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TRAINING DAY

Students, SWAT Team participate in school bus drill for anti-bullying workshop



SWAT Team members run to a bus during a training exercise Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium.

More than 650 school bus drivers from 43 school districts came out Saturday to West Albany High School to learn what they can do to help end bullying in school, specifically on the school bus.

As part of the Oregon Pupil Transportation Association South Willamette Valley chapter's winter workshop, the drivers watched a mock bullying/hostage event at West Albany Memorial Stadium.

South and West Albany drama students portrayed the bus riders. Linn County Regional SWAT Team members also participated in the exercise.

The guns were fake except for one shotgun, loaded with blanks.

The scenario started with a radio call for police to respond to a white male in a red sweatshirt standing up in a school bus and carrying a gun.

The student was retaliating against a boy who had bullied him. The bullying victim had a "gun" and was threatening other students.

SWAT Team members responded to the high school "code 3" with lights and sirens.

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Shawn Fielders talks to Destini Powell of West Albany High School. Powell and other students had been on the bus portraying hostages.

Story by AnneMarie Knepper

FIRST LOOK



Obama calls for Gadhafi's ouster

BENGHAZI, Libya — Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi tightened his grip on the capital city of Tripoli on Saturday, reportedly paying and arming civilians to prop up his crumbling regime as the United Nations considered international sanctions to try to stop him from firing on his own people and President Barack Obama for the first time said Gadhafi must go. Page A8

THE NATION

Lawmakers move closer to avoid D.C. shutdown

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers appear to be moving closer to a compromise that would prevent a government shutdown, at least for now. Page A6

Crying toddler locked in vault for four hours

CONYERS, Ga. — A 14-month-old girl who wandered away from her mother and grandmother spent several tense hours trapped inside a time-locked bank vault and authorities pumped fresh air through vents to the crying child until a locksmith freed her, police said. Page A6

OREGON

U.S. Supreme Court to hear Bend case

NEW YORK — Eight years ago, a child protection investigator and a deputy sheriff removed a 9-year-old Oregon girl from her classroom and questioned her at length as to whether her father had sexually abused her. According to the girl, they wouldn't take "no" for an answer, and she falsely incriminated her father. Page D3



Troy Fuller is the manager of the Linn-Benton Detention Center in Albany.

Juvenile injustice

Corrections officials fear governor's budget proposal would gut Oregon Youth Authority

BY EMILY GILLESPIE CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

On Friday, a 17-year-old Adair Village boy was committed to an Oregon Youth Authority correctional facility for consistently violating his parole and probation. This will be his second stay.

"We tried a lesser intervention," said Terry Thompson, deputy director

of the Benton County Juvenile Department. "He went back out into the community and violated again."

The boy's criminal history stretches back to when he was 13, with charges that include theft, drug possession and delivery, and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

His sentence is to serve one year

at the close-custody facility, similar to an adult prison.

But if budget cutbacks proposed by Gov. John Kitzhaber to the Oregon Youth Authority are approved by legislators, the Adair Village boy's confinement and treatment programs could be cut short.

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Why is this Cub Scout smiling?

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