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Catch a movie



AP Photo/Disney, Jonathan Olley

Disney releases live-action feature inspired by classic fairy tale, "Cinderella."

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
69/47	67/51	62/42

Police try to tamp down tensions in Ferguson

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — With measured remarks and a conciliatory tone, police, political leaders and civil-rights activists on Thursday sought to tamp down tensions after two police officers were shot in front of the Ferguson Police Department during a protest.

The officers were quickly released from the hospital, but St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said they could have easily been killed and called the attack "an ambush." Several people were taken in for questioning after a SWAT team converged on a Ferguson home near the shooting site, but they were later released, and no arrests were made.

The shootings marked the first time in more than seven months of tension in Ferguson that officers were shot at a protest, and the bloodshed threatened to inflame the al-

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Judge sides with Oregon

Sends Oracle case to state court

By **JONATHAN J. COOPER**
Associated Press

SALEM — The state of Oregon has notched another victory in its high-stakes legal battle with Oracle Inc. over the failure of the Cover Oregon health insurance website.

U.S. District Judge Anna Brown this week rejected Oracle's attempt to try the case in federal court. The decision means dueling lawsuits

filed by the state and the company will proceed separately in state and federal court.

The state's lawsuit accuses Oracle and its executives of corruption. State attorneys prefer to try their case in Marion County Circuit Court in Salem, where legal experts say jurors in the state capital may be more sympathetic. Oracle's defense blames the website's failure, in part, on incompetence by state

workers.

In its own federal lawsuit, Oracle accuses Oregon of copyright infringement and breach of contract.

A spokeswoman for Oracle, Deborah Hellinger, declined to comment on the judge's decision.

The judge's ruling, dated Tuesday, says Oracle missed a deadline to file notice of its plans to "remove" the case from state court to federal court. The notice was Oracle's second attempt to remove the case. The first attempt, which was filed before the deadline, was re-

jected on other procedural grounds.

Kristina Edmunson, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, said the state is pleased with the ruling. "We have always believed this is a case about Oregon, and it is best suited in a state courtroom," Edmunson said.

The judge's ruling is the latest victory for Oregon over Oracle in the multifront legal battle. Last month, a state judge in Salem also sided with Oregon in ordering Oracle to continue hosting computer systems for Medicaid.



Dawgs one win away

Hermiston's Tavin Headings gets a hug from teammate Abi Drotzmann after the Bulldogs' beat Corvallis 56-49 on Thursday in the state semifinals at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis. Headings scored 19 points and was named OSAA player of the game. For more on Girls state tournament games see **Sports Page 1B**.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

PENDLETON

Pint-sized principals

Sherwood fifth graders become administrators

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

Less than an hour into his first day as assistant principal at Sherwood Heights Elementary School, Andrew Reyburn has already dealt with a disciplinary problem.

After a student was caught pushing another child, Reyburn walked the misbehaving student through the school and talked to him about making good choices.

The student eventually calms down, and it's a good start to Reyburn's day.

It will also most likely be his last day as assistant principal, which is all by design.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, two Sherwood fifth graders are randomly selected to act as "associate principals" for the day.

After they're selected, the newly minted associate principals are expected to dress professionally, facili-



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Lexi Chandler talks to Principal Theresa Owens on the radio during her day as assistant principal at Sherwood Elementary School.

tate recess and lunch, make observations and deal some light discipline.

In exchange for their duties, the kids get all the perks of being an administrator, like a scheduled coffee break, use of the staff lounge and bathroom and personal radios to communicate with other staff members.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Andrew Reyburn visits a kindergarten classroom during his day as assistant principal at Sherwood Elementary School. One of his tasks was to observe classroom activity and make notes on an iPad about positive things he noticed.

Canceled sexuality conference painted as 'perverse'

Local health educators lament loss of informational seminar

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

The cancellation of a conference on adolescent sexuality has some people cheering and others shaking their heads in consternation.

In the latter group are two Umatilla County public health educators. Umatilla

County Public Health Administrator Meghan DeBolt and School-Based Health Centers Coordinator Alisha Southwick blame media spin and well-meaning but overzealous members of the public for unfairly painting the conference as perverse.

Last April, protesters picketed the 2014 confer-

ence in Seaside because of allegations that some of the material presented was inappropriate and possibly illegal. Though most who attended were adult, some younger than 18 came with chaperones.

In the cross-hairs of critics such as Parents' Rights in Education was a 22-

page pamphlet created by the Cascade AIDS Project that addressed flirting by text, sexting and other topics. At the bottom of one page is a warning: "Before you send anything, imagine your mom seeing it, your principal, or your little brother. And one word ... DELETE!"

Keynote speaker Cory Silverberg drew fire when

he discussed what teens and tweens see when they visit various porn sites.

The town of Seaside hosted the conference, which started 30 years ago, for the last two decades. The Seaside City Council discussed whether to decline this year's conference because of the controversy,

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