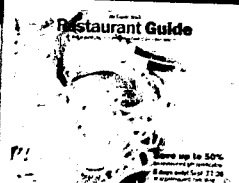


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Scotland votes to stay in U.K.

Pro-independence leaders concede defeat as 55 percent of Scottish voters refuse to break with Great Britain

BY STEVEN ERLANGER AND ALAN COWELL
The New York Times

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Voters in Scotland rejected independence from Britain in a referendum that had threatened to break up their 307-year union, according to an official count today from almost all voting areas.

Alex Salmond, the leader of the Scottish National Party and first minister of Scotland, who led the campaign for secession, conceded defeat in an address to cheering supporters.

"I accept the verdict of the people," he said. "And I call on all the people of Scotland to accept the democratic verdict of the people of Scotland."

The vote was a decisive 55-45 against independence. Salmond stressed that, even though the anti-independence campaign had prevailed, 1.6 million Scottish residents had voted to end the union, providing what he termed a "substantial" bloc of support to press for new powers promised by political leaders in London.

Before dawn, after a night of counting that showed a steady trend in favor of maintain-

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LYNNE CAMERON/The Associated Press

Independence referendum opponents cheer as they watch election results come in early today at a hotel in Glasgow, Scotland.

Springfield to consider marijuana sales tax

Several cities are looking at taxing pot ahead of a statewide vote on legalization

BY CHRISTIAN HILL
The Register-Guard

SPRINGFIELD — This may become the latest city to join the scramble of Oregon communities seeking to profit from marijuana sales ahead of the statewide vote on whether to legalize pot's recreational use.

The City Council will discuss Monday whether to raise revenue by imposing a marijuana tax, although it's uncertain whether the tax would hold up in court.

Neither the city of Eugene nor Lane County has scheduled discussions about a marijuana tax ahead of the Nov. 4 election.

New Approach Oregon, the statewide measure's sponsor, said it's not worried about cities and counties seeking to tax the marijuana that the measure would legalize and regulate.

"It's not really an issue of concern or a major priority," campaign spokesman Peter Zuckerman said. "The election is fewer than 50 days away, and that's what we're focused on."

Zuckerman said, however, that the talk of taxing marijuana sales underscores the primary aim of the ballot measure: to divert money away from the black market into a regulated system in which it can be used to help Oregonians.

Measure 91 would legalize the recreational use of mari-

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IF YOU GO

What: Springfield City Council discussion on proposed marijuana tax (public comment will not be taken because it's a work session)

When: 5:30 p.m.

Where: Jesse Maine Room, City Hall, 225 Fifth St.

More information: Read the council agenda item and a city memo online at bit.ly/YWk3DG

A Eugene firm's interactive light sphere will be part of a UNESCO celebration in Paris



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The creators of the Light At Play's orb are (from left) Kenyon Acton, Yona Appletree, Wayne Skipper and Michael Hackett. The orb's software makes it react to sound and movement.

Globe-trotting orb

BY SHERRI BURI McDONALD
The Register-Guard

A large sphere that glows with colorful LED lights when music or motion is nearby is bound for the City of Light.

The 200-pound orb, which was designed by software developers in Eugene, will fly to Paris in January for the opening ceremony of UNESCO's International Year of Light 2015 — a first-ever yearlong celebra-

tion of light and its impact on science, technology, art and culture.

Like most Eugene residents, the orb is always up for a celebration. And it cleans up fairly well.

It last appeared at the Burning Man art event in late August in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. Before that it was suspended above a DJ at Matthew Knight Arena at the closing

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UO gets sexual assault advice

The interim president welcomes proposals from a University Senate task force

BY JOSEPHINE WOOLINGTON
The Register-Guard

A group assigned to study the University of Oregon's sexual assault prevention and support policies is urging UO Interim President Scott Coltrane to make several changes before classes start later this month.

University Senate task force members asked Coltrane this week to establish an emergency \$10,000 fund that would pay for prevention ef-

SEXUAL VIOLENCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ◆ Establish an emergency \$10,000 fund
- ◆ Adopt a "good Samaritan" policy to protect those who report sexual violence
- ◆ Inform all UO employees of their reporting responsibilities
- ◆ Help faculty lead classroom talks on sexual violence
- ◆ Include sexual assault resource information in class syllabi
- ◆ Ask UO police to stop tracking IP addresses of those who report anonymously

orts and support resources for sexual assault victims.

Other recommendations include adopting a "good Samaritan" policy that would protect those who report sexual violence from being charged with alcohol or drug policy violations; sending a message to all UO employees that outlines their reporting responsibilities under federal civil rights law; sending a message to all teaching faculty intended to help them talk about sexual

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The Senate approves a measure allowing the U.S. military to train and arm Syrian rebels for a war against Islamic State militants/A3

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"In the parks department, we get excited about lots of things, including bathrooms."

— Marsha Miller, county public works director, at grand opening ceremony for new restroom at Armitage Park Campground/B1

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Scotland: British premier promises greater autonomy

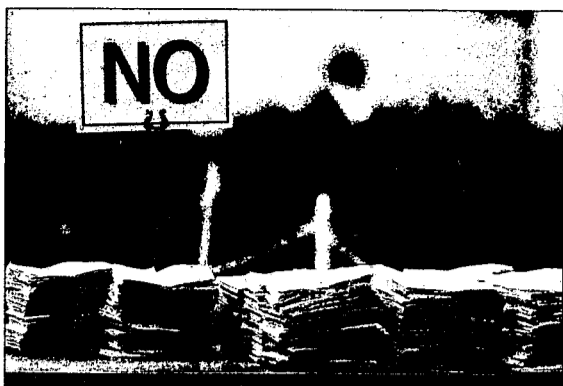
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ing the union, Nicola Sturgeon, the deputy head of the pro-independence Scottish National Party, effectively conceded defeat for the "yes" campaign that had pressed for secession.

Shortly after Sturgeon's comments, Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland and seat of its Parliament, reported a huge gain for the "no" camp, with more than 194,000 voters rejecting independence compared with almost 124,000 in favor. Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, had voted in favor of secession by a lower margin.

The decision spared Prime Minister David Cameron of Britain a shattering defeat that would have raised questions about his ability to continue in office and diminished his nation's standing in the world.

But while the result preserved a union molded in 1707, it left Cameron facing a backlash among some of his Conservative



DAVID CHESKIN/The Associated Press

"No" ballots sit stacked today during the Scottish independence referendum count at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh.

Party lawmakers. They were angered by the promises of greater Scottish autonomy that he and other party leaders made just days before the vote, when it appeared that the independence

campaign might win. Some lawmakers called for similar autonomy for England itself, and even the creation of a separate English Parliament.

The outcome headed off the

huge economic, political and military imponderables that would have flowed from a vote for independence. But it also presaged a looser, more federal United Kingdom. And it was unlikely to deter Scottish nationalists from trying again.

President Obama had made little secret of his desire that the United Kingdom remain intact. Indeed, Britain had long prided itself on a so-called special relationship with the United States, and Britain's allies had been concerned by, among other things, Salmond's vow to evict Britain's nuclear submarine bases from Scotland, threatening London's role in Western defenses.

As the vote approached, the margin between the two camps narrowed to a few percentage points, and at one point, the "yes" campaign seemed to have the momentum.

That was enough to alarm Britain's political leaders from the three main parties in the Westminster Parliament in Lon-

don. In a rare show of unity, they promised to extend significant new powers of taxation to Scotland, while maintaining a formula for public spending that many English voters saw as favoring Scots with a higher per-capita contribution.

Voters remained divided to the very end.

"It's much easier to say yes," said Sandra Love, 52, an officer manager and member of the opposition Labour Party, outside a polling station in a bustling student neighborhood in Glasgow. "But sometimes you have to say no."

Whatever the outcome, she added, "everyone needs to accept it and move forward."

Duncan Sim, a university lecturer who said he had always been in favor of independence, was handing out yes fliers at the same polling station. He also worried about a country that would be split down the middle.

"It will be a big challenge to hold people together," he said.

UO: Additional reviews of assault policies are underway

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violence in the classroom; having instructors include in class syllabi a message that details sexual assault resources on campus; and requesting that the UO Police Department's anonymous reporting forms for sexual violence stop tracking Internet Protocol addresses that could possibly identify the person making the report.

Coltrane said Thursday he is pleased to have the recommendations.

"The task force is doing good work," Coltrane said. "There are some very good ideas here."

He said he is working with colleagues to see which of the recommendations the university might pursue before school starts on Sept. 29. He hopes to have an answer by sometime next week.

The task force — formally called the Task Force to Address Sexual Violence and Survivor Support — was formed earlier this year, shortly after media reported in May that three UO basketball players were accused of raping

an 18-year-old student in March.

Task force members will use recent incidents of sexual assault on campus — in particular, the incident involving the now-former basketball players — as case studies to see how well the UO responds to and attempts to prevent sexual assault.

The 19-member task force — made up of UO faculty, students and a U.S. attorney — has been meeting since July. Members used the White House's "Not Alone" report, which outlines best practices for universities to prevent sexual assault on campus and provide victims with support services.

The group's co-chair, Carol Stabile, said members want to have some changes in place on campus before students arrive.

"We wanted to make these recommendations as soon as we could in hope that these (changes) might contribute in some way to reducing incidents of sexual assaults in the fall," said Stabile, a professor of journalism and women's and gender

studies. The group will present a more detailed report to the president next month.

"The initial (recommendations) are all things that don't require money," Stabile said, except for the funding of additional sexual assault prevention and support services. "We were mindful of resources."

In the longer report, she said, the group's ideas would require "major commitment of both energy and funding."

The group drafted a potential "good Samaritan" policy for the university, drafted several paragraphs for instructors to include on class syllabi, and drafted messages that the UO could send to faculty regarding sexual violence.

The "good Samaritan" policy would explain that, while the UO does not condone underage drinking or illegal drug use, "it considers both the safety of our students and an environment that is conducive to the reporting of sexual misconduct to be of paramount importance."

Some underage students may have been drinking alcohol when they were sexually assaulted and, as a result, would be less likely to report that crime for fear of getting in trouble for drinking. Stabile said other states and universities have adopted similar policies to encourage victims to come forward.

Coltrane said other groups — including a president's independent review panel — also will outline a list of ways the UO could improve its sexual assault policies.

"There are dozens of changes we'll be looking at as we move forward," Coltrane said.

He said the UO also will participate at some point in a "campus climate" survey that could reveal accurate rates of sexual victimization on campus. The White House's report recommends universities conduct such surveys.

The university in May rejected a climate survey proposal made by UO professor and sexual violence expert Jennifer Freyd. The university was

concerned that the survey data could be biased because of Freyd's personal opinions and because Freyd did not collaborate with UO employees who work with sexual violence victims on campus, a UO spokeswoman said previously.

Freyd, who is a member of the task force, said this week that she has raised enough money to conduct her survey, which so far has 500 participants. Respondents have reacted positively to the survey, which is more than halfway done, she said.

Stabile said the task force will look at Freyd's survey results, and said the UO needs to institutionalize a climate survey.

"We need to know what's going on on the ground," she said. Schools nationally, however, have been slow to start climate surveys, she said.

"Everyone knows it's going to reveal a problem that's vast," Stabile said of sexual assault victimization rates. "No one wants to be the first to deal with that kind of negativity publicly."

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