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Schools Help Keep Students on the Road to Recovery

For students battling a substance use disorder at Oregon State University, the road to recovery may get a little easier this fall. That's the hope of university staff working to open a recovery dormitory when students return for the fall semester. In an effort to help students in recovery maintain their sobriety while in school, a growing number of colleges, universities and even high schools are developing recovery-specific programming.

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To Expand or Not To Expand?

The 2012 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act essentially made Medicaid expansion an option for the states. Four years later, 19 states still face the question of whether or not to expand, and state leaders contend the decision centers around the unique needs of states and their constituents--and how best to meet those needs.

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Congress Passes GMO Labeling Bill

On July 29, President Barack Obama signed into law [S. 764](#), a bill to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, which includes a provision to create a federal labeling standard for foods with genetically modified ingredients, or GMOs, and preempts any state laws. The legislation represents a compromise that has divided proponents of mandatory labeling, particularly over the allowance of QR codes--a barcode that, when scanned by a smartphone, connects the user to the desired information online--as a means of labeling.

Another issue with the bill is its preemption of state laws.

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Sexual Assault on College Campuses

In light of recent high-profile incidents and data affirming high rates of sexual assaults on college campuses, elected officials and college administrators across the country are working to identify solutions to this problem. A FREE eCademy webcast on Aug. 2, presented by CSG West, will explore national trends; federal efforts to enforce Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance; and approaches that some colleges and universities have instituted to prevent sexual assaults and enhance support for victims.

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Women in State Government, 2016

With Hillary Clinton as the first female presidential nominee from a major party, it is noteworthy that women are still underrepresented in state government leadership positions. In 2016, women make up less than one-quarter of state legislators and statewide elected executive officers, and less than one-third of all state court judges. The percentage of female state legislators has largely stalled over the last 20 years, while the number of women elected to statewide executive offices has fallen. Only the number of female state judges has seen significant increases in recent years.

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Utah Passes Bill to Neutralize Drones Flying Over Wildfires

During a special session called by Gov. Gary Herbert, Utah lawmakers passed a bill to address the issue of unmanned aircraft interfering with wildfire management efforts, along with several other measures. In June, drones were spotted three times during a fire in Southwestern Utah, which led to the evacuation of 500 homes. In response, Herbert tweeted "Evacuations could have been avoided if drones hadn't interrupted air attack on the fire."

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In 2015, the U.S. exported over \$56 billion in merchandise to the United Kingdom. That represents nearly 4 percent of all U.S. exports and makes the U.K. the fifth largest export market for the U.S. After hitting a 10-year low in 2013, exports have been on the rise to the U.K. for the past two years, but recent political developments could put those gains at risk.

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CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts to Host National Summit

The CSG National Center for Interstate Compacts, or NCIC, will convene the first Summit of the States on Interstate Collaboration, Dec. 12-13 in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The summit will promote successful compact approaches, foster research directed at developing new interstate partnerships, and support the increased use and understanding of interstate compacts. The summit will be an opportunity for state policymakers, compact administrators and other interested parties to discuss issues of interstate policy cooperation and network on the use of interstate compacts in a range of policy areas.

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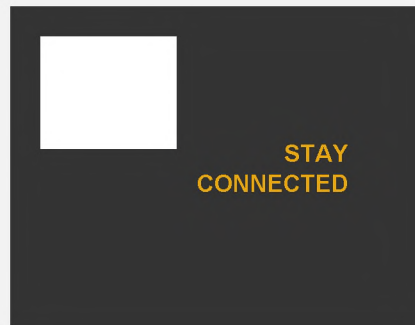
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