



A grass field burns on Sand Ridge Road north of Brownville. Some 4,000 acres were burned Monday, the biggest field-burning day this year.

### Weather change allows burning of 4,000 acres

By DAVID CASTLETON Albany Democrat-Herald  
Most of the field burning took place in Marion, Clatskanie and Polk counties, Grumbine said. In Linn County, 500 acres were burned on farms in the Brownsville and LaBacon areas.

For today, Grumbine said, the National Weather Service predicted good weather for field burning by mid-afternoon after the humidity decreases and winds shift to the southwest. He said that if the forecast pans out, another 1,500 acres could be burned today.

### State officials: System scrapped because of high cost, complexity

By GAIL OSBERT Albany Democrat-Herald  
There was a question it was a waste of funds, Weeks said.  
Oregon was not the only state to scrap expensive computer systems, according to the officials. Washington state had abandoned a similar system in 1988 after investing approximately \$10 million in state and federal funds.

### Sweatpants found on trail may have belonged to girl

A pair of black sweatpants, found Friday by hunters along the Pacific Crest Trail, may have belonged to the 13-year-old girl missing for two weeks from her home near the Siskiyou Junction, Linn County Sheriff J.C. Martinek said.

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### Workshop participants set goals

By CATHY MADDOX Albany Democrat-Herald

About 40 mid-valley community leaders gathered in Albany Monday to do what conference organizers say is one of the most important things to do: set a number of economic, educational, environmental, cultural and industrial goals and then make sure that the objectives are met within the time allowed.

The participants at Monday's workshop at Linn-Benton Community College heard their 30 years into the future and discussed in the report, "Oregon Benchmarks: A Public Service Draft." The report was developed by the Oregon Progress Panel, which was created by the Legislature. The comments from the workshop will be added to letters that are published during its similar meetings in all field areas in the state.

Other suggestions included developing ways to challenge talented and gifted children, emphasize recycling, and assist workers who are retraining from one career to another.  
Because money is limited, the suggestion was made to investigate which goals are the most important and active. Dan Wynn, executive director of the Oregon Progress Board, said several economic goals about the state.  
• About 80,000 new jobs in the state each year.  
• Poverty and food processing were the state's big money makers in the late 1980s. They have been replaced by services and high technology.  
• Per capita income dropped below the national average in Oregon in the early 1980s.

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