're too young. It's bad for you," he said.

► **TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — A prosecutor told a jury Tuesday how a man methodically carried out a coldblooded killing.

"He raises his rifle into the air and fires a shot — a possum falls," Assistant State Attorney Jan McDonald said. "This is a very, very serious case."

While some in the courtroom snickered during the first day of Manuel Machin's possum-slaying trial, his lawyer was not about to roll over and play dead.

"We're not talking about a fuzzy little dog here — we're talking about a varmint," said defense attorney Danny Castillo. Hillsborough County Judge Dan Perry agreed, at least in part, dropping a charge of cruelty to animals for lack of evidence.

Board deems EMU groups inactive

Allocations: Six organizations fail to comply with new guidelines

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The EMU Board House Committee recommended Wednesday night that six student groups surrender their office space in the EMU for failing to comply with new board rules on space allocation.

Men and Women Against Rape, Sister University Project, Students for Equal Access, Students for United Nations, Target

of Opportunity Graduate Advisory Council and the Family Center were declared "inactive" under the board's new guidelines and subject to loss of space.

The board rules state that in order for an organization to keep its office, it must maintain at least 10 regular office hours per week during normal business hours, produce a roster of at least seven active members, demonstrate activity by the fourth week of the term (which ended October 21) and respond to all EMU Board of Directors' requests.

The house committee's recommendation will be ratified by the EMU Board on Nov. 2. The organizations also have until the same date to appeal the committee's decision.

The committee decided that even if the six groups successfully appeal the recommendation, they will probably be forced to share space with other organizations.

Memos were sent to the 36 EMU board-recognized student groups on Sept. 26 asking them to respond and comply with the board's guidelines. Thirty organizations

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Spooky skull



Barbara Poznanovic, owner of Chazpro Family Fun Shop on East 13th Avenue, hands a skull to Eugene resident Margie Cooney. Cooney plans on scaring friends and family with her "new skull."

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Ministries oppose anti-gay measure

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Speakers representing five religious groups on campus spoke out Wednesday against Oregon's Ballot Measure 13.

"I think it's important for people to know that there are religious people who are against such things and there are religious people who support lesbians, gays and bisexuals," said Susan Smith, administrative assistant for the Campus Interfaith Ministry.

The forum, held in the EMU Courtyard, was hosted by the Campus Interfaith Ministry, a group of campus ministries who meet once a month to support one another and organize events. The religious leaders who explained why they opposed Measure 13 represented the Jewish, Unitarian, Catholic, Lutheran and United Methodist faiths.

If passed, Measure 13 would deny minority status to gay, lesbian and bisexual people and eliminate state funding that promotes or expresses approval of homosexuality.

The measure, which will be on the Nov. 8 ballot, was written by the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

Speakers said Measure 13 denies basic human rights, promotes bigotry, is a form of censorship and is trying to force the OCA's morals on all of Oregon's citizens.

"The summary of the Bible is to love one another," said United Methodist Rev. Janet Cromwell, who was one of the speakers. "The OCA wants to tell you who you can love."

"I think it's important that certain people who have a different way of life are able to be given expression in a public school setting. The idea of censorship really concerns me," said Lutheran Rev. John Reutter-Harrah, another speaker.

"I want this to be a state in which we protect and defend our children by giving them all

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No on 20-23 concerned with bridge costs

Funding: Campaign members attempt to alert voters of Ballot Measure 20-23 statewide financial consequences

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The No on 20-23 campaign conducted a news conference about federal funding of the Ferry Street Bridge Tuesday at City Hall, saying that cost is one of their main concerns.

At the conference, the No on 20-23 campaign distributed a letter from the Federal Highway Administration that stated that the city of Eugene might receive only \$8 million in federal funds for the bridge construction.

"Only a portion of federal allocation will actually be available for this project," said Neale Hyatt, coordinator of No on 20-23. "It appears that the city has overestimated the federal contribution by \$16 million. This letter confirms what I've been saying."

Campaign members said that, although federal, state and local revenue will be raised for the project, millions of dollars will still need to be raised.

"This project is going to cost \$80 million conservatively," said Eben Fodor, media coordinator for the No on 20-23 campaign. "The federal, state and local revenue will contribute \$41 million, but where's the other half going to come from? It's prob-

ably going to come from federal bonds or property taxes."

Ballot Measure 20-23 would authorize expansion of the Ferry Street Bridge to eight lanes, two of which would be for pedestrians, bicycles and other nonmotorized vehicles.

"The city of Eugene was much smaller when the bridge was originally built," said Jeff Miller, co-chairman of Citizens Planning for Our Future. "Currently, there's much more traffic, which causes congestion on the bridge, and the city is still growing. We need to expand the bridge in order to accommodate the growth."

Miller believes that the No on 20-23 campaign is avoiding the real issues and misrepresenting facts. "Instead of legitimate reasons, the opposition is using scare tactics about increasing property taxes," Miller said. "They won't go up and won't without the vote of the people. If this measure doesn't pass, then the money will go somewhere else for other state-funded projects."

"This is one lie that has to be exposed," he said. "First, the project will cost \$73 million. Second, property taxes don't go up; this isn't a tax measure. Third, the money for this project will come from

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