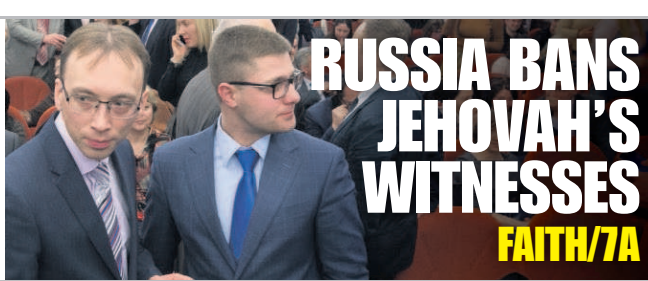




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Many bills beat deadline and live on in Legislature

By CLARE WITCOMBE
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Tuesday was the deadline in the Oregon Legislative Assembly for policy bills to move out of the chamber where they originated, or into one of a handful of key committees.

With the exception of bills assigned to bicameral committees — or to those in the rules, revenue or ways and means committees — bills that have not been passed by either the House or the Senate are effectively dead for this session.

Legislators are still

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PENDLETON

Permit requested for first marijuana grow

City's second cannabis retailer opens

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

On April 20, marijuana's unofficial holiday, Pendleton's cannabis industry showed more signs of growth.

The city released the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting next Thursday where the commission will consider granting conditional use for a marijuana grow, a first for Pendleton's budding

cannabis market. According to a city staff report, GhostTown Organix, a Boise company, wants to start a marijuana grow at 2515 N.E. Riverside Place, the site of an old Prairie Market grocery store.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A Boise company called GhostTown Organix has applied for a conditional use permit to open a marijuana grow operation in the old Prairie Market on Southeast Riverside Place in Pendleton.

UMATILLA



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Students take class outside for Earth Day



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

TOP: Blue Mountain Wildlife director Lynn Tompkins holds up a raptor skull to a group of second graders from McNary Heights Elementary School during Earth Day field trip at the McNary Dam Wildlife Area on Thursday in Umatilla.

LEFT: Fourth graders color animal masks for a game during an Earth Day field trip at the McNary Heights Wildlife Area on Thursday in Umatilla.

For the full story see page 3A.

Brown orders state hiring freeze

First in series of orders aimed at cutting expenses, improving efficiency

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown Thursday ordered a temporary statewide hiring freeze to help address Oregon's \$1.6 billion revenue shortfall.

The executive order was the first of a series scheduled for the next several weeks aimed at cutting expenses and improving efficiency, according to the Governor's Office.

"Oregon's children and families deserve the chance to lead healthy and productive lives. But the cuts to the state budget recently proposed by the Legislature put the most vulnerable Oregonians even more at risk than they are now. This is unacceptable," Brown said in a statement.

The hiring freeze goes into effect immediately and will last until each state department's budget is approved by the Legislature, according to the Governor's Office.

The Governor's Office is still calculating how much the hiring freeze could save, said Brown's communications director, Chris Pair.

This order also pares spending on state travel expenses and consolidates office space.

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli of John Day has been calling for a hiring freeze for several weeks. The hiring freeze, if left in effect, could save an estimated \$790 million in the next two years, according to the Senate Republican Office. The office based the number on consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Office, according to an email from Paul Rainey, caucus administrator for the Senate Republican Office.

The Department of Corrections, Oregon Youth Authority, Oregon State Hospital and some Department of Human Services divisions would "not be able to freeze," the email states.

"If these were excluded, the

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Former Milton-Freewater officer pleads guilty to assault, misconduct

Has 30 days to relinquish police certification

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Former Milton-Freewater police officer Brian David Scott took a deal Thursday in the assault case against him. The movie ended his law enforcement career.

Umatilla County Circuit Court records show Scott, 38, pleaded guilty to one count each of third-degree assault and first-degree official misconduct. The plea came after a settlement conference in Hermiston circuit court.

Misconduct is a misdemeanor, but the assault conviction is a Class C felony in Oregon.

Scott faced charges of second-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon and first-degree official misconduct stemming from his

Sept. 26, 2016, arrest of Jeffery Allen Fields, 46, of Milton-Freewater, for theft. Oregon State Police reported Scott pushed Fields in the back while his wrists were in cuffs.

Fields struck his head on a concrete wall in the Milton-Freewater Police Department and suffered injuries to his scalp and vertebrae.

State and federal court records show Fields has not filed a lawsuit in the matter. He is serving two years of probation on domestic violence charges.

Scott resigned from Milton-Freewater police in December. He worked for the department starting in September 2014. Court records show he and his family are moving to Colorado.

Circuit Judge Eva Temple presided over the closed-door



Scott

conference and sentenced Scott to three years of probation, which bans him from possessing weapons, firearms or dangerous animals and mandates he must not have any contact with Fields.

Scott also will have to undergo an anger management evaluation and complete any treatment through a court-approved provider, complete 100 hours of community service and pay a fine of \$500.

Scott also has 30 days to relinquish his police certification from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. The documentation allowed him to work as a police officer.

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