



SH finds 8-million gallon leak

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SWEET HOME — A broken water pipe discovered Saturday has spilled as much as 8 million gallons of water annually for many years, at a cost to the city of several thousand dollars, Public Works Director Dave Mason said today.

Water from the pipe had created what neighbors and the city believed was a natural spring, located at the edge of a dirt driveway the property. According to Mason, a neighbor who reported the spring to create a gully and couldn't understand why his fish kept dying.

Last water has been there in city's history last summer, when officials discovered the pipe to be 100,000 gallons of water were being lost each day because of several leaks in the system. The city paid \$1,000 to Plummer Associates, a Chicago water system analysis firm, to find the leaks and recommend repairs. Most of the leaks

Teens find skull of ancient reptile

Portland (AP) — A University of Oregon geologist says some high school students have found a fossil skull from the oldest vertebrate species ever discovered in Oregon.

The skull is the first skull found of a reptile called an ichthyosaur, which crested shallow seas 200 million years ago. The skull was found Sunday in a limestone formation in the Willamette Mountains, northwest of Baker City on Eagle Creek. William Orr, a UO professor of geology and an expert in paleontology, led a field team that included 10 teenagers from Oregon and Washington. The teens were working for the Young Scholars Research Participation Program sponsored by the Oregon Museum of Science and the National Science Foundation.

Door open to deal on rights bill

Washington (AP) — Sponsors of a bill to control job bias have found victory in the Senate, say they would welcome a compromise to ease those concerns that the plan could lead to hiring quotas.



Near Lost Lake, Sgt. Earl McMullen of the Lane County Sheriff's Office shows map to posse members from Douglas and Lane counties.

"We'll continue to consider any proposals from the president," Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., the chief sponsor, said Wednesday night. Senate approved the measure, 60-34. That vote is not going to survive the essential principle of this legislation," Oregon's two Republican senators, Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood, join 30 Democrats and eight other Republicans in voting for the measure. Thirty-four Republicans were alone in voting against it.

Searchers comb harsh terrain for girl

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SANTIAM JUNCTION — More than 100 law enforcement officials from seven counties scoured miles of rugged Cascade Mountain terrain Wednesday in the first wide-area search for a girl missing since last Tuesday.

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However, favorable weather conditions and a good map mean things look pretty good overall. McMullen said. For the mountaineering effort, Martink divided the search area into sections of varying size, depending upon the terrain. Each section then was broken down into sub-sections, with a mounted posse or foot team assigned to each sub-section.

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Washington official seeks hangman

Seattle (AP) — A killer's stated desire to kill and a third boy abducted from a Portland playground last year.

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