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Kitzhaber's plan may impact Measure 38

1 SALEM — It appears Gov. John Kitzhaber and the livestock industry might come to an agreement within a few days on a plan for cleaning up 12,000 miles of Oregon streams.

An agreement would limit the impact of a ballot measure that, if it passes Nov. 5, would force the livestock industry to take even stronger measures. The Kitzhaber plan's price tag: up to \$30 million.

Kitzhaber has been meeting with the livestock industry and environmentalists for six weeks to find an alternative to Measure 38, and has said he is optimistic about the talks. Kitzhaber spokesman Bob Applegate said Thursday the parties involved likely would meet several more times.

Measure 38 would require landowners to keep cows and other livestock out of streams polluted by overgrazing.

Kitzhaber said a tentative agreement between the parties calls for crafting water-quality plans for more than 900 Oregon rivers and streams over the next four years.

Mayor: Candidates agree on 47

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Torrey said he voted to use a different formula for Hyundai because the laws did not allow him to change that formula.

"The citizens of Eugene were not short-changed," he said.

Weaver and Torrey also disagreed on the 13th Avenue problem. Weaver said he supported the dog and skateboard ban, but had no idea it would result in dramatic police activity.

"I'm afraid to walk on 13th Avenue," he said. "They may arrest you just for walking down that street."

Torrey said he supported the ban although it is not perfect. It has effectively made the West University area a better place, he said.

"I am not happy about any person being arrested who did not deserve it," he said. "But [residents of the area] were not secure there."

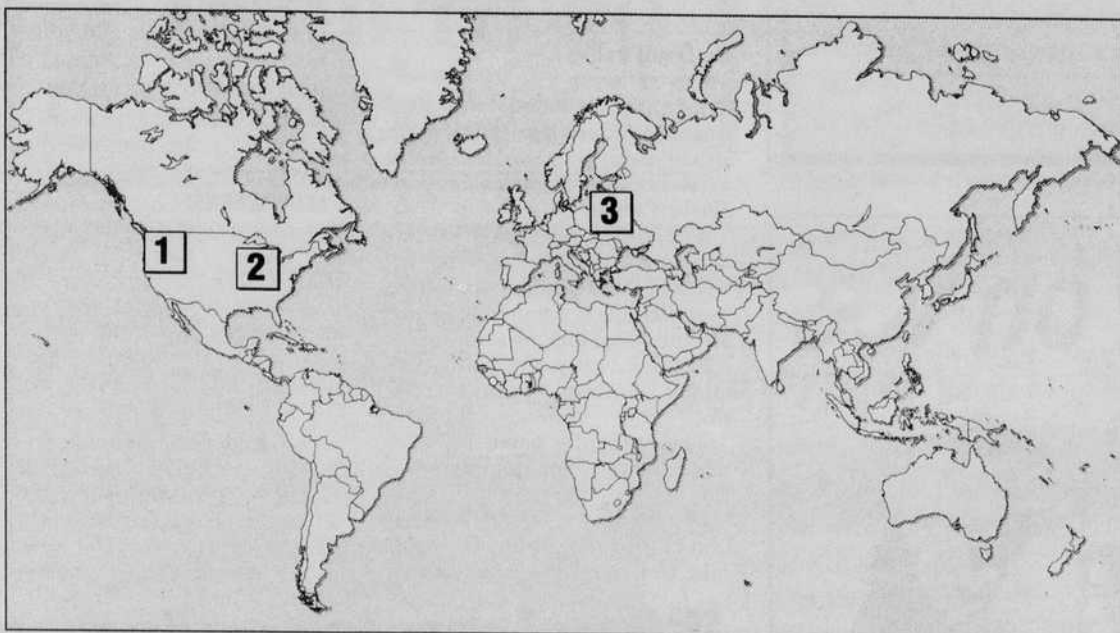
However, both candidates agreed that Measure 47 would have drastic effects for Eugene. The measure would cut property taxes and could affect funding for schools and other services.

Torrey said the money lost through the measure would be difficult to recoup and offered a simple solution should the measure pass.

"Pray, and I don't mean to be funny about it," he said. "We have, and will have, very limited options."

Weaver also said the measure would hurt Eugene. However, he said cutting the budget would be one way to maintain money for key programs.

Torrey has served on the Eugene Budget committee and the Eugene City Council. Weaver was the U.S. Representative for the 4th Oregon District.



Trans World Airline president resigns

2 ST. LOUIS — The chief executive of Trans World Airlines Inc. announced his resignation Thursday, hours after the airline posted a \$14.3 million quarterly loss linked to the July explosion of a TWA jetliner.

Jeffrey H. Erickson, 51, who also

is the airline's president, said he would step down in January.

Earlier in the day, TWA posted the third quarter loss, a period that included the July 17 crash of Flight 800, which killed all 230 people aboard.

Erickson was in London the day of the crash. He flew back the next day, but the airline was widely criticized for waiting 25 hours to release a list of passengers who

were on the plane.

Management blamed the delay on difficulties reaching the families, but that did nothing to mollify New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who called TWA management "abysmal and horrible."

Hours before Flight 800 exploded, TWA reported a 400 percent gain in its second-quarter earnings, representing a big turnaround for the airline.

Polish bill liberalizes strict abortion law

3 WARSAW, Poland — Siding with women's rights activists over the Vatican, parliament's lower chamber passed a bill Thursday liberalizing Poland's strict anti-abortion law.

Earlier this month, the upper chamber, the Senate, vetoed the measure allowing women to have abortions if they are in financial need or feel emotionally unprepared for the pregnancy.

But the lower chamber passed the bill Thursday, and President Aleksander Kwasniewski promised to sign the measure into law.

Pope John Paul II lashed out earlier this month at Polish lawmakers who favored the new legislation, saying: "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

The bill's supporters said Polish women would now enjoy rights already exercised by most women in Europe.

The current law allows abortions only when the woman's health is at risk, if the fetus is irreparably damaged or if the pregnancy resulted from rape or incest.



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