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Your Weekend



- Wildhorse anniversary fireworks show Saturday
- BMCC concert choir at Bob Clapp Theatre
- Oregon East Symphony at the Vert Auditorium

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Catch a movie



John Goodman stars in the claustrophobic, suspenseful, "10 Cloverfield Lane." For showtime, Page 5A For review, Weekend EO

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
54/41	54/37	55/38

California raises its smoking, vaping age to 21

By JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

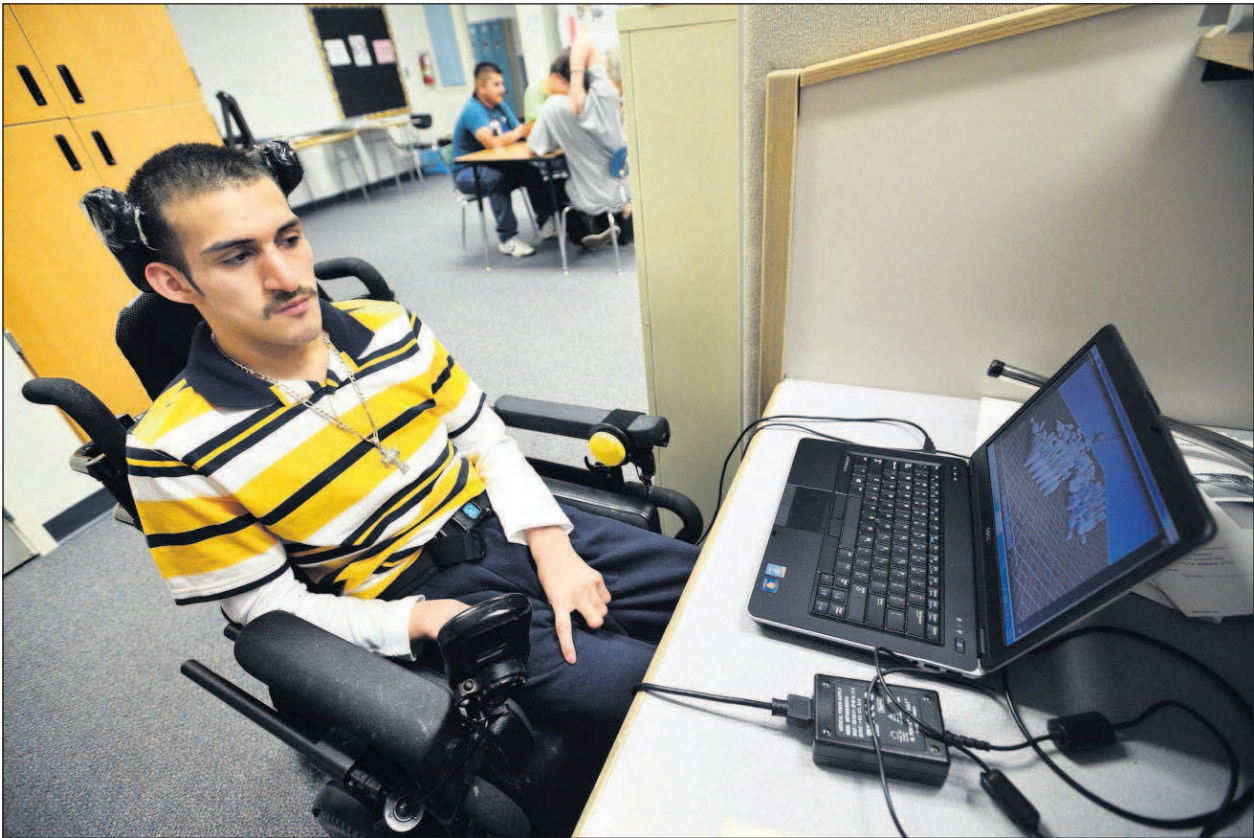
SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California lawmakers voted Thursday to raise the legal age for purchasing and using tobacco and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21, putting the nation's most populous state on the brink of becoming only the second after Hawaii to bar teenagers from lighting up, dipping or vaping.

Before it can become law, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown must sign the legislation, which has already passed the state Assembly. His spokesman said the governor generally does not comment on pending legislation.

Only Hawaii has adopted the higher age limit statewide, although dozens of cities, including New York and San Francisco, have passed

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"He's an amazing, bright kid who is trapped inside his body."
— Jodi Garberg, physical therapist



Irrigon High School senior Jose Adan Guardado uses a computer during school Wednesday in Irrigon. He uses buttons on the headrest of his wheelchair to control the mouse and other computer functions. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Taking control

High-tech wheelchair allows Irrigon student to communicate with world

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Jose Adan Guardado faces each day with a bucketful of optimism. He's got a lot going for him. A smile that could light up the scoreboard at Madison Square Garden. An agile brain. A stubborn streak as deep as the Grand Canyon. All of this helps the Irrigon Senior High School student navigate his challenging life. Abandoned as a toddler by his mother in El Salvador because of multiple disabilities, the little boy ended up in Irrigon with his grandparents. Cerebral palsy keeps him from being able to speak clearly or control his muscles. He must take food through a gastrointestinal tube connected to a port in



Irrigon High School senior Jose Adan Guardado sits on a mat and uses an iPad on Wednesday in Irrigon. Adan, who has cerebral palsy, has partial control of his left hand which he uses to navigate the iPad. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

his stomach. These days, "Adan" high-tech wheelchair he controls by (pronounced uh-DAWN) cruises the school hallways and sidewalks in a

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Synchronized cuteness

A trio of American blackbelly lambs line up behind each other south of Pendleton.

Bundy refuses to recognize federal authority in Nevada

By KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Jailed Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy refused Thursday to acknowledge federal authority and declined to enter a plea to federal charges that he led an armed standoff against a round-up of cattle two years ago.

After several minutes of confusion about whether Bundy had a lawyer, U.S. Magistrate Judge Carl Hoffman entered a not guilty plea on Bundy's behalf and scheduled a detention hearing March 17.

Arguments then will focus on whether the 69-year-old Bundy should remain in custody pending trial on 16 charges, including conspiracy, assault and threatening a federal officer, obstruction and firearms offenses.

It could be many months before trial. Federal prosecutor Steven Myhre told the judge the case involving 19 defendants would be slow-tracked as "complex."

"I make no plea before this court," Bundy said, standing in a courtroom full of family members, friends, media, court officials and U.S. marshals.

Bundy wore a maroon-colored Henderson city jail uniform, with his ankles shackled and his hands free during the 15-minute hearing. He waved before the hearing to his wife, Carol Bundy, and several adult children and supporters among about 40 people in the courtroom audience.

Joel Hansen, a Nevada attorney who has represented

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ECHO



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Echo High School ag students study in a small classroom that was built between the school shop and a bus barn on Thursday. The small classroom is used for agriculture, business, wood and metal shop and art classes.

Schools seek \$4M bond

Would match state grant to get \$8M upgrades

By JENNIFER COLTON
East Oregonian

A \$4 million bond could lead to \$8 million in improvements for the Echo School District, if approved by voters. "For the past three years, we've been

talking and dreaming about what the next steps are. It was a pipe dream," Superintendent Raymon Smith said. "Now we could make it happen."

The Echo School District was one of 10 districts chosen on Jan. 27 for capital improvement grants from the Oregon Department of Education. Funded through Senate Bill 447, the grants require a 50/50

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