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State Police may renew investigations of people who fail gun background checks

U.S. senators reach deal on gun safety

BY NOELLE CROMBIE

The Oregonian

Momentum is building to reinstate a state police task force that investigates people who try to buy guns but fail background checks. The mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Buffalo, New York, and local and national calls for further gun restrictions have drawn attention to the absence of the

unit.

Gov. Kate Brown has told Oregon State Police Superintendent Terri Davie to “immediately” look into ensuring the investigations are getting done. State police also may seek additional money from the state to reinstate the unit, said Brown’s spokesperson. The agency quietly dissolved the team in late 2020, a

casualty of staffing shortages. Retired state Senior Trooper Dan Swift worked on the unit and said doing away with it was a mistake. “This was something Oregon was doing right,” said Swift, who worked out of the agency’s Salem field office and retired in early 2020. “It’s actually kind of a model. We can make a difference using the laws we have.”

The unit formed seven years ago by then-Gov. John Kitzhaber in the aftermath of the 2014 shooting at Reynolds High School in Portland. A 15-year-old freshman, Jared M. Padgett, shot and killed a 14-year-old student, wounded a teacher, then fatally shot himself. Padgett used an AR-15 rifle that he had taken from home.

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BY ALAN FRAM

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate bargainers on Sunday announced the framework of a bipartisan response to last month’s mass shootings, a noteworthy but limited breakthrough offering modest gun curbs and stepped-up efforts to improve school safety and mental health programs. The proposal falls far short of tougher steps long sought by President Joe Biden and many

Democrats. Even so, the accord was embraced by Biden and enactment would signal a significant turnabout after years of gun massacres that have yielded little from Congress. Biden said in a statement that the framework “does not do everything that I think is needed, but it reflects important steps in the right direction, and would be the most significant gun safety legislation to pass Congress in decades.”

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WHAT’S GOING UP?

DRIVE-THRU AND ICE CREAM PARLOR IN SOUTH BEND



Chris Selby operates an excavator while working on the construction of a 6,040-square-foot, multiple-tenant building at Pinebrook Boulevard and Third Street in Bend.

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Owner: JKC BEND LLC
Tenants: The UPS Store, Handel’s Home-made Ice Cream and a drive-thru restaurant
General Contractor: Kellcon Construction
Architect: STEMACH Design + Architecture
Details: A 6,040-square-foot building for multiple tenants, including a drive-thru restaurant,

is in development at 61165 S.U.S. Highway 97 in Bend, where a Sonic restaurant was formerly located. The name of the restaurant has not yet been disclosed, but according to the developer, Jeremy S. McPherson, it’s a national chain with an existing location in Bend and thousands of locations nationwide.

The other two tenants include a UPS store and Handel’s, an ice cream parlor. Handel’s was founded in 1945 and makes its ice cream on site by hand. McPherson said the Handel’s franchisee owns three other locations in the Portland metro area and has plans to open a second Handel’s location in Bend. Construction on the main building of the devel-

opment is expected to be completed by early fall. The development is under the same ownership as the project completed in 2021 on Bend’s east side with Hablo Tacos and Bangers & Brews. According to McPherson, the same development group is working on another “commercial neighborhood node” near Nels Anderson Road and Third Street. It’s in the design phase.

IDAHO

31 Patriot Front members arrested

BY MARTHA BELLISLE

Associated Press

COEUR D’ALENE — Authorities arrested 31 members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho Pride event Saturday after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear. The men were standing inside the truck wearing khakis, navy blue shirts and beige hats with white balaclavas covering their faces when Coeur

d’Alene police stopped the U-Haul and began arresting them on the side of the road. “They came to riot downtown,” Coeur d’Alene Police Chief Lee White said at a news conference. All 31 were charged with conspiracy to riot, a misdemeanor, White said. The men were going through the booking process Saturday afternoon and are scheduled to be arraigned on Monday, he said.

Based on evidence collected and documents, authorities found that the group was planning to riot in several areas of downtown, not just the park, White said. Police found riot gear, one smoke grenade, shin guards and shields inside the van, White said. They wore arm patches and logos on their hats that identified them as members of Patriot Front, he said.

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RIGHT: Authorities arrest members of the white supremacist group Patriot Front near an Idaho pride event Saturday after they were found packed into the back of a U-Haul truck with riot gear. Georji Brown/AP

