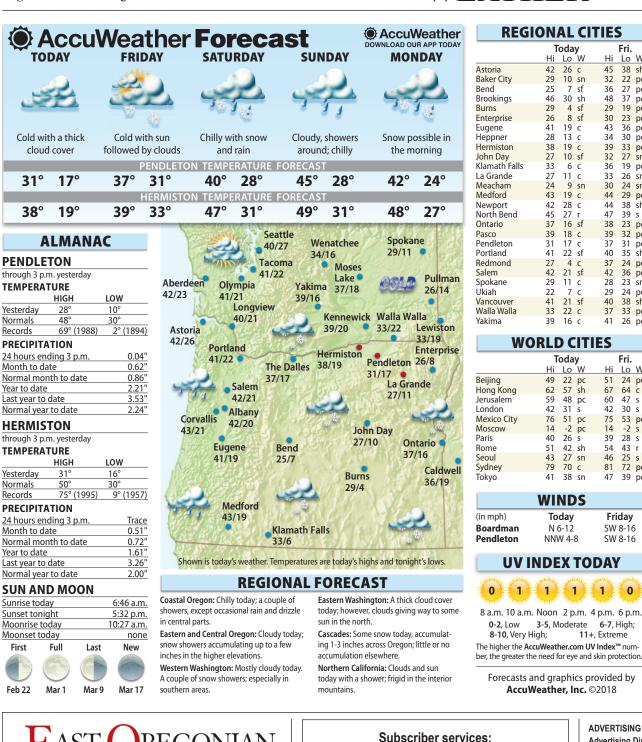
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# Audit suggests tweaks for tax processing system

#### By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

auditors SALEM State have found that Oregon's new tax processing system works well, but that the Department of Revenue could take extra precautions to protect taxpayers' personal information.

The findings are something of a

In addition to the processing system audit released Wednesday morning, the Secretary of State's Office also plans to audit the agency's "governance and culture" within the next year.

Since 2013, the revenue department has been standing up GenTax, an off-the-shelf, integrated tax processing system developed by FAST Enterprises.

• The agency can do a better job monitoring who has access to GenTax. • The Department of Revenue hasn't

sought an independent security review of the outside contractor, FAST Data Services, that analyzes Oregonians' personal income tax return data.

• GenTax system files are backed up, but there's no guarantee that the state could restore the system in the event of

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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 89° in Edinburg, Texas Low -32° in Chinook, Mont.

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## BRIEFLY

is serving a de facto life sentence.

### Man held without bail following student's death

SALEM (AP) - An Oregon judge has ordered a Salem man to be held without bail after he was indicted last week in the shooting death of a 17-year-old high school student. The Statesman Journal reports 36-year-old Pedro Segura was arraigned Tuesday after he was indicted on a charge of murder and three counts of unlawful use of a weapon.

bright spot for the state's beleaguered Department of Revenue, which has been under the Legislature's microscope of late.

Last year, lawmakers sought a comprehensive review of the department's operations, including a financial audit and management assessment, and have told the department to report regularly to the Legislature on its progress.

The project was intended to update the state's decades-old tax software and databases.

According to the governor's 2017-19 recommended budget, the total cost of the new system is \$78 million.

Overall, auditors say the new system works well, but there are some weaknesses:

'disaster or major disruption. aʻ

DOR's director, Nia Ray, who has been leading the department since October 2016, agreed with auditors' recommendations and says the agency has begun to implement some of them.

In the 2015-17 budget cycle, the department collected \$18.5 billion in tax revenues, about 84 percent of that in income taxes, according to the audit.

# Jury awards more than \$5M to man shot by police

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal jury awarded millions of dollars in damages to a Portland man who was shot and wounded by police he mistook for intruders.

Jurors on Tuesday found the officers liable for battery and negligence when they failed to identify themselves while going through the man's yard in March 2012 to surround the home of a suspect wanted for attempted murder, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Adalberto Flores-Haro went outside to yell at the unknown figures. When they told him to go back inside, he returned with a gun and was shot in the abdomen and elbow.

His lawyer, David Park, told jurors during his closing argument that the officers entered the property without permission, never identified themselves and didn't warn Flores-Haro that he would be shot if he got a gun.

The officers fired 14 times. Several bullets pierced the walls of the Flores-Haro's home. Five children were in the home at the time.

"They treated Mr. Flores-Haro as another obstacle in their way, in order to accomplish their mission, rather than treating him as one of their missions in the first place — to protect the community," Park told jurors.

Lawyers for the officers countered in closing arguments that it was Flores-Haro's poor choice to emerge from his home with a gun.

"He wanted to scare the hell out of people. ... His reaction was way out of proportion to the event that occurred,"

attorney Steven Kraemer said.

The officers were members of tactical team from neighboring Washington County. They were called because Portland's team was training that day.

The team members and their lawyers said they didn't alert Flores-Haro and other neighbors about their mission because they didn't know if any were associates of the suspect.

The jury awarded \$2.5 million to Flores-Haro for battery.

The jurors also awarded \$4.5 million in damages for negligence, but that amount is expected to be reduced to \$2.6 million because the jury found that Flores-Haro shared some liability for the incident, The Oregonian/ OregonLive reported.

high school that read: "I am the shooter!"

Boy accused of

sending message:

'I am the shooter!'

SPRINGFIELD (AP)

student has been charged

An Oregon high school

with disorderly conduct after

police say he sent a Snapchat

message to a girl at another

Lt. Scott McKee of the Springfield Police Department said the freshman boy described the message as a joke. But McKee said it wasn't taken as a joke, and it created additional panic at a time when there were rumors of a school shooting at Springfield High School.

McKee said the message was sent to the girl's cell phone shortly before noon Tuesday. The 15-year-old boy was arrested at home Wednesday and booked into a juvenile detention center.

The boy attends Thurston High, where 15-year-old Kip Kinkel killed two students and wounded 25 others in a 1998 shooting spree. Kinkel

Authorities say McKay High School student Alfredo Hernandez died in January after being shot in the head.

Judge Heidi Strauch ordered Segura to be held without bail after he was initially being held on \$500,000 bail. Court documents indicate Segura was treated at a hospital for a gunshot wound following the shooting last month.

## Corrections

In the Feb. 21 story "Lifeways brings on consultant to restore confidence," used the incorrect name for the consultant. His name is Paul Flanders. The EO regrets the error.

The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.



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