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County notifies employees of job cuts at month's end

The action, which will affect more than 120 workers, is in response to the anticipated loss of federal timber funding

By **MATT COOPER**
The Register-Guard

The biggest cut to Lane County government in 25 years is under way.

The county has begun notifying more than 120 workers that they could be laid off or forced into lower-paying jobs by the end of the

month, as the county budgets for the coming fiscal year without \$47 million in annual federal timber funding. Congress has not yet renewed that money, and the prospects for it are uncertain.

The move has sent tremors through Eugene and Springfield governments, both of which rely on the county to provide services rang-

ing from the lockup of criminals to the leashing of dogs. Elected officials from the three governments will meet next week on whether critical services can be kept afloat even as the county lays off scores of employees. The biggest pending service cuts are closure of the county animal control agency and sharp reductions in beds at the county jail.

County workers directly affected by the cuts said they're worried — not just about themselves and their families, but about the county's social fabric.

"My biggest thing is the effect these cuts are going to have long-term on this community," said Cottage Grove resident Pat Anlauf, 36, who will lose his job as a sheriff's deputy. "The consequences that we incur now are going to be paid for years to come."

The county plans to cut the equiv-

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ELECTION 2008

Tight win in Indiana dents hope for Clinton

Obama ups his delegate lead by winning North Carolina

By **DAVID ESPO AND LIZ SIDOTI**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's deflating split decision Tuesday took away her last best chance at the White House.

A resounding loss in North Carolina combined with a narrow victory in Indiana dented if not doomed her hopes of convincing superdelegates to disregard Obama's lead in delegates, states won and popular vote and nominate her.

"Senator Clinton did not get out of the night what she needed," said North Carolina Rep. Brad Miller, an undecided superdelegate. "To use a basketball analogy, she traded baskets. And she needed to do much better than that this late in the contest with her down 150 or 160 pledged delegates."

Clinton stepped before her own supporters not long afterward in Indianapolis. "Thanks to you, it's full speed on to the White House," she said, signaling her determination to fight on in a campaign already waged across more than 16 months and nearly all 50 states.

Returns from 99 percent of North Carolina precincts showed Obama winning 56 percent of the vote to 42 percent for Clinton, a triumph that mirrored his earlier wins in Southern states with large black popula-

CLINTON

Has 1,684 delegates. She needs 341 to win the nomination

OBAMA

Has 1,840 delegates. He needs 185 to win the nomination

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◆ A dozen nuns are turned away at an Indiana polling place/**A4**

MANAGERIAL TALENT

PHOTOGRAPH BY **BRIAN DAVIES**/The Register-Guard



Before inquiring about the talents of new employees, Human Resources manager Tyson Bragg displays one of his own for workers at the new call center for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car in Eugene's old Symantec building. See related story on Page B1.

ORI plans move to research park, not Centre Court

By **EDWARD RUSSO**
The Register-Guard

Oregon Research Institute apparently won't be the spark that ignites a revival of downtown Eugene.

The behavioral research firm with 250 Eugene employees has announced it plans to occupy a yet-to-be constructed building near the Willamette River and won't be moving into the heart of downtown into a yet-to-be renovated Centre Court building at Broadway and Wilamette Street.

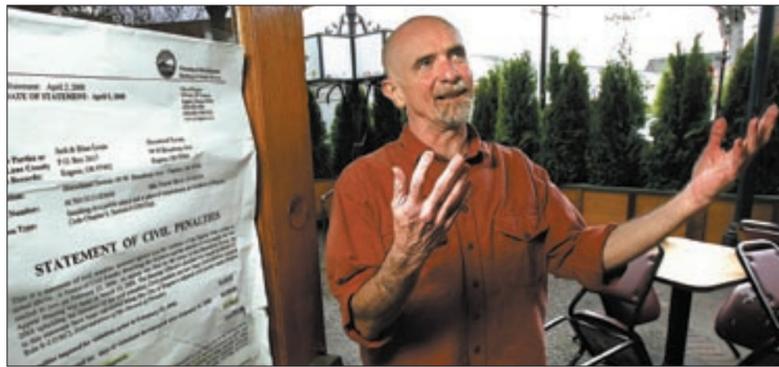
The new headquarters would be developed by national real estate giant Trammel Crow Co.

ORI chose the site in the University of Oregon Riverfront Research Park over the Centre Court and three other locations offered by developers elsewhere in Eugene.

"We had five very good proposals in front of us," ORI Executive Director Cynthia Guinn said Tuesday. "It was not an easy decision."

ORI's proposed 80,000-square-foot headquarters would be built at the University of Oregon's Riverfront Research Park, on a former indus-

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Horsehead bar owner Tom Tracey has posted the letter he received from the city of Eugene on the doorway leading to his now-closed smoking patio.

Bar owners, city at odds over shrubs

The Horsehead bar faces fines over code violations of its smoking area

By **ANDREA DAMEWOOD**
The Register-Guard

They could be considered the \$23,000 shrubs.

In an effort to comply with the city of Eugene's 2005 outdoor smoking ordinance, owners at the Horsehead bar downtown said they spent more than \$10,000 to replace tall fencing surrounding its back smoking area

with planter boxes containing arborvitae and other plants.

Their solution, owners say, satisfies the idea behind the code — keeping employees safe from second-hand smoke. The code prohibits smoking within 10 feet of doorways and requires that 75 percent or more of smoking enclosures be open to outdoor air.

The city planning division disagreed, defining the vegetation as a wall capable of trapping enough smoke to harm bar workers. They also said the shrubbery went in opposition to explicit directions against its use when they

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International help arrives in Myanmar following cyclone

Aid workers are struggling to reach coastal areas of the delta that were hit hardest

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, Myanmar — International aid began to trickle into Myanmar on Tuesday, but the stricken Irrawaddy delta, the nation's rice bowl where 22,000 people perished and twice as many are missing, remained cut off from the world.

In the former capital of Yangon, soldiers from the repressive military regime were out on the streets in large numbers for the first time since Cyclone Nargis hit over the weekend, helping to clear away rubble. Buddhist monks and Catholic nuns wielded axes and long knives to remove ancient, fallen trees that were once the city's pride.

However, coastal areas of the delta worst hit by the high winds and tidal surges were out of reach for aid workers, isolated by flooding and road damage.

Electricity remained cut for nearly all 6.5 million residents of Yangon, while water supply was restored in only a few areas. Some residents waited in lines for nine hours



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