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Francis Picard, 71, was injured after a vehicle hit him near Avenue I around 8 p.m., according to Sea-

The driver was not arrested, but the incident was forwarded to the district attorney's office for review.

Associated Press

Hills Audubon Society and two other groups made the request Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Boise, Idaho.

At issue are federal land use plans for greater sage grouse first enacted in 2015 under President Barack Obama.

The Interior Department revised those plans this month as part of President

Donald Trump's efforts to promote oil and gas drilling and other activities.

The ground-dwelling sage grouse's territory includes portions of 11 Western states, including Oregon.

The same groups behind Wednesday's court filing had sued in 2016 over the Obama-era plans, claiming they did not do enough.

Associated Press

SALEM — The secretary of state's office says the Oregon Health Authority still needs to strengthen its efforts to detect and avoid improper Medicaid payments.

The office's audit division on Wednesday released a follow-up

The Statesman Journal reported that auditors found that two of the eight recommendations in the audit have been put in place and six recommendations have been par-

Health authority officials agreed with all the recommendations.

The original 44-page audit, released in November 2017, found problems such as poor management of payment and eligibility issues and a lack of an agencywide process to detect improper payments.



Brenda Penner

Steve Forrester speaks on the topic of community newspapers at the Strand Book Store in New York City. Lisa Gibbs of the Associated Press is at right.

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New York City's Strand Book Store was the setting on March 21 for a discussion of the existential challenge facing community newspapers across America. Inspiration for the event came from "Grit and Ink: An Oregon Family's Adventures in Newspapering: 1908-2018," recently published by EO Media Group.

Steve Forrester and Lisa Gibbs spoke to an audience of Oregonians living in New York and other New Yorkers, including Bill Keller, former executive editor of The New York Times. Forrester is president and CEO of EO Media Group. Gibbs is the Associated Press manager of news partnerships.

Nancy Bass Wyden, proprietor of the venerable New York bookstore, invited Forrester to assemble the evening's program.

sioned 'Grit and Ink' some five years ago, we did not foresee a president who would call our professional enemies of the people," Forrester said. "We also did not expect that two of Oregon's prominent family newspaper ownerships (Eugene and Bend) would go away."

Surviving as a family-owned newspaper group "is all about seeing the future coming and adapting in time," Forrester said. "Five years ago we did not anticipate some major changes that we announced this week at our Astoria daily."

Gibbs spoke of news deserts, where there are no local newspapers. She noted that 1,800 American newspapers have vanished since 2004 and that the number of reporters has fallen by half. She also spoke of cooperative ventures and large grant programs, fueled by philanthropic money, that aim to revive community news organizations. Mod-

eled on Teach for America, Report for America is designed to place reporters in newsrooms across the country and also create news outlets within news deserts.

The Associated Press is discussing a program that is conceptually called 50 Deserts, 50 States, Gibbs said. The idea would be for AP member papers to collaborate with the national organization to develop stories of importance in underserved regions.

As a new mode of reporting, Forrester cited the Oregon Capital Bureau, a statehouse reporting collaboration of EO Media Group, Pamplin Media of Portland and Salem Reporter.

In addition to reports for its newspapers, the bureau generates a weekly newsletter, Oregon Capital Insider. With some 85,000 readers, the newsletter carries advertising, which is an example of traditional print media creating a digital revenue stream.

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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will host a meeting of the Rural Law Enforcement District Advi-

The meeting will also include a jail update and a

March 28, 2019

MARANGON, Vittorio Dominique, 55, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

March 12, 2019

KRUSE, Tabitha and INGLE, Chris, of Oysterville, Washington, a girl, Reese Ingle, born at Columbia Memorial Hos-

pital in Astoria. Grandparents are Kelly and Jon Smith, of Ocean Park, Washington, and Brian and Pam Dutton, of Astoria.

Wrong year — Andrea Mazzarella was appointed to the Clatsop Community College Board in January 2018. A story on A1 Tuesday incorrectly said she was appointed in January.

THURSDAY
**Clatsop County Recreational
Lands Planning and Advisory
Committee**, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth
floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.

Astoria City Council, 1 p.m., work session, goal setting, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 5:30 p.m.,

City Council Chambers, Seaside
City Hall, 989 Broadway.
**Cannon Beach Planning
Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall,
163 E. Gower St.

OREGON

Wednesday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 0-0-7-0 4 p.m.: 6-7-2-2 7 p.m.: 5-8-6-2 10 p.m.: 8-7-5-8 Wednesday's Lucky Lines: 4-6-11-13-17-22-27-31 Estimated jackpot: \$23,000 Wednesday's Megabucks:	Estimated jackpot: \$10 million Wednesday's Powerball: 16-20-37-44-62, Powerball: 12 Estimated jackpot: \$40 million WASHINGTON Wednesday's Daily Game: 5-0-6 Wednesday's Hit 5: 17-21-26-
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The image is a large advertisement for Clatsop Power Equipment, Inc. The background is a light blue gradient with a yellow wavy band across the middle. At the top, the company name "CLATSOP POWER EQUIPMENT, INC." is written in large, bold, orange letters with a white outline. Below this, the text "SALES • SERVICE • RENTALS" is displayed in a black, sans-serif font. The lower section features four logos: Honda Power Equipment (a red box with "HONDA" in white, and "Power Equipment" in black below it), Stihl Easy 2 Start (the word "STIHL" in orange with a black outline, and "Easy 2 Start" in black below it), Evinrude E-TEC (a blue box with "EVINRUDE" in red, "E-TEC" in white, and "PROOF THAT 2>4" in white below it), and John Deere (the green John Deere leaping deer logo). At the bottom, a solid blue banner contains the address "34912 HWY 101 BUS • ASTORIA" and the phone numbers "503-325-0792 • 1-800-220-0792" in white, bold, sans-serif font.