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State of the Union

Wednesday Web chat: On Tuesday night, President Barack Obama laid out his priorities for the next four years --and his legacy. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, a rising political star, offered the official Republican response. How did they do? And where does this leave us?

Join editorial and commentary editor Erik Lukens and editorial board member David Sarasohn in a live Web chat today at noon at The Stump.

200 wiseguy words

The Oregonian's David Sarasohn writes a short take of political commentary about Barack Obama and John Kitzhaber: "The obvious big news from last night's State of the Union speech, to closely watching insiders, was the presence of Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber as the guest of the first lady. What was really striking, of course, wasn't that Kitzhaber was invited at the last minute Monday evening --when isn't it good to have a doctor in the House? --but that he accepted."

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Targeted assassinations

Ofer Raban, a UO law professor, says the country needs judicial oversight of targeted assassinations: "Last Monday, a white paper arguing for the legality of targeted assassinations of U.S. citizens abroad was leaked to the press. . . . The paper is limited in scope: It does not purport to detail all the circumstances under which American citizens may be assassinated. . . . Most people would agree that the individuals described in the paper are proper targets for government assassination, even if they happen to be U.S. citizens. . . . But the paper falls miserably short in the most thorny question before it --namely, whether the U.S. Constitution gives U.S. citizens the right to a judicial review of the decision to assassinate them."

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Opinion roundup

The Oregonian's Len Reed shares links to opinions from around the Web.

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Concierge medicine

"Regarding the commentary "Can concierge medicine complement health reform?" (Feb. 9): The type of concierge medical practice John R. Braddock describes is expensive and not an option for most patients. In addition, every doctor who joins this kind of practice removes him or herself from the already dwindling pool of primary care physicians available to take care of everyone else. I'm not convinced that the house calls and extra time spent per patient actually result in 'better' care," Peggy Eurman of West Linn writes at the public blog My Oregon, found at The Stump."

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