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First debate for governor on Saturday

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Oregon gubernatorial candidates square off Saturday in their first debate of the campaign.

Incumbent Democrat Kate Brown and Republican challenger Bud Pierce will spar at 6 p.m. in Bend.

The debate, which will center on rural issues, will be aired live on KTVZ and KTVZ.com and will appear after its completion on eastoregonian.com.

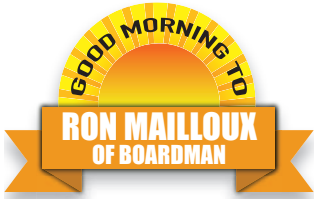
The debate is sponsored by the Oregon Territory Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and the *East Oregonian*.

The panel includes Tim Trainor, opinion page editor of the *East Oregonian*, Pulitzer-winner Erik Lukens, editor-in-chief of the *Bend Bulletin*, Bend TV reporter Pedro Quintana and Jefferson Public Radio host and producer Emily Cureton.

Brown is running for the state's highest office for the first time after taking over the seat in 2015 when then-governor John Kitzhaber resigned. She was the secretary of state from 2009-2015 and in the Oregon Legislature from 1991-2009.

Pierce, an oncologist and former Marine, is a newcomer to the political field. He won a contested primary against former Oregon Republican party chair Allen Alley in May.

The candidates have confirmed four more debates before the November election, including two in Portland, one in Eugene and one in Medford.



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HEART TRANSPLANT AT 11TH HOUR



Cindy and Steve McIntyre have held strong to each other through Cindy's congestive heart failure and a heart transplant that came during the eleventh hour.

Saved by a heartbeat

Organ transplant came through just as family was saying goodbye

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Cindy McIntyre was dying.

On July 8, 2014, she was in the intensive care unit of Oregon Health and Sciences University, suffering from congestive heart failure and fading fast. The 57-year-old Hermiston woman

had already had her "final conversation" with her sons. Steve, her husband of 39 years, was glued to her side, and now her sisters were there, too.

"I thought, 'Oh that's nice they're here for a visit,'" she said. "Later I found out they were there for Steve because everyone knew it was just hours before I

was going to expire."

Instead, a miracle happened.

"The doctor said, 'How would you like a transplant tonight?'" she said.

Twenty-two people in the United States die each day waiting for a life-saving organ transplant, but Cindy was not going to be one of them. A life had ended somewhere that day, and the deceased had been an organ donor.

Steve said the transplant was

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3 killed in mall shooting

By LISA BAUMANN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A gunman opened fire in a crowded mall north of Seattle, killing three people and critically wounding another before fleeing Friday night, authorities said.

Washington State Patrol spokesman Sgt. Mark Francis said police were searching for a Hispanic man wearing black and armed with a rifle who was last seen walking toward Interstate 5.

"We are still actively looking for the shooter. Stay indoors, stay secure," Francis said at a news conference.

Authorities say the motive was unknown.

The deadly shooting happened in the Macy's store at the Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington, about 60 miles north of Seattle. Francis said three females were killed, one male suffered life-threatening injuries and another female suffered non-life threatening injuries.

Francis said at about 8:30 p.m. that the mall had been evacuated and emergency medical personnel were cleared to enter.

Stephanie Bose, an assistant general manager at Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant near the Macy's store at the mall, said she immediately locked the doors to the restaurant after hearing about the shooting from an employee's boyfriend.

"He was trying to go to the mall and people were screaming," she said. "It was frantic."

She said he could see police at the doors with assault rifles and said they were no longer guarding the doors as of 9:30 p.m.

State will pay \$5 million for lead testing

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Oregon Emergency Board on Friday approved \$5 million to help pay for the cost of testing for lead in school drinking water.

The action sets up a fund at the Oregon Department of Education. School districts may request reimbursement for costs associated with lead testing by submitting invoices with the education department.

Lawmakers pledged to provide some kind of financial assistance to districts after the Oregon Health Authority and the education department last summer asked districts to test for lead in school water supplies.

The request followed widespread media coverage of a scandal in Portland Public Schools over lead in drinking water that went unreported. Since then, several other school districts have found unsafe levels

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PENDLETON

DOT promises quick replacement process after SeaPort departure

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Commercial air service to Pendleton's Eastern Oregon Regional Airport now has a long-term and a short-term problem.

In the long term, the city of Pendleton must justify to the U.S. Department of Transportation why it should keep its Essential Air Service subsidy after provider

SeaPort Airlines' boarding numbers were low enough to push the airport above the \$200 per passenger subsidy cap.

From October 2014 to September 2015, SeaPort collected its \$1,797,333 annual subsidy while boarding 8,422 passengers, meaning it cost the federal government \$213 per passenger to fund air service in Pendleton. The DOT has

threatened to pull the EAS funding at the end of the year.

In the short term, the city needs to find an air provider to fulfill SeaPort's contract through the rest of 2017 after the Portland-based airline grounded its planes and began the process of liquidating its assets.

The DOT has already taken steps toward helping

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A sign on the SeaPort ticket counter at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport advises customers that the airline has ceased operations.



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