

Smile survey shows many Oregon youth in need of dental care

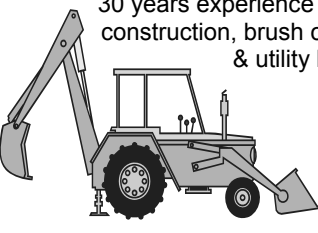
Every day 5,000 Oregon school children -- the equivalent of one child in every classroom statewide -- are in need of urgent care due to pain and infection from tooth decay, said Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS).
For many, their suffering will only worsen because they don't have regular access to a dentist.
The Oregon Smile Survey 2007, released by DHS, contains the results of oral screenings among first-, sec-

ond- and third-graders. It follows a similar study conducted five years ago.
"This new report shows that, by every measure, oral health among Oregon's children has deteriorated," said Gordon Empey, a doctor of medical dentistry, and dental health consultant in the DHS Public Health Division.
"Since the 2002 survey, the proportion of school children with untreated decay has increased by 49 percent," he said. Survey findings include:

- *More than one in three children needed dental treatment the day they were screened.
- *Nearly two of every three children surveyed already had experienced tooth decay and, of those, half had untreated decay.
- *An estimated 27 percent of Oregon's children had not seen a dentist during the previous year.
- *Fewer than half of Oregon's third-graders have sealants -- a simple, safe, effective

and low-cost method for preventing tooth decay.
Disparities also exist among Oregon's children. Those living outside the Portland metropolitan area suffer from poorer oral health; children without dental insurance and lower-income children have poorer oral health and less access to care.

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Two men charged with multiple bank robbery cases

Two Sacramento men have been charged with multiple bank robberies, including one in Grants Pass and two in Medford, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety.
The suspects are identi-

fied as Steven C. Taylor, 52; and Timothy B. Young, 37.
Medford Police detectives and FBI agents believe that the men are responsible for two holdups at the same Key Bank in Medford; a rob-

bery at the Wells Fargo Bank in Grants Pass; and bank robberies in Portland and Eugene.
All the robberies occurred during October. Both men are charged with first-degree robbery.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for "Blotter" is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)
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Friday, Dec. 7
*On Nov. 21 a 4-by-8 foot utility trailer with piled-high trash was reported abandoned on Kerby Mainline near the sign for the Southern Oregon Sanitation transfer station. It sat there, flagged for towing, until it was discovered that the towing company would not haul a trailer full of trash. Josephine County Public Works was notified Dec. 6.
*Just after midnight a man who was said to have been stabbed in his back at a Downtown Cave Junction establishment was admitted to Three Rivers Community Hospital (TRCH) in Grants Pass for observation. A report on second-degree assault was pending.
*On W. River Street a 19-year-old man was said by his girlfriend to be cutting himself.
*A driver reported being run off Kendall Road by a two-door BMW at 11:47 a.m. No damage was reported, but a tow was necessary.
*In the 200 block of W. Watkins Street a man reported having been assaulted by "one of the transients that hang around." He received stitches.
*On S. Junction Avenue at Lister Street at 9:21 p.m. Brandon Price, 23, was cited on a charge of having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, and warned for failure to use a turn signal.
*At 10:07 p.m. in the 100 block of Caves Avenue, Bre Barnes, 14, and Rhiannon Quall, 15, each were cited on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol. Barnes also was cited on a charge of driving without an operator's permit, and the vehicle she

was in was impounded. Tiffany Newman, 16, was cited for providing a vehicle to an unlicensed driver.
*Someone was seen wandering the area behind Illinois Valley High School, but a deputy located no one.
Saturday, Dec. 8
*Trash cans and miscellaneous signs were found scattered across Redwood Hwy. at 2:39 a.m. in the middle of Downtown Cave Junction.
*At 3:15 a.m. a vehicle on W. Watkins Street was found with a door ajar. A deputy secured the vehicle, but was unable to contact the owner.
*Someone in a van bearing no license plate might have been involved in shining lights into houses in the 30000 block of Redwood Hwy.
*Some teen-aged girls were warned against mischief-making behind Robbie's Auto Care Center around 7:30 p.m.
*Someone in a large pickup truck with a Christmas tree in the bed ran over a Stop sign near Holland Store.
*Nisha A. Steel, 19, was cited on a charge of speeding on Holland Loop at 9:03 p.m. (68 mph in a 55 zone).
*Robert Norman Kells, 17, was cited on charges of speeding and driving uninsured on Laurel Road at 9:21 p.m. His vehicle was impounded.
Sunday, Dec. 9
*A Glendon Road resident claimed that her husband hit and pushed her. Both parties were counseled and agreed to stay away from one another for the evening.
*A woman was transported on a peace officer's mental hold after turning circles in the yard in her sedan and other inexplicable behavior at a Dick George Road residence.
*On Happy Camp Road a man was warned for not having his Christmas tree permit visible. And at Page

Mountain Snow Park, Teresa Dyer was cited for lack of a Sno-Park permit and warned for having her dog off leash.
*Wesley Avery Propps, 42, was cited for driving with a suspended license.
Monday, Dec. 10
*While mother was away from the residence, a 12-year-old Caves Hwy. resident broke a window, and his sister phoned at 12:03 a.m. to say that he was "going crazy." The situation had calmed down when mother was contacted later.
*Sometime during the week prior, a vacant house on Wells Drive was burglarized.
*A Caves Hwy. woman complained that a man who lives on the same property had been making inappropriate comments and watching her through her window.
*Someone was caught on surveillance video boosting two 30-packs of beer from Shop Smart Food Warehouse.
Tuesday, Dec. 11
*Theft of mail was reported from a bank of mailboxes in the 8000 block of Deer Creek Road.
*A fence was damaged and two propane tanks stolen from a business in the 27000 block of Redwood hwy.
*Two people were contacted at construction lots off Laurel Road at 8:42 p.m. When "more appropriately attired," they were advised to move on.
*A girl, 14, was taken to TRCH on a peace officer's mental hold after she reported herself intoxicated.
*An assault was reported at Jubilee Park. When contacted, one man said that he'd been wrestling with some others and that no assault had taken place.

Body located

The body of a deceased man wedged between two rocks was removed from Illinois River off the 9000 block of Takilma Road on Monday, Dec. 17.
Illinois Valley Fire District, American Medical Response, and Josephine County Sheriff's Office responded. There appeared to be no indications of foul play. Details were unavailable for this issue.



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