

A wounded deer lies in the road after being hit by a car on the northbound lane of Interstate 295 near Freeport, Maine. In Oregon, under a roadkill bill passed overwhelmingly by the Legislature and signed by the governor, motorists who crash into the animals can now harvest the meat for human consumption.

Oregon joins with states where roadkill can be harvested for food

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SALEM — Some folks in Oregon might not want to ask, when served an elk burger or a venison steak, where the meat came from. Under a roadkill bill passed overwhelmingly by the Legislature and signed by the governor, motorists who crash into the animals can now harvest the meat to eat.

And it's not as unusual as people might think. About 20 other states also allow people to take meat from animals killed by vehicles. Aficionados say roadkill can be high-quality, grass-fed grub.

Eating roadkill is healthier for the consumer than meat laden with antibiotics, hormones and growth stimulants, as most meat is today," noted People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

Washington state began allowing the salvaging of deer and elk carcasses a year ago. Pennsylvania might top the country in road kills, with Oregon wildlife officials telling lawmakers that the eastern state had over 126,000 vehicle-wildlife accidents in 2015.

'We are at or near the top of the list. We have a lot of roads and a lot of deer," said Travis Lau, spokesman for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, though he added the total number was uncertain.

Pennsylvanians can take deer or turkeys that are killed on the road if they report the incidents to the commission within 24 hours, Lau said in a telephone interview.

Gov. Kate Brown signed Oregon's bill last week after the Senate and House passed it without a single "nay" vote.

But a few Oregonians voiced opposition.

Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger, a Republican Party official in mountainous, forested Jose-

phine County, told legislators that people have been salvaging roadkill meat in Oregon for years — since vehicles and animals have been colliding and they never needed a law or permit to do it.

Actually, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said that before last week, the only people allowed to keep roadkill were licensed furtakers, and no one - not even licensed hunters — could keep game animals found as roadkill.

The rules were aimed at discouraging people from hitting a game animal with their vehicle to take the meat or antlers. "It's not a legal method of hunting," the department's website says.

Les Helgeson, of the community of Beaver, near the northwest coast, told legislators that roadkill "would not be palatable, much less pass any sense of health standards for human consumption."

But those who have sampled it say otherwise.

Todd Toven of Castle Rock, Colorado, posted a video on YouTube showing himself carving up a deer that had been hit by a vehicle on a highway and finished off by a deputy sheriff's bullet. Toven made it into venison sausage.

"A lot of who people don't hunt hear the word 'roadkill' and they get turned off," Toven said. "We're talking perfectly clean, cold meat."

Oregon's new law calls for the state Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules for the issuance of permits for the purpose of salvaging meat for human consumption from deer or elk that have been accidentally killed in a vehicle collision.

The first permits are to be issued no later than Jan. 1, 2019. The antlers must be handed over to the state's wildlife agency.

Port: Also scheduled to go to trial in August

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Hunter subsequently Port Executive deposed Director Jim Knight and Judy Fattori, the Port's executive assistant, the two people he said were involved in the case's discovery process. Those additional depositions, Hunter argued in a motion filed this week, confirmed that the Port had actually been aware of the records for the past 15 months before Param's request, has no explanation for the delay in producing them and completely delegated their production to Fattori without any further guidance from her his case. Param has asked

compiled a list of meetings related to the Riverwalk Inn in August 2015, in preparation for an eviction case against Smithart and his company, Hospitality Masters.

"In short, by August 2015, the Port had already specifically identified the documents it ultimately failed to provide Param for more than a year," Hunter wrote in his motion.

Hunter argued the Port has had ample opportunity to explain the delays, which have fundamentally altered the court to force the Port lease on the Riverwalk Inn or pay monetary damages.

Hunter said that if the court is concerned about providing the Port a jury trial, it should strike the Port's defense to award Param a limited judgment on its first claim of specific performance. Specific performance is a legal remedy used when no other remedy, including money, will adequately compensate an aggrieved party. If Param was given limited judgment on the claim, it would be argued before the court as opposed to

before a trial jury.

"At minimum, in the event Hunter said Fattori had to transfer the company the the court declines both of the alternatives identified above, the court should award Param all the attorneys' fees it has incurred in this case and, in addition, should give a curative instruction explaining the Port's discovery violation and instructing the jury to draw an adverse inference from that conduct," Hunter wrote.

A trial is scheduled for October.

The Port is also scheduled to go to trial in August against Smithart. The agency is suing Smithart for unpaid rent and revenue-sharing.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Senate GOP releases bill to cut Medicaid, alter 'Obamacare'

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans released their longawaited bill today to dismantle much of Barack Obama's health care law, proposing to cut Medicaid for low-income Americans and erase tax boosts that Obama imposed on high-earners and medical companies to finance his expansion of coverage.

The bill would provide tax credits to help people buy insurance. It would also let states get waivers to ignore some coverage standards that "Obamacare" requires of insurers.

The measure represents the Senate GOP's effort to achieve a top tier priority for President Donald Trump and virtually all Republican members of Congress. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., hopes to push it through his chamber next week.

Yet it faces an uncertain fate in the Senate.

At least a half-dozen GOP senators — conservatives as well as moderates — have complained about the proposal, the secrecy with which McConnell drafted it and the speed with which he'd like to whisk it to passage. Facing unanimous Democratic opposition, the bill would fail if just three of the Senate's 52 GOP senators oppose it.

The measure would provide \$50 billion over the next four years that states could use in an effort to shore up insurance markets around the country.

For the next two years, it would also provide money that insurers use to help lower out-of-pocket costs for millions of lower income people. Trump has been threatening to discontinue those payments, and some insurance companies have cited uncertainty over those funds as reasons why they are abandoning some markets and boosting premiums.

The House approved its version of the bill last month. Though he lauded its passage in a Rose Garden ceremony, Trump last week privately called the House measure "mean" and called on senators to make their version more "generous."

Study links legalized pot with increase in car crash claims

DENVER — A recent insurance study links increased car crash claims to legalized recreational marijuana.

The Highway Loss Data Institute, a leading insurance research group, said in study results released today that collision claims in Colorado, Washington, and Oregon went up 2.7 percent in the years since legal recreational marijuana sales began when compared with surrounding states. Legal recreational pot sales in Colorado began in January 2014, followed six months later in Washington, and in October 2015 in Oregon.

We believe that the data is saying that crash risk has increased in these states and those crash risks are associated with the legalization of marijuana," said Matt Moore, senior vice president with the institute, which analyzes insurance data to observe emerging auto safety trends.

Mason Tvert, a marijuana legalization advocate and communications director with the Marijuana Policy Project, questioned the study's comparison of claims in rural states such as Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana with Colorado, Oregon and Washington that have dense population centers and how that affected the study's findings.

"The study raises more questions than it provides answers and it's an area that would surely receive more study, and deservedly so," Tvert said.

Researchers accounted for factors such as the number of vehicles on the road in the study and control states, age and gender of drivers, weather and even whether the driver making a claim was employed. Neighboring states with similar fluctuations in claims were used for comparison.

Auto club predicts record travel over July 4th weekend

DALLAS — Americans are expected to put down the TV remote and hit the road in record numbers for the July 4th weekend.

Auto club AAA said today that it expects 44.2 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home, a 2.9 percent increase over last year's record for the holiday.

The vast majority of those revelers will go by car. But airline travel over the holiday is also expected to rise for the eighth straight year.

Travel industry officials expect domestic demand to remain strong, even while they worry that proposed travel bans and the prohibition on laptops in the cabins of some U.S.-bound planes could hurt travel to the U.S. from abroad.

With July 4 falling on a Tuesday, some workers will get a four-day weekend, making a quick road trip even more inviting.

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Evening listings **THURSDAY**

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