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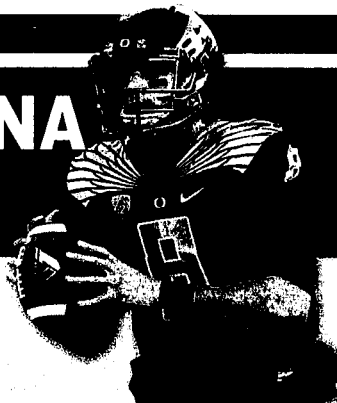
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## YARN FOR THE AGES

Volunteer knitter's story began 104 years ago

If you want to live longer than a century, Dody Patterson has some advice for you in the form of a couple of four-letter words: diet and knit.

"Well, I think my secret is, about 20 years ago, I quit eating beef and pork and most dairy products," Patterson says. "And that's when I really retired and started knitting. And I think my diet and my knitting are responsible for my longevity."

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Patterson, who turned 104 on Wednesday, has been knitting since her great-grandmother taught her when she was a 7-year-old West Texas girl, back when "the war to end all wars" was ending along Germany's Western Front, and a deadly flu was starting its insidious sweep across the globe.

"I just love it, because it keeps my hands and arms and shoulders exercised,"

Patterson says, sitting in her room at the Good Samaritan assisted living facility on Hill-yard Street in south Eugene, a hint of Texas twang still in her voice. "And it keeps my brain exercised."

It also helps keep a local program called Caps for Kids humming along, year after year.

"She's so special," Mona Rummel says of Patterson. Rummel is the owner of Soft Horizons Fibre, a yarn and fiber shop on East 13th Avenue. "She's just a really sweet person. When she comes in here it's like, 'The queen is here!'"

Rummel started Caps for Kids, which provides homemade stocking caps for local children in need, in 1990. It's modeled after a national program started by a yarn shop owner in Concord, Calif., in

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Dody Patterson knits a hat for the Caps for Kids program on her 104th birthday.

## UO joins sexual violence survey

The university will be part of a national effort to measure campus sex crimes

By **JOSEPHINE  
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The Register-Guard

The University of Oregon will participate in a national survey to measure rates of sexual violence victimization on college campuses, despite criticism that the survey has drawn from nearly five dozen sexual violence researchers across the nation, including several at the UO.

UO Interim President Scott Coltrane announced this week that the university will develop its own campus "climate" survey in addition to using the national one overseen by the Association of American Universities, a nonprofit higher education trade group whose members include some of the nation's top public and private universities, including the UO.

Coltrane said he wants the UO to administer its own survey and also be a part of the AAU's because the university could "contribute to local and national debates about how to best measure, assess and address this pressing social problem."

"With a problem this big and this important, we shouldn't scrimp on getting

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## Flu vaccine less effective this winter

By **MIKE STOBBE**  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The flu vaccine may not be very effective this winter, according to U.S. health officials who worry this may lead to more serious illnesses and deaths.

Flu season has begun to ramp up, and officials say the vaccine does not protect well against the dominant strain seen most commonly so far this year. That strain tends to cause more deaths and hospitalizations, especially in the elderly.

"Though we cannot predict what will happen the rest of this flu season, it's possible we may have a season that's more severe than most," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Con-

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Mona Rummel, owner of Soft Horizons Fibre, organizes some of the 1,200 caps knitted by an army of volunteers.

## Police cases converge to stir national debate

By **TOM HAYS  
AND COLLEEN LONG**  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the White House to the streets of some of America's biggest cities, the New York chokehold

case converged with the Ferguson shooting and investigations out of South Carolina and Cleveland to stir a national conversation Thursday about racial justice and police use of force.

A day after a grand jury cleared a white New York City

officer in the death of a black man, civil rights leaders pinned their hopes on a promised federal investigation. Demonstrators protested for a second night in New York, carrying replicas of coffins across the Brooklyn Bridge, and turned out in such

cities as Denver, Detroit and Minneapolis. And politicians and others talked about the need for better police training, body cameras and changes in the grand jury process to restore

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# Police: New York mayor vows to change police training

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faith in the legal system.

"A whole generation of officers will be trained in a new way," New York Mayor Bill de Blasio vowed as he and his police commissioner outlined previously announced plans to teach officers how to communicate better with people on the street.

Even before the decision in the Eric Garner case came down, racial tensions were running high because of last week's grand jury decision not to charge a white officer in the shooting death of black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

Other cases were added to the mix on Thursday: ♦ In the tiny South Carolina town of Eutawville, a white former police chief was charged with murder in the 2011



JASON DEKROW/The Associated Press

**Police make arrests after protesters attempted to block traffic near Times Square Thursday night.**

shooting of an unarmed black man. Richards Combs' lawyer accused prosecutors of taking advantage of national outrage toward police to obtain the indictment more than three years after the killing.

♦ In Cleveland, the

U.S. Justice Department and the city reached an agreement to overhaul the police department after federal investigators found that officers use excessive force far too often, causing deep mistrust, especially among blacks.

Just last week, protest-

ers took to the streets of Cleveland after a white police officer shot and killed a black 12-year-old boy carrying what turned out to be pellet gun.

At a news conference in New York after a night of protests led to 83 arrests, the Rev. Al Sharpton called the state-level grand jury system "broken" when it comes to police brutality cases and urged federal authorities to fix it.

"The federal government must do in the 21st century what it did in the mid-20th century," he said. "Federal intervention must come now and protect people from state grand juries."

Still, federal civil rights cases against police officers are exceedingly rare.

In the past two decades, only a few such cases have reached trial in New York — most notably

the one involving Abner Louima, who was sodomized with a broom handle in a police station in 1997. Several other high-profile cases didn't come together.

Federal intervention "doesn't happen often and it shouldn't happen often," said James Jacobs, a constitutional law professor at New York University Law School. "They should only step in when the local prosecution was a sham."

Activists have claimed that the grand jury investigation of Garner's death was indeed a sham. An amateur video showed Officer Daniel Pantaleo putting Garner in an apparent chokehold, and the medical examiner said the maneuver contributed to the death.

Acting at the Staten Island district attorney's request, a judge released a few details Thursday

from the grand jury proceedings — among other things, it watched four videos and heard from 50 witnesses, 22 of them civilians. District Attorney Daniel Donovan didn't ask for testimony, transcripts or exhibits to be made public.

But London offered some details, saying the officer's testimony focused on "his remorse and the fact that he never meant to harm Mr. Garner that day." The officer also testified that he "used a takedown move and any contact to the neck was incidental," the lawyer added.

London said the grand jury also heard from other officers who described how Pantaleo had tried in vain to talk Garner into complying with them — something not seen on video.

## Survey: Some researchers criticize AAU as secretive

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it right and getting the best data," he said Thursday.

Schools that agree to the AAU survey will pay up to \$85,000 for a private Maryland-based research firm to administer it.

UO psychology professor Jennifer Freyd and almost 60 other researchers from across the country say the AAU survey, which will be designed and administered in April, is flawed and could undermine federal efforts to understand the scope of sexual violence on college campuses.

The researchers sent several letters to more than 60 presidents and chancellors at AAU-member schools, urging them to not agree to the survey.

Freyd, who has studied sexual violence for more than two decades and administered her own UO climate survey, has led the effort.

Experts also assert that the AAU survey lacks transparency because universities aren't required to release the results to the public, a caveat that contrasts with recently proposed federal legislation that would require schools to conduct climate surveys and make the data publicly available online.

Coltrane said the UO will make both the AAU survey results and the UO's own survey results publicly available.

Coltrane said he didn't know how to evaluate some of the researchers' concerns because the AAU is also working with well-respected sexual violence researchers. With complicated surveys, differences of opinion can be fairly nuanced, he said.

An AAU spokesman could not immediately say how many of the nonprofit group's 62 member schools have agreed to the survey.

Climate surveys seek to measure how often sexual violence occurs on college campuses and how students perceive such violence.

Results from such surveys may help universities create new policies to address sexual violence and provide more

resources for victims.

Coltrane's decision was met with criticism from UO professors who have been critical of the AAU survey. Carol Stabile, a journalism and women's and gender studies professor, said she is surprised by Coltrane's decision.

Stabile, who also co-chaired a task force that studied how the UO handles cases of sexual assault, said the AAU survey was too secret because no one has seen what types of questions will be asked.

AAU officials say the survey will largely be based on a model recommended by the White House.

"President Coltrane had no problem making a financial commitment this week to the AAU survey," Stabile said. "He should this week commit the same funding for Professor Freyd's internal UO survey, as proposed by our Senate task force."

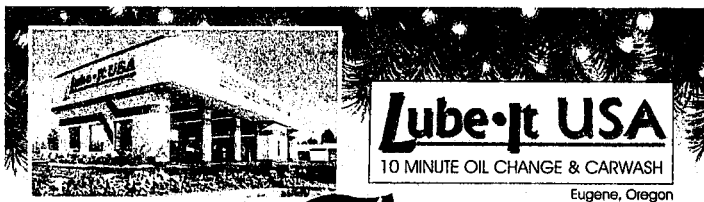
The task force last month recommended, among nearly two dozen other things, that Coltrane fund a UO climate survey for \$75,000. Coltrane said he's still in the process of evaluating the group's recommendations.

Early next year, the UO will host campus forums that will help the administration decide how to move forward with the task force's recommendations and suggestions from other campus groups looking into how the UO handles cases of sexual violence.

Coltrane announced this week that he will form an advisory panel of up to 10 university employees to help him oversee the UO's climate survey and advise him on campus sexual violence data. The group will also be able to provide feedback on the AAU's survey before it is administered on campus.

Coltrane declined to name who has been invited to serve on the new panel, aside from Freyd, who said she hasn't decided whether to participate in the group.

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