

Shooting Rumor Keeps Students Home

TIGARD, OREGON—At least half the student body at Tigard High School skips classes after a warning about a shooting at "T-H-S" May 19th was found on an Internet web site. School spokeswoman Susan Stark Hayden says officials believe it's unlikely that "T-H-S" referred to their school, but they notified parents anyway

and allowed them to keep their kids home. She says school officials have talked with students and their families about measures to keep students safe ever since the Columbine High School shootings. -20- 'Thrill Kill' Defendant Testifies (ASTORIA) — A man accused of helping confessed "thrill killer" Jesse McAllister murder a

couple denies that he encouraged McAllister to shoot the two. Bradley Price says he also didn't believe that McAllister would actually pull the trigger. McAllister has confessed to the 1997 early-morning beach shootings at Seaside. Price is accused of aggravated murder and could get life in prison without parole if convicted.

Highway Bill Raises Taxes, Fees

SALEM, OREGON — Prices at the gas pump and fees to license your vehicle will go up if a bill that has cleared the House Revenue Committee passes both houses of the legislature. The measure boosts the state gasoline tax six-cents-a-gallon and raises vehicle registration fees by ten-dollars. When fully

phased-in the package raises 170-Million dollars a year to repair roads. -19- "Phantom Menace" Draws Long Lines (PORTLAND) — All those people who waited in lines for days to buy tickets to the new "Star Wars" movie, spent most of Tuesday waiting in lines again, to get into theaters to watch the

midnight screening of "Episode One: The Phantom Menace." One patient movie fan was West Linn School Board member Mike Gates, who said he was sharing space in line with men in suits as well as young people playing hackey sack to pass the time.

Media Barred From School

SPRINGFIELD, OREGON — Thurston High School in Springfield does not want the news media to remind them about the day a troubled student opened fire in the school cafeteria. Two students were

killed and nearly two dozen others were injured in the shooting. The school's principal, Larry Bentz, says reporters will NOT be allowed on campus tomorrow on the anniversary of the shooting. He says

reporters descended on the town after the shootings last year and "verbally abused kids" at their "most vulnerable moments." Shooting suspect Kip Kinkel is also accused of killing his parents.

Dropout Rate Way Up

PORTLAND, OREGON — The number of young people playing hooky permanently is up... way up. A new report reveals a dramatic increase in Oregon's high school

dropout rate. Between 1985 and 1996, there's been a 33-percent increase in Oregon teens who drop out of high school, while nationally the rate dropped by nine-percent.

Pam Patton with the Morrison Center in Portland blames the big jump on poor funding which leads to larger class sizes and leaves students less involved in learning.

Governor Modifies School Funding Plan

SALEM, OREGON — Governor John Kitzhaber has a new plan to up the ante for Oregon schools. The Governor has gone back to the drawing board after majority Republicans killed the proposal he

unveiled in March to raise corporate taxes and keep income tax surpluses in the treasury, instead of refunding the money to taxpayers. The governor says his new plan raises 225-Million more dollars than Re-

publicans are proposing. He says he'll accomplish that in part by borrowing 150-Million dollars, and using tobacco settlement money to pay off the debt.


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