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Rep. Greg Barreto is sponsoring a bill in the Oregon House that would raise the speed limit on certain highways, including a section of Interstate 84, across the state.

Barreto sponsors bill to raise speed limit on highways

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

There are 7,900 miles of interstate and state highway in Oregon. Eastern Oregonians spend a lot of time on them.

The maximum speed limit in Oregon is 65 miles per hour, the lowest of any of the states bordering it.

With long stretches of straight highway and low traffic, Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, is cosponsoring a bill that would raise the speed limits of certain portions of Eastern Oregon highways by as much as 10 miles per hour.

Although House Bill 3402 has bipartisan support, an April 3 House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development meeting brought out both supporters and detractors.

Up to speed

A more comprehensive version of Barreto's bill, Rep. Cliff Benz, R-Ontario,

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Barreto

Mapping out medical pot

Mile buffer would make it difficult to locate operations

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Umatilla County's marijuana study group has recommended strict limits as to where medical pot facilities could operate within the county.

Tamra Mabbott, the group's chairwoman and the county planning director, cautioned that the recommendations are just a working draft.

The group's first formal report to the board of county commissioners proposes more than five pages worth of changes to land use codes to regulate medical marijuana dispensaries, laboratories and grow sites. Mabbott will present the report to the board at its meeting Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton. The report is available online via the link for the April 15 meeting here: <http://www.co.umatilla.or.us/>.

Among the group's recommendations: Marijuana facilities would operate in certain retail and light industrial zones, must post county health warnings about pot use and only operate from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

And according to the recommendations, a medical marijuana dispensary, lab

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HERMISTON

For 30 years, volunteer has liked doing taxes

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

Comedian Will Rogers once joked the only difference between death and taxes is that death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets.

Vivian Corp's goal is to make the prospect of filing a tax return significantly less grim than death.

Corp. owner of Vivian's Tax Service, was just recognized for 30 years of giving free tax help to senior citizens and low income residents through the AARP's Tax-Aide program.

"I like doing taxes," she said.

She's in the minority there. For most people, tax season ranges from a nuisance to a serious source of worry. Corp knows that, which is why she doesn't begrudge the time spent volunteering away from her paid clients in the office as Tax Day looms on April 15.

"I find it enjoyable to go and help people," she said. "They're so appreciative. You meet a lot of good people."

The prospect of a letter from the IRS if they do their taxes wrong sends many people to a professional tax preparer, Corp said. No-

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Tax Service



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Vivian Corp, owner of Vivian's Tax Service, has been recognized by the AARP for providing free tax help for seniors and low-income households for the last 30 years.

body wants to get audited.

Along with about 10 other volunteers from the area, Corp works through the AARP program to alleviate those fears and give people solid advice for getting a better return the next year.

Sometimes people get upset about how much they owe and the volunteer tax preparers have to walk them through what upped

their tax bill.

"Tax law changes every year," Corp said. She has more of those conversations the later it gets in the season.

"The people getting refunds we saw in the first week of February," she said. "The people who owe don't want to pay so they come in

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Ready to run, Clinton to announce 2016 bid on Sunday



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais, File

In this March 23 file photo, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks in Washington. Clinton will launch her long-awaited 2016 presidential campaign on Sunday according to people familiar with her plans.

Former secretary of state seeks to succeed one-time rival, Barack Obama

By **KEN THOMAS**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton will end months of speculation and launch her highly anticipated 2016 presidential campaign on Sunday, skipping a flashy kickoff rally in favor of conversations with voters about the economic needs of middle class families and the next generation.

Clinton, the former first lady and secretary of state who lost the 2008 nomination to Barack Obama, will begin this time by courting voters in living rooms and cafes in early voting states. If victorious in 2016, she would become the nation's first female

president.

The first official word of her candidacy will come in a video posted on social media and to supporters online, according to two people familiar with her plans. She will then turn to states such as Iowa and New Hampshire, looking to connect directly with voters in small, intimate settings.

The people familiar with her plans spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Clinton has offered glimpses in recent speeches of why she will again seek the White House. Another preview came Friday in the epilogue to the paperback version of her 2014 book, "Hard Choices."

"Becoming a grandmother has made me think deeply about the responsibility we all share as stewards of the world we inherit and will one day pass on," Clinton writes in

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