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Board approves \$10.4 million for state prisons

The Emergency Board on Friday allocated \$10.4 million to shore up a state prison system budget strained by inmate population growth regularly exceeding predictions.

The Corrections Board handles budget matters between legislative sessions. The corrections allocation, approved unanimously, includes money to hire an additional 194 employees.

Another 20 positions are for early hiring for the Snake River Correctional Institution, a 507-bed prison being built near Ontario. It is scheduled to open in mid-1991.

The board also approved a \$137,000 allocation to keep the corrections ombudsman's office operating at least through the rest of the two-year budget period, which ends next June 30.

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Team extends Santiam hunt for lost girl

An interagency search team will continue its search today for a girl who was reported missing from her home in the Santiam Junction area earlier this week.

Richard Lee Pickle, 13, was reported missing Wednesday by her mother, Linda Ackroyd. The mother said the girl had disappeared Tuesday from her family's home at the state Highway Division maintenance complex at the junction of highways 30 and 22 in east Lane County.

It was unclear why Ackroyd waited until Wednesday to report the girl missing or why the search had been confined to the area immediately surrounding the complex.

The search will continue to be conducted by sheriff's authorized personnel only. Pickle is 4 feet tall, weighs 87 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.

Ospreys recover after nest toppled

The Associated Press GRANVILLE, Wis. — A pair of young ospreys were recuperating at a wildlife center after something attacked their nest.

David Siskin of Wildlife Institute said a bear, a raccoon or an eagle could have attacked the nest, built at the top of a 150-foot snag along the Rogue River.

Robertson Officials deny rumors forest chief will leave

Robertson denied his support for the Thomas plan in part on legal advice that it probably would spare the Forest Service further legal attacks of the sort that have hampered it in the past several months.

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