

No. 1 Recruit Picks Oregon

The University of Oregon has landed five-star defensive end Kayvon Thibodeaux, ESPN's top overall college football prospect in the country and the highest-ranked signee in Oregon history.

The 6-foot-5, 234-pound Thibodeaux, made his commitment to the Ducks last week on the first day of the early signing period.

Thibodeaux was recently named All-USA Defensive Player of the Year by USA Today. He chose Oregon over Alabama, Florida and Florida State.

Thibodeaux was part of a defense at Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, Calif., that had three straight shutouts and held 11 of 13 opponents under 15



points.

In all, Oregon got early commitments from 21 prospects. The class is considered among the top five in the nation.

Kayvon Thibodeaux of southern California has picked the University of Oregon Ducks to play football next year. He is the top overall college football prospect in the country as rated by ESPN.

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The Week in Review

Hotel to Rise 35 Stories

Design plans for a massive 35-story, 460-foot tall hotel, the first five-star hotel in Portland, were made public last week. The hotel is planned for downtown at Ninth and Washington on a block that has been used for food carts. The building would be the fifth tallest in Portland, behind the Wells Fargo Center, U.S. Bancorp Tower, the KOIN Center and the Park Avenue West Tower.



School Scoured for Hepatitis

Alder Elementary in the Reynolds School District was forced closed last week so the entire building could be cleaned over the concern of a possible Hepatitis A contamination. The district was notified that an adult that had been in the building recently had contracted Hepatitis A.

Auto Dealer Fined by AG

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum Thursday announced a \$120,000 settlement with the Portland car dealership Courtesy Ford, and warned other car dealers that violating the state's advertising rules could result in stiff penalties. The settlement includes \$55,000 in restitution to Oregonians who unknowingly purchased a "Data Dots" theft deterrent service that they may have thought was required by the government.

Streetcar Expansion Grant

The Portland Streetcar received a \$1.1 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration last week to speed up plans on a proposed 2.3-mile extension through Northwest Portland as well as a separate proposal to bring the transit line to the Hollywood District in Northeast Portland.

City Approval to Clear Camps

The City of Portland and the Oregon Department of Transportation last week reached an agreement that will allow city officials to clear homeless camps set up along state highways and under overpasses in the Portland metro area. Under the agreement, officials will give people at least 48 hours notice, and up to 10 days notice, to move from ODOT property.

Food Stamps Work Rules Added

The Trump Administration Thursday proposed a rule that would restrict the ability of states to exempt work-eligible adults from having to obtain steady employment to receive food stamps. The move comes just weeks after lawmakers passed a \$400 billion farm bill that reauthorized agriculture and conservation programs while leaving the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which serves roughly 40 million Americans, virtually untouched.

Justice Recovers from Surgery

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was recovering Friday after undergoing surgery to remove two cancerous nodules from her lung. A spokesperson for the Supreme Court said that there was "no evidence of remaining disease" and no evidence of disease "elsewhere in the body" after the surgery. The cancer was discovered recently after she injured some ribs in a fall, officials said.



Merkley Talks Presidency

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon, while speaking last week to ABC News on the "Powerhouse Politics" podcast, said he is considering running for president in 2020. Merkley said his family had the power to "veto" any attempts he makes to run but that they are so far on board with the project. A decision about running was not expected to be made until sometime over the next few months, his spokesperson said.

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