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Shooting suspect arrested

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BANDON — The suspect in a May 2 shooting near Bandon has been arrested in California.

According to the Coos County Sheriff's Office, 27-year-old James Housego of Bandon was arrested by the California Highway Patrol on Wednesday morning near Yreka. Housego faces criminal charges in that state stemming from his arrest there.



James Housego
Shooting suspect

In Oregon, Housego is suspected of shooting 34-year-old Joseph McNeil at a Bandon residence last week. Police say two other individuals also were terrorized at the residence, 50-year-old Don Chambers and 35-year-old Rodina Sorter.

Police found a vehicle belonging to Housego at a WalMart parking lot in the Salem area. Authorities said they believe Housego abandoned the vehicle there and fled south.

Two college candidates disavow PAC

BY THOMAS MORIARTY
The World

COOS BAY — Two candidates running for the board of Southwestern Community College have distanced themselves from a political action committee backing their campaigns — even though a filing with the Oregon Secretary of State's office lists them among "candidates controlling this committee."



Mark McKelvey
PAC treasurer

In separate statements to The World on Wednesday, Danny Stoddard and Julie Kremers said they

don't belong to or control the Make the Change PAC, which has been distributing campaign literature on their behalf.

"I am not a member of any PAC —

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Betsy Beinlich examines the cheese selection at Face Rock Creamery.

Cheeseheads whey in on new Bandon creamery



Photos by Alysha Beck, The World

Hundreds of people waited to get inside the Face Rock Creamery in Bandon during its grand opening on Wednesday. The opening featured cheese samples, ice cream, beer and food.

Tasty welcome for cheese fans

BY AMY MOSS STRONG
The World

BANDON — Anticipation filled the air as more than 400 people gathered Wednesday afternoon to welcome the new Face Rock Creamery.

"This is a 14-month project, and we completed it in six months and 15 days," said Daniel Graham, construction supervisor and vice president. Graham listed and thanked all the local contractors who were hired for the project.

The Bandon Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting, and the creamery treated visitors to food outside the facility as well as cheese samples inside. People tasted fresh "squeaky" cheese curds in multiple styles: plain and spicy three pepper, Face Rock Monterey Jack, In Your Face cheddar, spicy three-pepper cheddar, Vampire Slayer garlic cheddar and a special "Grand Opening cheddar." High-end cultured butter will be available soon.

Face Rock Creamery

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
680 Second St. S.E. on U.S. Highway 101 in Bandon

Creamery President Greg Drobot praised the facility and cheese maker Brad Sinko.

"We tried to get the best facility to make the best cheese, and I think we have one of the best cheese makers, if not the best, here," Drobot said. "Bandon cheese is going to be known as some of the best cheese in the world."

Drobot added that the creamery wouldn't be in Bandon without the support of many people and the encouragement of the public.

"It was a lot of work — it's been over two years in the making and with a lot of ups and downs," he said.

Drobot used his own and private money to finance the \$2.2 million, 8,000-square-foot facility. The city is the creamery's landlord

and paid to build public restrooms next-door.

Drobot said he was able to fund the venture because of loans from Craft3, the Port of Bandon Economic Development Fund, the Oregon Business Development Fund and Coos Curry Douglas Development Corp.

"There was a lot of teamwork to get this together," he said.

Mayor Mary Schamehorn agreed. "It was a great public-private partnership between Greg and the city's urban renewal agency," Schamehorn said. "I think it's going to be a big boost for Bandon."

Cheese production, once famous in Bandon, halted in 2000, a couple of years after the Tillamook County Creamery Association bought the former factory. The building was demolished in 2002.

Two years ago, the city bought the lot from Tillamook using urban renewal money with the idea they could attract a developer to

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Wildland firefighters with Coos Forest Protective Association worked to control a large brush fire that started Wednesday afternoon off Rosa Road in Bandon.

Bandon blaze sparks fire fears

THE WORLD

BANDON — Wildland firefighters had their hands full battling a two-acre blaze near Bandon on Wednesday afternoon.

The fire broke out sometime around 2 p.m. on Chandler Road south of Bandon. A plume of smoke was visible from Rosa Road in town.

The Coos Forest Protective Association dispatched multiple engines, tanker trucks and at least two bulldozers to contain the blaze.

CFPA Unit Forester Nils Storkeon said firefighters had the blaze mostly under control by 4:15 p.m.

The fire is one of several that have broken out on Coos County forest lands in the past month.

Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Prevention Coordinator Tom Fields said last week that a lack of moisture and elevated temperatures are contributing to an earlier-than-anticipated fire season.

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Hire education



By Gail Elber, The World
 Branden Ledson, center, undergoes a mock interview with David Comstock of Industrial Source and Michael Hogan of Sause Bros. as Mike Murray of Sause Bros., standing, addresses other students at a career fair Wednesday at Southwestern Oregon Community College. "A lot of companies believe it's more important to hire for who you are rather than skills," Comstock told the group. "You can teach someone skills, but not character."

Meetings

TODAY
Lakeside Water District – 3:30 p.m., Water District Office, 1000 N. Lake Road, Lakeside; special meeting.
Lakeside City Council – 7 p.m., city hall, 915 N. Lake Road, Lakeside; regular meeting.

FRIDAY
Coos County Urban Renewal Agency – 7:30 a.m., Port of Coos Bay, conference room, 125 Central Ave., Coos Bay; regular meeting.

SATURDAY
Coos County Republican Women – 9:30 a.m., North Bend Lanes, 1225 Virginia Ave., North Bend; regular meeting.

MONDAY
North Bend City Council – 4:30 p.m., city hall, council chambers, 835 California St., North Bend; regular meeting.

Coos Bay Public School – 5:30 p.m., Milner Crest Education Center, 1255 Hemlock Ave., Coos Bay; executive session.

Man faces prison term for bottle bludgeoning

BY GEORGE ARTSITAS
 The World

COQUILLE – A Coos Bay man was found guilty Wednesday of smashing a glass bottle on a woman's face.

Jurors unanimously convicted Eden Freeman Keller on six separate charges for his Jan. 5 attack on Denise Farmer: three counts of second-degree assault and two counts of third-degree assault, as well as a count of menacing.

Testimony differed on whether Keller hit Farmer with a beer bottle or a whiskey bottle. In court, scars were visible in a V shape around Farmer's left eye.

Since second-degree assault is a Measure 11 offense, Keller faces a minimum of 70 months' imprisonment.

Keller, 37, was the key witness on Wednesday. He admitted that he hit Farmer and then threw away the bottle, but he said it was an

"Nothing that happened to Denise Farmer on Jan. 5 was an accident."

Erika Soublet
 Co-prosecutor

accident. He said Farmer was drunk when the bottle hit her.

All the other eyewitnesses, however, testified that Farmer was not drunk.

Keller's lawyer Ron Cox argued that Keller was not in a "reckless mental state" during the incident. He said the prosecution hadn't proved the case was anything more than "an accident with serious consequences."

Cox attacked Farmer's credibility as a witness. Farmer admitted during testimony that she previously was convicted of identity theft. She also admitted

lying to the hospital the night of the incident, telling medical workers that she had been hit with a wooden board at a Bastendorf Beach bonfire.

The defense emphasized that the only piece of glass recovered from the scene was a shade of blue inconsistent with a beer or whiskey bottle. There was also no medical evidence of glass in Farmer's face.

Co-prosecutor Erika Soublet summarized her case this way:

"Nothing that happened to Denise Farmer on Jan. 5 was an accident."

Farmer said Keller had knocked her to her knees before hitting her with the bottle.

"He knew what he was doing when he did it," Soublet said. "I think we would agree that's not what a reasonable person would do."

Keller will be sentenced at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Money

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County patches up facilities

■ Maintenance head hopes to renovate courthouse for now

BY EMILY THORNTON
 The World

COQUILLE – Coos County's maintenance director says the county needs a new courthouse – but for now he'll settle for a steam line.

County leaders tentatively approved the maintenance department's \$589,500 budget for building projects on Wednesday. It includes \$77,500 for the steam line and \$95,000 to remove an underground fuel tank and

repave the parking lot at the county's North Bend annex.

Those are the most important projects on the 2013-2014 list, Maintenance Director Ken Gross said. The budget is down from the previous year's \$692,805.

The list includes tearing down the old prisoner compound at the North Bend annex for \$5,000. Other items on the list include a \$100,000 generator for the Owen Building and a \$95,000 wheelchair ramp at the North Bend annex.

A new courthouse is Gross's long-term dream. Meanwhile, he hopes to complete some important renovations in the next few years, such as a \$100,000

paint job and a \$250,000 project to replace single-pane windows.

Gross mentioned he was worried about the safety of workers at the North Bend annex.

"I'm concerned about some bum hiding out in the bathroom," he said. The building houses the mental health and probation departments, and it's open to the public at night for meetings without security. The homeless people nearby like to stay in the building, especially in bad weather, Gross said.

"We need to make sure the doors are locked at night," he said.

McKeown joins Small Business Task Force

SALEM – Rep. Caddy McKeown, D-Coos Bay, plans to use her latest Oregon House appointment to help create coastal jobs.

House Speaker Tina Kotek named McKeown to the Small Business Task Force on Wednesday, according to a news release from McKeown's office.

"Rep. McKeown has a unique understanding of the needs of small businesses," Kotek said. "She brings strong representation of Oregon's small coastal communities."

The task force's priorities include improving existing small-business legislation and generating ideas for legislation in the 2014 session.

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"I hope I can help the Legislature remain focused on the small business engine that drives our economy," McKeown said.

Take in vintage cars with crawdads

If you love cars as much as you love shellfish, then the Lakeside Crawdad Festival's car show is for you. It runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be a people's choice award. For more information, call Joe Peterson at 541-269-7502.

Money for graduates? Giddyap on Saturday

The annual Coos County Mounted Sheriff's Posse Scholarship ride starts at 1 p.m. Sunday at Riley Ranch State Park in North Bend. Lots of raffle prizes have been donated by Milk-E-Way Trucking and Feed store.

County clerk readies for May 21 election

The public certification of the ballot programming and counting for the May 21 Special District Election will be held 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille.

The public is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, call 541-396-7601.

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 The Art Connection - Liv Drahos - Water Colors
 Bay Appliance - Carole Campbell - Crafts
 Fellowship Art and Literature - Sam Schwarz - Glass Blowing
 The Blanket Lady - Mureen Walker - Photography
 Katrina Kathleen's Home Decor - Bob Hergert - Scrimshaw
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what's UP

SATURDAY

Van Wormer Memorial Free Fishing Derby 7-11 a.m., Boice Cope County Park, Floras Lake, Langlois. Boat and bank fishing for kids up to 13 years old. Registration 7-7:45 a.m. Weigh-in, prizes and barbecue follow at 11 a.m. 541-348-2431 or 541-290-4999

Paddle the Estuary 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., South Slough Interpretive Center, 61907 Seven Devils Road, Charleston. Bring kayak or canoe, PFD, water and lunch. Dress for muddy launch and takeout. Minimum of 3 boats and maximum of 8, \$15 a boat. Register at 541-888-5558.

Siuslaw Library Book Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Siuslaw Public Library Bromley Room, 1460 Ninth St., Florence.

Fifth Annual Let's Walk & Talk Together 9 a.m. to noon, Mingus Park, 600 N. 10th St., Coos Bay.

Women's Health Coalition event with speakers, activities and vendors. Keynote: Women and sleep relating to risk of heart attack.

'On The Move' walk for Prader-Willi Syndrome 10 a.m. to noon, Ferry Road Park, 1200 Ferry Road, North Bend. 541-260-9889

Tall Ships Walk-on Tour 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Coos Bay Waterfront. Suggested donation, \$3.

Headles & Treadles Fiber Guild Meeting, 10 a.m., Headles & Treadles, Pony Village Mall, mezzanine suite 20, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Discussions about handweaving, dyeing and handspinning.

Hindsdale Garden Tours 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., O.H. Hindsdale Estate, state Highway 38, Reedsport. 541-271-4065

Second Saturday Arts 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Downtown Coos Bay locations. Demonstrations until noon and self-guided walk from noon-3 p.m. Details available at 541-266-9706 or nathan@coosbaydowntown.org.

What's Up features one-time events and limited engagements in The World's coverage area. To submit an event, email events@theworldlink.com. To see more events for this packed weekend, visit <http://theworldlink.com>

Give Mom flowers



By Alysha Beck, The World

A couple strolls through the Shore Acres State Park gardens Wednesday. The Southwestern Oregon Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society is sponsoring Rhodie Sunday at Shore Acres this Mother's Day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The event will feature experts in the garden, and the garden house will be open with cookies and coffee. The \$5 parking fee will be in effect and pets are not allowed in the gardens.

'Music Man' is a witty treat

When "The Music Man" opened at Little Theatre on the Bay on April 26, it was old hat for Kerry Oxford.

In fact, it was old dress, too. Oxford plays the role of librarian Marian Paroo — her first role at LTOB 20 years ago. She even wears the same costumes.

For the rest of us, however, it's a fresh treat, with Neville Cordell directing a cast of 49 in Meredith Willson's witty and musically challenging creation.

John Adamson plays the mesmerizing Professor Harold Hill, Tim Novotny plays Hill's sidekick Marcellus and George Nixon plays the mayor of



By Alysha Beck, The World

John Adamson plays Harold Hill, a con artist trying to win the love of librarian Marian Paroo, played by Kerry Oxford, in "The Music Man." The musical opened April 26 at the Little Theatre on the Bay in North Bend.

River City.

Members of the Lab Band's Evolution ensemble brings to life the struggles of River City's youth to master the band instruments Hill foists on them.

The play only runs two

more weekends, May 10-12 and 17-19, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are available from the box office at 541-756-4336 or at www.lto.net.

Who says moms don't work for Mother's Day?

Forgot to buy flowers for Mom? Still haven't cleaned your room after being told 100 times? Oregon Coast Community Action is encouraging kids and adults to think outside the box this Mothers' Day and make your mom proud by volunteering with her.

Bring the whole family out to the South Coast Food Share Service Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 11 at 225 LaClair St., Coos Bay. What better way to make your mom proud than rolling up your sleeves and spending valuable time with her, making a difference in the community?

Service activities will include: brush cleanup, trash pickup and native planting. The area is being prepped to serve as an educational interpretive trail for youth and the public.

For more information call 541-435-7080 or visit www.orcca.us.

Live Bands

The Mill Casino-Hotel, 3201 Tremont, Hookah Stew, 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, May 10-11.

Halfway Tavern, 59576 Halfway Road, Coos Bay: Big Creek Rendezvous, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., every Friday.

High Tide Cafe, 91124 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston: Bill Bartels, 12-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Every Friday and Saturday, and 12-3 p.m. Sunday.

Lloyd's Old Town Tavern, 219 Second St. SE, Bandon: South Coast Singles Karaoke, 8 p.m., every Thursday.

Orcoast Annex, 787 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay: Open mic 6-9 p.m., every Friday.

Portside, 63383 Kingfisher Road, Charleston: David Aakre, 6 p.m., every Friday and Saturday.

Shark Bites, 240 S. Broadway, Coos Bay: Irish sessions, 7 p.m., first and third Monday.

Outdoors

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Two senators fight for transparency

Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, have delivered on their promise to propose legislation that requires fuller disclosure of campaign contributions.

Last month the senators formally introduced their "Follow the Money Act," which would require any organization spending \$10,000 or more on electoral activity to register and disclose contributions above \$1,000. The bill also would put in place a system of real-time disclosure, and it would require regulations that plug the legal loopholes that have allowed dark-money campaign operations to quickly gain a formidable foothold on the elections landscape.

Murkowski and Wyden deserve credit for putting forward a bipartisan proposal, but they face an uphill climb. Their proposal already has come under fire by opponents of campaign finance regulation.

Cleta Mitchell, chairwoman of the American Conservative Union Foundation, said in a

statement: "When liberals talk about 'transparency,' that isn't what they mean. What they really want and what this bill provides is a target list of conservatives who have the temerity to contribute their after-tax dollars to support candidates and issues the left hates."

No, what Murkowski — whom no one could reasonably call a liberal — and Wyden want is transparency that reveals the growing mob of unrestricted and unidentified donors who make cruel mockery of American politics.

— **The Register-Guard, Eugene**

Oregon must face PERS reform reality

Oregon's elected officials are running out of time to address the core problem facing local government and Oregon taxpayers: the cost and sustainability of the Public Employee Retirement System.

PERS reform and the state budget will be hammered out by legislative heads from both par-

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ties. Needed are equal amounts of compromise and adult leadership, both of which are in short supply in Salem.

True reform of PERS would:

- Recognize that Oregon's state pension system is in deep trouble. Its future costs are disproportionate to the size of the state economy compared with other states.

- Rebuff attempts to raise taxes without clear-eyed strategies to

significantly reduce future costs.

- Reject calls to increase levels of contributions from cities, counties and school districts. That is money they don't have.

- Avoid accounting tricks and unrealistic assumptions on investment returns. Those only put more strain on an unstable system.

With adjournment only eight weeks away and public employee union leaders threatening lawsuits, legislators will be tempted to delay reform for another day. But you can't wish this problem away.

As a recent blogger noted: "Don't kick the can down the road. We're running out of road."

— **East Oregonian, Pendleton**

Film investment pays off richly

If you've watched "Portlandia" or "Grimm" in the past couple of years, you've seen the value of the Oregon Production Investment Fund, which reimburses filmmakers, television productions and

others in those industries for some of the cost of doing business here. The fund is largely filled with money from donors who receive tax credits for their generosity.

Now Gov. John Kitzhaber wants to double the \$6 million fund and expand the businesses eligible to collect from it. Like tax credits or not, this is one that has paid off for Oregonians. Those supporting House Bill 2267 note that for their \$6 million in lost tax revenues in 2011, the projects eligible to collect payments from the fund spent some \$110 million in the state.

Incentives are the name of the game these days for everything from data centers to movie companies. Without them, film producers tell state officials they'll go somewhere else.

Incentives are offered in about 40 states, Puerto Rico and Canada. The cost of those offered through the Oregon Production Investment Fund is low, while the payout is high. HB 2267 should be approved.

— **The Bulletin, Bend**

Spotty training

My wife and I forgot to have children. We are so busy going to movies, plays and concerts, buying nice things for the house, taking long vacations without looking at a school calendar, reading all the latest best-sellers and going to restaurants with nice white tablecloths that it simply slipped our minds. You know how it is: You get busy, and suddenly think, "Boy, I wish I had to pay \$50,000 a year to put some 18-year-old who thinks I'm an idiot through college."

Of course, the downside of not having children is that I feel left out when friends with children discuss time-outs, play dates, family therapy and joint custody. I sit silent while the discussion goes on and on about the pros and cons of one model of breast pump over another. As much as I would like to, I have nothing to contribute. The group wants to hear that my mother had eight children without the benefit of a breast pump — or Ritalin, ADHD or peanut allergies — like they want to hear I've volunteered to spank out-of-control kids in grocery stores.

The underlying message in all this seems to be that raising a child is hard, painful, demanding, unending, exhausting work. You'd think modern parents would be looking for tips to make life easier, not harder. Which is why I found the news of the latest parenting trend, Elimination Communication, so stunning.

Elimination Communication, called E.C. by parents enamored of it, is a growing cult that worships diaper-free potty-training. They try to figure out from Baby's coos and ahs which ones mean "I love you" and which ones mean "Look out below!" Because as a new parent, you don't have enough to do. But you will have enough doo-doo.

I heard about this from Jackson, a new grandad.

"You mean they really let the kid run around the house buck-nekkid?"

"Not in my house," he said, "but they do at their house. When they think the kid is ready to go, they hold him over the toilet, or over bowls they have set up all over the house."

"Bowls? Remind me not to have soup at their house. Whose crazy idea was this?"

"No, their doula tells them kids go without diapers in Third World countries all the time."

"Their what?"

"Their doula. It's a woman who is there to comfort the mother. It's not really medical or a midwife, but a companion."

"I understand," I said. "I think the English word for that is 'friend' or 'family.' They don't know anything about medicine, either, they're just there to give you crazy child-rearing advice."

"My daughter-in-law doesn't seem to have any friends, and she doesn't get along with her family. Ergo, the doula."

"What other Third World ideas are she and her doula planning to borrow?" I asked. "Or is it just the no-diapers thing?"

"The doula says it keeps diapers out of landfills."

"Really? I've been to the landfill, and what you see are a lot of old computers, printers and CD players stacked up to the sky. And washing machines and refrigerators, and a lot of construction debris from people who have remodeled their houses to put in nurseries. But I have never seen a diaper there. Maybe because, unlike the computers, they decompose. Still, there's a easier way to keep diapers out of landfills: Forget to have children."

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Public Forum

Harsh words flow in two directions

I read an amusing letter to the editor today. A contributor, Sharon Ramirez, was taking another contributor to task for his use of inflammatory language. Quotes from the original letter by Daniel Cook were scattered throughout Sharon's contribution, and indeed Daniel was using fairly harsh terms to describe how he felt.

What I found amusing was how harsh Sharon's words were. I am fairly sure calling gun owners "little boys" and demanding that they "grow up" is in the category of inflammatory speech, and not a well-reasoned argument designed to convince the other person of their folly. I wonder if Sharon can see this?

It does not matter if it comes from the left or the right — toning down the rhetoric is not something that seems to be sought. Ratchet it up, yell louder, be more aggressive with the means you use to be heard; that's what works. I am reminded of the 1960s and seeing a man holding a sign that read, "Peace Now," using it to beat another person on the head.

Ted Hunt
North Bend

Democratic Party doesn't run PAC

As chairperson the Coos County Democrats, I am disappointed that The World did not contact me or the Democratic Party of Oregon related to the story, "Dem PAC targets college

board."

The Make the Change PAC is not endorsed or funded by the Coos County Democrats or the DPO. It is an independent PAC.

Any Democrat running for any office in Coos County including nonpartisan races can seek the endorsement of the local party. We received requests from five candidates running for the SOCC board including David Bridgham. The local party endorsed three of the candidates. We did not make an endorsement in the race between Mr. Bridgham and Ms. Menkens as we felt both candidates were well-qualified.

Candidates can request access to Democratic Party's Voter Activation Network database. All five candidates requested access and received it. They were also offered training

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on the use of the VAN in local elections.

Thank you for clarifying this for your readers. Please feel free to contact me in the future regarding other issues concerning the Democratic Party of Coos County.

Mark McKelvey
Coos Bay

Live free or move

Forty-three million Americans moved from one state to another between 1995 and 2010 — about one-seventh of Americans.

It's good that we can move! Moving provides one of the few limits on the megalomania of state bureaucrats.

Americans have moved away from high-taxed, heavily regulated states to lower-taxed, less-regulated states. Most don't think of it as a political decision. They just go where opportunities are, and that usually means where there's less government.

They're leaving my state, New York, in droves. California, despite its great weather, also lost people, and wealth. Other biggest losers were Illinois, New Jersey and Ohio.

Travis Brown, author of "Money Walks," tracked the movements using IRS data. On my TV show, he revealed that Florida was the state that gained the most: "You're seeing a massive amount of people and their income coming in: \$86 billion."

People move where jobs are, and the states gaining the most — which also include North



JOHN STOSSEL
Columnist

Carolina and Nevada — follow what she calls "the magic formula. Lower taxes and good labor policy, which means, to a business, being free to hire and fire the people you want. (In) the most successful states you see both — no income tax or low taxes coupled with right-to-work laws."

The states that lost the most people and money were New York, California, Illinois, New Jersey and Ohio.

This competition between states makes it possible for states to learn from each other's successes.

T.W. Shannon, speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, told me that he's learned. His state, where the economy had long been sluggish, finally figured out they could spur growth with tax cuts.

"We are moving to reduce our state income tax rate. ... Every time we have done it in the past, we have seen increased revenues and growth." Shannon adds, "Capital won't flow to a

hostile environment."

No, it won't. You'd think politicians would figure that out. But they rarely do. Brown's income data shows that capital flows to friendly environments: "States like (Texas, without a state income tax) gained \$146 billion, whereas the reverse, the states with the highest among personal income-tax rates, lost over \$120 billion."

This data doesn't stop a prominent pundit in my state, The New York Times' Paul Krugman, from writing that the Texas economic miracle is "a myth" because Texas still has high poverty rates, a high high-school dropout rate and a low percentage of people with health insurance.

Behind this clash is the larger disagreement about how to handle the economy — promote growth by shrinking government or boost public services for the poor. The state-by-state contrast keeps getting sharper. Crudely put, blue states keep getting bluer, and red states keep getting redder. Krugman

looks at Texas and sees policies — and Republican politicians — he doesn't like.

But people don't just vote at the ballot box or by their choice of newspaper subscriptions. They vote with their feet. And by that measure, the state that publishes Krugman's columns — New York — and the state where he's a college professor — New Jersey — are losing big-time.

Ironically, one reason Texas continues to have problems with poverty, despite its population growth, is that people don't just move between states. They also move from other countries in search of opportunity. For about a million people, that meant moving across the border from Mexico to Texas. They start low on the economic ladder but do tend to move upward over time.

For some reason, politicians most sympathetic to those immigrants are clueless about why U.S. citizens move from state to state.

Let people live where they can be free, and get rich.

John Stossel is host of "Stossel" on the Fox Business Network.

State

Cellphone snoop suspects friend of having an affair

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who I believe is having an affair. I have no concrete evidence, only a slew of circumstantial evidence such as odd work hours, blocks of mystery time set aside at night in his cellphone's day planner, and evading questions about texts from females.

I have no idea how to approach him, or if I even should. I wouldn't know how to begin the conversation with him because I have no solid proof.

I always considered him to be a decent individual, but in the back of my mind now I'm thinking, "He's cheating on his wife!" What makes me uneasy is

that it's all based on my hunch. I'm usually pretty good with my hunches, though.

Any words of wisdom would be welcome. — **NICK IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEARNICK: What are you doing going through your friend's cellphone day planner and reading his texts? He doesn't have to account to you for his time. For all you know the man may be in a 12-step program or a therapy group. If he wanted you to know what he's doing, he would tell you. Right now the "friendliest" thing you can do is mind your own business.

DEAR ABBY: I have worked at my job almost 10 years. Most of the owners are nice, and the staff is great. I like my job most days.

I had a really bad week recently. I felt like I couldn't do anything right. The week ended with a really angry text from my boss. He was right. I was in the wrong, and I apologized. He sent me another text, still angry, and my whole weekend was ruined by it. I kept thinking how mad he was, and how in a few days, I'd start my week in the doghouse.

I can't figure out how not to take work home with me. Also, I can't help but think he was wrong using a text as a means of discussing the issue. I don't want to make him angrier. How do I confront this issue? — **STILL UPSET IN OREGON**

DEAR STILL UPSET: It would have been much better management if your boss had talked with you face to face about what was wrong with your performance. By now, your boss should have cooled off, and I suggest that you have a private chat with him and say that if he has a bone to pick with you, you would prefer to hear it from his lips rather than have it communicated in a text, which was hurtful.

DEAR ABBY: After my best friend of more than 20 years, I'll call him Tim, told me his wife had cheated on him, I confessed that I am in love with him. His response floored me. Tim announced that he has been in love with me all this time and can imagine growing old with only me.

A friend told me I'm committing adultery with Tim because he is now in the process of leaving his cheating wife for me. Am I? We haven't been intimate, nor do we plan to sleep with each other until the divorce is final.

I have loved Tim far longer than she has been in the picture, and I feel this is a chance for happiness that fate has offered us and we are meant to grow old together. Are we wrong to pursue a relationship? — **CONFLICTED IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CONFLICTED: If Tim has been in love with you all these years, he couldn't have had much of a marriage. His wife's infidelity was his "get out of jail" ticket and he took it. I don't know what your "friend's" definition of adultery is, but according to Webster's dictionary, you're not committing it.



The Associated Press

A state Senate committee has heard testimony on a bill that's reviving the debate over whether people should be allowed to sit or lie on Portland's sidewalks. A judge four years ago nullified Portland's "sit-lie" ordinance, saying it conflicted with state law.

Bill revives debate over Portland's 'sit-lie' law

BY STEVEN DUBOIS
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — It's a scene familiar to anyone who spends time on downtown Portland sidewalks: Young panhandlers, dogs and camping gear by their side, asking for money to buy food, beer, bus fare or a place to spend the night.

Most of the time, they're polite. Occasionally, however, they can be disconcertingly aggressive for suburban shoppers unaccustomed to dodging the spare-change seekers.

The Portland Business Alliance, which aims to make downtown a hassle-free place to shop, is pushing the Oregon Legislature to give cities more freedom to pass tougher sidewalk ordinances. The state House overwhelmingly passed such a bill last month and a state Senate committee heard testimony on it Wednesday.

The city of Portland tried to make sidewalks easier to navigate by approving a "sit-lie" ordinance that banned people from sitting or lying on the sidewalk between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. But a judge

nixed it in 2009, saying it conflicted with state law and was unconstitutional.

"Portland, Seattle, San Francisco attract a group of individuals who refuse services, panhandle aggressively, sometimes have dogs with them, and create an environment that is intimidating for customers and is frustrating for business owners," said Megan Doern, business alliance spokeswoman. "We hear about it every day."

At Wednesday's hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, opponents said sit-lie ordinances, such as those approved in other cities, criminalize homeless people and do little to stop aggressive panhandling. Those who testified against the bill said such ordinances are selectively enforced to target the most vulnerable residents, some of whom lack a place to stay for reasons they can't control.

"You can't make it illegal for people to have a mental health crisis," said Monica Goracke, an attorney with the Oregon Law Center.

The committee hasn't scheduled a vote. If it eventually becomes law, the

alliance said it would press the City Council to revisit the sit-lie issue.

Israel Bayer, director of Street Roots, a local newspaper that advocates for homeless people, said in a phone interview that tougher laws against sitting on sidewalks would divide the community while failing to address the greater issues of poverty and homelessness. He said homeless youth along the West Coast have been demonized by pro-business groups for affecting downtown livability.

"We're strong advocates for a healthy business climate and city, but poor people shouldn't be specifically targeted because of their status," Bayer said.

If the bill is approved, it's unclear if the City Council would be ready to revisit the sit-lie controversy. Spokesman Dana Haynes said Mayor Charlie Hales supports the "notion of clarity" on whether the state or city has jurisdiction on such matters but has not taken a position on the specific bill before the legislature or whether to back the type of ordinance rejected four years ago.

Energy company drops Columbia River coal terminal

PORTLAND (AP) — An energy company has dropped plans for a coal export terminal downstream of Portland along the Columbia River and will look for another site in the Northwest, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Kinder Morgan Inc. decided not to seek permits at the Port of St. Helens industrial park because of the site's logistics, not because the debate over coal exports from the Pacific Northwest to Asia, said spokesman Allen Fore.

"We looked at multiple options and different footprints, but we couldn't find one compatible with the facility we wanted to construct," Fore told The Oregonian newspaper.

The decision leaves three other coal export proposals still under consideration in the Northwest: near Bellingham and at Longview in Washington and at Boardman in Oregon.

Two partners recently dropped out of a coal export proposal at Coos Bay along the Oregon coast, and a pro-

posal at Grays Harbor, Wash., was shelved.

The terminal at the Port of St. Helens would have taken up to 30 million tons of coal a year hauled by trains from mines in Wyoming and Montana. Kinder Morgan said its investment of \$150 million to \$200 million would have created 80 permanent jobs at terminal.

The leader of an environmental group said the company faced "tremendous regional and local opposition," citing a turnout of opponents for a recent rezoning meeting and a resolution expressing concerns from a nearby city, Scappoose.

"To say that it's a matter of site logistics is questionable," said Brett VandenHeuvel, executive director of Columbia Riverkeeper.

Fore wouldn't name other sites the company could consider.

"We're a customer driven company," he said, "and our customers are still looking at options in Pacific Northwest."



The Associated Press

Secretary of State Kate Brown testifies at the House Rules Committee at the Capitol in Salem, Wednesday. Brown proposes using driver's license data to automatically register eligible voters.

Bill would make voter registration automatic

SALEM (AP) — Oregon's chief elections official wants almost everyone with a driver's license to be automatically registered to vote.

The plan, proposed by Democratic Secretary of State Kate Brown, would significantly redesign Oregon's voter-registration practices and potentially add hundreds of thousands of newly registered voters to the state.

Combined with Oregon's all-mail elections, the bill would mean that most adult state residents would automatically get a ballot in their mailbox. Republicans have reacted with caution, saying they're concerned about the potential for fraud.

The House Rules Committee heard public testimony on Brown's proposal Wednesday but did not decide whether to advance it.

"Voting is a right and a power afforded every eligible citizen in this state," Brown told the committee. "The purpose of registration is to identify eligible people, not to exclude them."

Nearly 40,000 people tried to register to vote but missed the deadline over the

last three elections, Brown said.

The debate comes amid a fierce disagreement between activists in both parties over the mechanics of voting — how a ballot is cast, and how much proof of identity should be required.

Democrats worry that strict registration and identification requirements disenfranchise voters, particularly young, old and low-income voters who may have more trouble providing proof of their identity and address. Republicans fear that lax restrictions would make it easier for someone to illegally cast a ballot.

The measure would require the Driver and Motor Vehicle Services Division to send names, ages, addresses, citizenship details and digital signatures to the Secretary of State's Office, the state agency in charge of elections. People who meet the legal requirements to vote would be registered if they aren't already, and they'd receive a letter with instructions to cancel their registration or join a political party if they wished to do so.

FAA approves Guard drone training near Pendleton

PENDLETON (AP) — The Oregon Army National Guard has won federal permission to use drones from the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport at Pendleton.

The East Oregonian reports the Federal Aviation Administration has approved the Guard's plan to fly unmanned aerial vehicles over a 100-square-mile area of mostly wheat fields north of the airport to train troops.

The Guard also flies drones from the nearby Boardman Bombing Range, and stations more than 20 troops in Pendleton for the training.

Salem renames meeting venue

SALEM (AP) — Everybody calls it that already, so Salem officials say the facility that hosts large gatherings in Oregon's capital city will henceforth be known as the Salem Convention Center.

It's been officially the Salem Conference Center.

But officials said the "conference" name doesn't reflect the facility's size and amenities — three large rooms that can be divided into fourteen. It hosted about 88,000 people in 2012 and has handled as many as

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1,500 at a time.

State prison inmate walks from work crew

MADRAS (AP) — Authorities say a state prison inmate walked away from a work crew in Central Oregon, and a search failed to find him.

The Bulletin newspaper in Bend reports he was 36-year-old Jason Michael Donaldson.

He was among 20 inmates from the Deer Ridge Correctional Institution in Madras working on a project to reduce wildfire fuels at a trailhead near Bend.

He was reported missing late Tuesday afternoon. Deschutes County deputies say dogs and a plane were used in a search.

Bill would give break to some teen sex offenders

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House has advanced a bill that would allow some teenagers convicted of having sex with underage partners to erase the crime from

their records.

The bill passed in a narrow 31 to 27 vote on Wednesday. It now goes to the Senate.

The bill would apply to people convicted in their teen years of sex crimes that did not involve coercion or force, and who have completed all required court-ordered programs and treatments, among other conditions.

Proponents say the punishment for such sex offenders does not fit the crime. Opponents say people convicted of sex crimes often reoffend and for this reason should not be able to have their records expunged.

Expect traffic delays at Mount Hood today

MOUNT HOOD (AP) — The Oregon Department of Transportation says drivers should expect traffic delays and a big boom today on U.S. 26 on Mount Hood.

Crews will use explosives to remove a cedar tree threatening the roadway near the Tollgate Trailhead.

The blasting is planned for the morning, but travelers should expect traffic delays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Death Notice

Jean Elizabeth Seidel — 59, of Myrtle Point, died May 6, 2013, in Myrtle Point. Arrangements are pending with Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service, Myrtle Point, 541-572-2524.

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Cleveland man arraigned on rape, kidnap charges

CLEVELAND (AP) — A Cleveland man was arraigned today on charges of rape and kidnapping after three women missing for about a decade and one of their young daughters were found alive at his home earlier in the week.

Ariel Castro looked down at the ground for almost the entire court proceeding, biting his collar and signing documents with his handcuffed hands. He didn't speak. Bond was set at \$8 million.

The women found alive after a decade in captivity endured lonely, dark lives inside a dingy home where they were raped and allowed outside only a handful of times in disguises while walking to a garage steps away, investigators say.

The 52-year-old former school bus driver has emerged as the lone suspect.

While many questions remain about how Castro maintained such tight control over the women for so many years before one of

them made a daring escape Monday, the horrors they suffered are beginning to come to light.

Police say the women were apparently bound by ropes and chains at times and were kept in different rooms. They suffered prolonged sexual and psychological abuse and had miscarriages, according to a city councilman.

Castro has been charged with four counts of kidnapping — covering the captives and the daughter born to one of them — and three counts of rape, against all three women.

The women and Castro have given lengthy statements to police that have helped build their case, said Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba.

None of the women, though, gave them any indication that Castro's two older brothers, who've been in custody since Monday, were involved, Tomba said. Prosecutors brought no charges against the brothers, citing a lack of evidence.



The Associated Press
Michael Gore, right, who is paralyzed from a spinal injury, walks with the use of the Indego wearable robot under the supervision of physical therapist Clare Hartigan during a meeting of the American Spinal Injury Association at a downtown hotel in Chicago on Monday.

Wearable robots getting lighter, more portable

CHICAGO (AP) — When Michael Gore stands, it's a triumph of science and engineering. Eleven years ago, Gore was paralyzed from the waist down in a workplace accident, yet he rises from his wheelchair to his full 6-foot-2-inches and walks across the room with help from a light-weight wearable robot.

The technology has many nicknames. Besides "wearable robot," the inventions also are called "electronic legs" or "powered exoskeletons." This version, called Indego, is among several competing products being used and tested in U.S. rehab hospitals that hold promise not only for people such as Gore with spinal injuries, but also those recovering from strokes or afflicted with multiple sclerosis and cerebral palsy.

Still at least a year away from the market, the 27-pound Indego is the lightest of the powered exoskeletons. It snaps together from pieces that fit into a backpack. The goal is for the user to be able to carry it on a wheelchair,

put it together, strap it on and walk independently. None of the products, including the Indego, are yet approved by federal regulators for personal use, meaning they must be used under the supervision of a physical therapist.

Gore, 42, of Whiteville, N.C., demonstrated the device this week at the American Spinal Injury Association meeting in Chicago, successfully negotiating a noisy, crowded hallway of medical professionals and people with spinal injuries in wheelchairs.

When he leans forward, the device takes a first step. When he tilts from side to side, it walks. When Gore wants to stop, he leans back and the robotic leg braces come to a halt. Gore uses forearm crutches for balance. A battery in the hip piece powers the motors in the robotic legs.

"Being able to speak with you eye-to-eye is just a big emotional boost," Gore said to a reporter. "Being able to walk up to you and say hello is not a big thing until you cannot do it."

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High hospital bills go public, but will it help?

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the government is publicly revealing how much hospitals charge, and the differences are astounding: Some bill tens of thousands of dollars more than others for the same treatment, even within the same city.

Why does a joint replacement cost 40 times as much at one hospital as at another across the country? It's a mystery, federal

health officials say.

"It doesn't make sense," Jonathan Blum, Medicare deputy administrator, said Wednesday. The higher charges don't reflect better care, he said.

And the amounts are too huge to be explained by obvious differences among hospitals, such as a more expensive regional economy, older or sicker patients, or the extra costs of running a teaching hospital, he said.

The average charges for joint replacement range from about \$5,300 at an Ada, Okla., hospital to \$223,000 in Monterey Park, Calif., the Department of Health and Human Services said. That doesn't include doctors' fees. Hospitals within the same city also vary greatly. At Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, the average charge to treat a blood clot in a lung is \$51,580. Down the street at NYU Hospitals Center, the charge for the same care would be \$29,869.

At the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, the list price is \$16,861.

That isn't necessarily what you pay.

Medicare pays hospitals on its own fee schedule that isn't based on the listed charges, Blum said. And insurance companies routinely negotiate discount rates with the hospitals.

But patients who are uninsured can be billed the full amount. And some with private insurance may find their share of the bill is inflated as a result of a hospital's higher charges, officials said.

Blum said the Obama administration hopes that releasing the information, at the website www.cms.gov, will help lead to answers to the riddle of hospital pricing — and pressure some hospitals to lower their charges.

The database also will help consumers shop around, he said.

The variations shouldn't be a surprise, since hospitals might violate antitrust regulations if they shared "proposed or negotiated rates" with each other, said Rich Umbdenstock, president of the American Hospital Association. Forty states do require or encourage hospitals to make some payment information publicly available, he said.

Consumer advocates said making the charges public is significant, even if most patients don't pay those rates.

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World

WORLD DIGEST

Bangladesh fire kills 8; collapse toll hits 930

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A fire in an 11-story garment factory in Bangladesh killed eight people, including a ruling party politician and a top official in the country's powerful clothing manufacturers' trade group, as the death toll from the collapse of another garment factory building passed 900 today.

The fire Wednesday night engulfed the lower floors of the Tung Hai Sweater Ltd. factory — which had closed for the day. The blaze, fed by huge piles of acrylic products used to make sweaters, produced immense amounts of smoke.

Hearing on increased security after Boston

WASHINGTON (AP) — Boston's police commissioner told lawmakers conducting the first congressional hearing on the Marathon bombings that government should tighten security around celebratory public events and consider using more undercover officers, special police units and technology, including surveillance cameras — but only in ways that don't run afoul of civil liberties.

Benghazi hearings politicized and not over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Politicians love few things better than a scandal to trip up their opponents, and Republicans hope last year's fatal attack on U.S. diplomats in Libya will do exactly that to Hillary Rodham Clinton and other Democrats.

Republicans and conservative talk hosts are hammering away at Clinton's and the Obama administration's handling of the 8-month-old tragedy. A daylong House Oversight Committee hearing Wednesday started three State Department officials invited by Republicans. Security was poorly handled in Benghazi, Libya, they said, and administration officials later tried to obscure what happened.

But the three men offered little that has not been aired in previous congressional hearings. Afterward, Republicans all but acknowledged they're still seeking a knockout punch.

"This hearing is now over, but this investigation is not," said Darrell Issa of California, the hard-charging Republican chairman of the House committee.

Former Pakistani PM's son snatched at rally

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Gunmen attacked an election rally in Pakistan's southern Punjab province today and abducted the son of a former prime minister, intensifying what has already been a violent run-up to Saturday's nationwide elections.

Ali Haider Gilani, the son of ex-premier Yousuf Raza Gilani from the Pakistan People's Party, is running for a provincial assembly seat in the district of Multan.

Afghan president says U.S. wants to keep nine bases

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. wants to keep nine bases in Afghanistan after American combat troops withdraw in 2014 and the Afghan government will let them as long as it gets "security and economic guarantees," President Hamid Karzai said today in his first public offer in talks about the future relationship between the two uneasy allies.

U.S. officials have made no final announcement about how many troops might remain in Afghanistan after 2014, although they have said as many as 12,000 U.S. and coalition forces could remain to train and advise Afghans and continue counterterrorism

operations against al-Qaida and other extremists.

The Afghan government would have to approve any such decision, but months of negotiations over a bilateral security agreement have been troubled with disagreements over handing over detainees and anger over alleged misbehavior by American troops.

Karzai has made many statements about the issue but gave his first specific statement about bases at a ceremony at Kabul University. "We are giving the bases, nine bases they want from Afghanistan in all of Afghanistan," he said.

But in return, Afghanistan wants a U.S. commitment to boost its security, strengthen

its armed forces and promise long-term economic development.

U.S. Embassy spokesman in Kabul, David Snepp, declined to discuss details of the agreement, citing a policy of not commenting on specifics during the ongoing negotiations.

"However, as President Obama has stated, the U.S. does not seek permanent military bases in Afghanistan. We envision that the BSA (Bilateral Strategic Agreement) will address access to and use of Afghan facilities by U.S. forces in the future," he said.

Karzai did not refer to "existing" bases in his comments, saying only that the U.S. has requested nine bases in the country.

Israel moving ahead with new settler housing

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has given preliminary approval to build nearly 300 housing units in a West Bank settlement, a spokesman said today, bringing a Palestinian rebuke and possibly complicating U.S. efforts to relaunch Mideast peace talks.

The approval came as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry met with Israel's chief negotiator in Rome. The negotiator, Justice Minister Tzipi Livni played down the new housing approval.


Maj. Guy Inbar, a military spokesman, said 296 homes in the Beit El settlement were granted initial approval Wednesday. The plan would still need further official endorsement following public appeals, and activists projected that construction could begin in about a year if it passes.

Earlier this week, both set-


tlement supporters and opponents claimed that Israel had quietly halted issuing tenders for new settlement construction in recent months, in an apparent bid to bolster Kerry's diplomacy.

West Bank settlement construction lies at the heart of the current impasse in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. The Palestinians refuse to resume talks with Israel as long as it continues to build in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, lands they claim as part of a future state, along with the Gaza Strip. Israel captured the territories in the 1967 Mideast war.


The Beit El construction is part of an agreement on compensation offered to settlers uprooted from their homes in the unauthorized Ulpana outpost last year following a court ruling.




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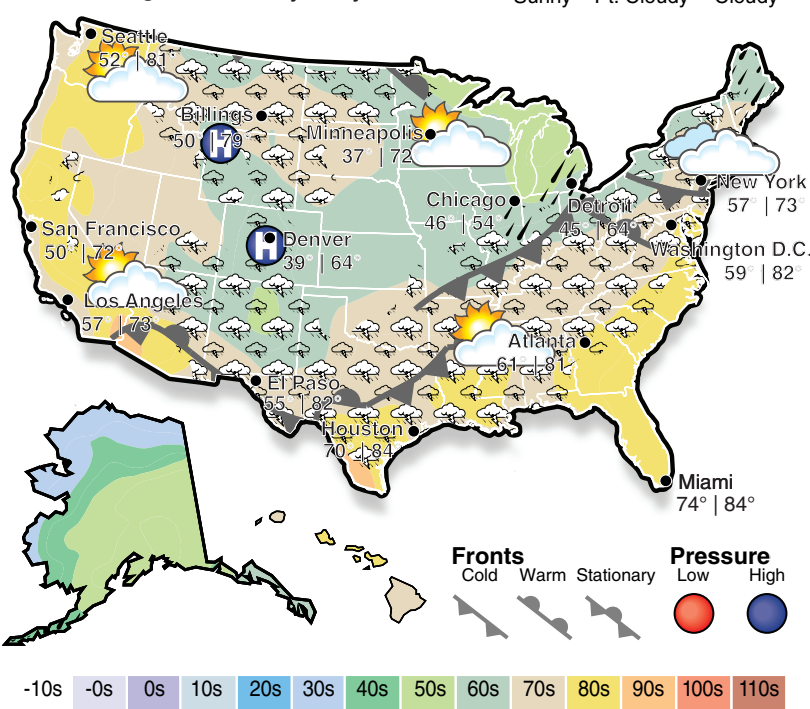
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Weather

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, May 10



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Albuquerque	72	47	pcdy		Philadelphia	73	57	.81	rn
Anchorage	53	34	cdy		Phoenix	84	68		clr
Atlanta	76	58	pcdy		Pittsburgh	73	54	cdy	
Atlanta City	71	55	.03	cdy	Pocatello	68	36	.01	cdy
Austin	85	70	cdy		Portland, Maine	69	52	.43	cdy
Baltimore	71	51	.17	cdy	Portland, Ore.	72	57	.15	rn
Billings	71	43	cdy		Raleigh-Durham	72	54	.16	clr
Birmingham	79	55	cdy		Reno	70	48	pcdy	
Boise	79	52	cdy		Richmond	70	54	.44	cdy
Boston	66	53	.39	rn	Sacramento	74	53	.03	pcdy
Buffalo	69	56	.37	rn	St. Louis	84	65		rn
Burlington, Vt.	81	58	.26	cdy	Salt Lake City	65	46	.03	cdy
Casper	71	36	cdy		San Angelo	85	69	cdy	
Charleston, S.C.	81	63	pcdy		San Diego	70	61	cdy	
Charleston, W.Va.	68	51	.09	pcdy	San Francisco	61	52	pcdy	
Charlotte, N.C.	76	53	clr		San Jose	67	54	pcdy	
Cheyenne	63	39	.10	cdy	Santa Fe	67	40	pcdy	
Chicago	79	53	rn		Seattle	66	50	pcdy	
Cincinnati	77	57	.01	cdy	Sioux Falls	65	55	.86	rn
Cleveland	72	55	.03	pcdy	Spokane	82	57	clr	
Colorado Springs	52	40	.74	rn	Syracuse	69	52	.16	rn
Columbus, Ohio	72	51	cdy		Tampa	80	65	clr	
Concord, N.H.	75	55	.13	cdy	Toledo	78	51	cdy	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	85	67	rn		Tucson	83	58	pcdy	
Daytona Beach	82	60	pcdy		Tulsa	83	59	.89	cdy
Denver	62	45	.24	cdy	Washington, D.C.	72	56	.04	cdy
Des Moines	71	56	.54	rn	W. Palm Beach	83	64	clr	
Detroit	79	53	.01	cdy	Wichita	78	56	.50	cdy
El Paso	82	61	pcdy		Wilmington, Del.	72	57	.60	rn

South Coast

Tonight: Areas of fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northwest wind 6 to 11 mph.
Friday: Areas of fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 62. Light west wind.
Friday Night: Areas of fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. West wind around 6 mph.
Saturday: Areas of fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67. Calm wind.

Curry County Coast

Tonight: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. West southwest wind 5 to 7 mph.
Friday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68. Calm wind.
Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 51. West wind around 6 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind.

Rogue Valley

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Calm wind.

Willamette Valley

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. North wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming north northwest 5 to 7 mph.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Calm wind.

Portland area

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 52. North northwest wind 5 to 8 mph becoming calm after midnight.
Friday: Sunny, with a high near 80. Light north-northwest wind.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. North northwest wind 5 to 7 mph.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Calm wind becoming southwest around 6 mph.

North Coast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. North wind 7 to 11 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.
Friday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Northwest wind 5 to 7 mph.
Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northwest wind 5 to 8 mph.
Saturday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph.

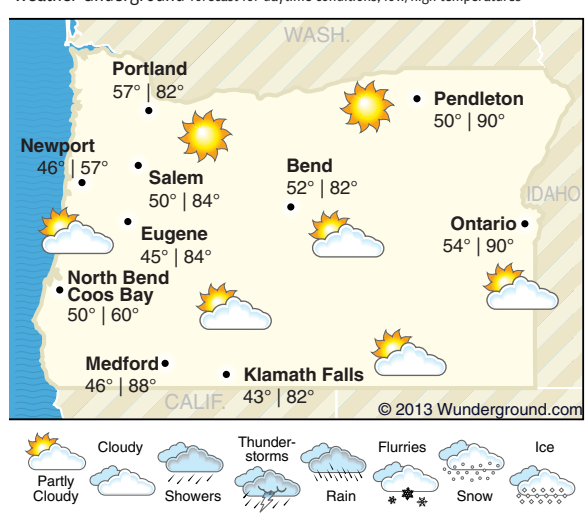
Central Oregon

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Light wind.
Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 48.
Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 79. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

Oregon weather

Friday, May 10

Weather Underground forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



Oregon Temps

Temperature extremes and precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 5 a.m. today.

Location	Hi	Lo	Prec
Astoria	60	52	0
Brookings	60	50	0
Corvallis	70	44	0
Eugene	70	44	0
Klamath Falls	68	38	0.08
La Grande	82	43	0
Medford	77	53	0
Newport	55	50	0
Pendleton	85	49	0
Portland	69	53	0
Redmond	83	42	0
Roseburg	78	52	0
Salem	69	45	0

Local high, low, rainfall

Wednesday: High 61, low 52
Rain: none
Total rainfall to date: 12.34 inches
Rainfall to date last year: 24.75 inches
Average rainfall to date: 31.73 inches

The Tide Tables

To find the tide prediction for your area, add or subtract minutes as indicated. To find your estimated tidal height, multiply the listed height by the high or low ratio for your area.

Location	High time	ratio	Low time	ratio
Bandon	-0:18	.81	-0:06	.84
Brookings	-0:40	.81	-0:30	.91
Charleston	-0:11	.89	-0:04	.91
Coos Bay	+1:20	.86	+1:24	.84
Florence	+0:38	.77	+0:54	.75
Port Orford	-0:28	.86	-0:23	.99
Reedsport	+1:05	.79	+1:20	.75
Umpqua River	-0:01	.81	-0:01	.91

Extended outlook

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy 62/52	Partly sunny 67/55
SUNDAY	MONDAY
Chance of rain 63/54	Chance of rain 62/48

CHEESE

Cheese maker has won awards

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build a new cheese factory. After groundbreaking in August and construction beginning in October, Drobot announced he had hired Brad Sinko, son of former Bandon cheese factory owner Joe Sinko, as head cheese maker. The younger Sinko began his career at his father's factory and made a name for himself at Beecher's Handmade Cheese in Seattle's Pike Place Market. He has won major awards for his cheese, an accomplishment Drobot predicts will continue at Face Rock.

Along with Face Rock cheese, other local products available at the factory include clothing with the creamery's logo, Northwest cheeses, Coastal Mist Chocolates, Misty Meadows Jams, Hazel's Cranberry Catsup, Raven Soaps, Northwest wines and beers, and even a recently released historical book about Bandon.

Wednesday, people slowly filed into the building to taste and buy cheese and generous scoops of Umpqua Dairy ice cream.

Drobot and Joe Sinko cheerfully served cones alongside



By Alysha Beck, The World

Kendal Myers, 4, enjoys a big scoop of Umpqua ice cream during the opening of the Face Rock Creamery in Bandon on Wednesday. The opening featured cheese samples, ice cream, beer and food.

employees. Sinko and his crew could be seen making cheese curds behind heavy glass. People came from all over the county for the opening.

"I stood in line for almost an hour," said Stephanie Kilmer of Coos Bay. "This is so exciting."

Kilmer grew up in Coos Bay and visited the former cheese factory on family outings.

"I think this is a remarkable

step, especially considering the economy, to have something so positive," Kilmer added. "This will be huge for Bandon and for the area."

Others were equally excited. "I think this is the best thing to happen in Bandon in 10 years," said Jeff Stitt of Bandon.

Julie Heron of Coos Bay recalled visiting the former cheese factory.

PAC

College founder's son has given \$7K to PAC

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it is only assisting us with funding and the PAC was not created by the Democratic Party," Kremers said.

Kremers made that denial in an email objecting to a Tuesday story in The World. The story described a group of four candidates running for the officially nonpartisan SWOCC board under the slogan, "Democrats for Education." Campaign literature paid for by the PAC publicizes candidates Stoddard, Kremers, Holly Hall Stamper and Renee Menkens.

During an interview Wednesday, Stoddard also said the candidates weren't in control of the PAC.

"It's not our PAC," Stoddard said. "The primary person in charge of that is Mark McKelvey and Carla McKelvey."

Mark McKelvey is chairman of the Coos County Democrats and host of a local radio talk show. His wife is a physician at North Bend Medical Center.

A statement of organization for the PAC, which became effective April 8, describes the organization as a "candidate-controlled committee." It lists the controlling candidates as Kremers, Stoddard, Stamper, Menkens and Bandon Port Commissioner Rick Goche.

The filing lists the McKelveys as the directors of the committee. Mark McKelvey is listed as the organization's treasurer.

In a letter to The World published today, Mark McKelvey said Stamper, Stoddard and Kremers had sought and received Democratic Party endorsements. The party certified both incumbent David Bridgham and Menkens, his challenger, but it made no endorsement in that race. McKelvey had been scheduled to meet with The World on Wednesday, but he canceled the meeting and submitted the letter instead.

McKelvey said all five were offered access to the Democratic Party's Voter Activation Network database. In an interview with The World Monday, Bridgham said he had declined because he objected to its use in a nonpartisan race.

The PAC's biggest contributor to date is Portland lawyer Peter Hansen, the son of SWOCC founder and prominent long-shoreman Henry Hansen. Hansen has made a total of \$7,000 in donations to the PAC since its original registration with the state.

Reporter Thomas Moriarty can be reached at 541-269-1222, ext. 240.



Danny Stoddard "Not our PAC"



Julie Kremers "I am not a member"

Coal deal stalls as firms renegotiate

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A proposed deal on a Montana coal mine that supporters said would boost Asian exports of the fuel via the West Coast has stalled, as court documents show the companies involved are renegotiating terms of the sale.

Representatives of the two companies said Wednesday that a deal still was expected.

They would not disclose what prompted the renegotiation or what the new terms could entail.

The deal announced in December involved a complex transaction in which Australia-based Ambre Energy would pay \$57 million to Cloud Peak Energy for full control of the Decker mine near the Wyoming border.

The cash payment was to increase to \$64 million if the deal did not close by March 31, meaning the delay potentially already has cost Ambre \$7 million.

Ambre wants to ramp up

production from the once-bustling Decker mine and ship the coal to growing Asian markets through a pair of proposed ports along the Columbia River.

But the company faces stiff opposition in Oregon and Washington state, and critics have questioned whether Ambre has the financial wherewithal to see its ambitious plans to fruition.

Another coal export proposal along the Columbia — a Kinder Morgan, Inc. shipping terminal downstream of Portland — was abandoned this week, when the company said the site it selected was not compatible with its plans. Kinder Morgan said it will look for another site in the region.

Cloud Peak, one of the largest coal producers in the U.S., is seeking land and rail easements for a new Wyoming mine in the deal with Ambre.

The Wyoming-based com-

pany also would gain the option to move 5 million tons of coal annually through Ambre's Millennium port in Longview, Wash. — part of an industry-wide strategy to increase exports as domestic coal sales have faltered.

It was not clear what prompted the companies to seek an extension of a May 10 deadline they faced to settle a dispute over the Decker mine. The mine is co-owned by Cloud Peak and Ambre and has been the subject of a management quarrel that led to a lawsuit in U.S. District Court.

In a joint court filing, the companies asked to have until July 12 to finalize the deal.

"The underlying transaction is complicated and the parties are renegotiating the terms of the proposed sale due to unforeseen complications," attorneys for the companies wrote.

The court deadline already

had been extended once, from an original date of April 1.

A Cloud Peak spokesman declined to say what parts of the deal were up for renegotiation. Spokesman Rick Curtsinger referred to a statement in Cloud Peak's May 1 quarterly report that said the deal would close in the first half of 2013.

Ambre spokeswoman Liz Fuller said the Australian company has "no doubt" the deal will come together in coming months. She added that the company has proven it can raise funding after coming up with money for other mine acquisitions and its two port projects.

In 2011, Ambre bought 50 percent stakes in Decker and a second mine, Wyoming's Black Butte, that it owns with Anadarko Petroleum. Ambre last year announced a deal to supply up to 5.5 million tons of coal per year to a pair of utilities in South Korea.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

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Nike	63.90	64.09	Umpqua Bank	12.55	12.61
NW Natural	45.52	45.18	Weyerhaeuser	31.33	31.75
Safeway	24.24	24.24	Xerox	8.80	8.94
SkyWest	14.37	14.23	Dow Jones closed	15,105.12	
Starbucks	62.41	62.36			

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Wednesday's winning numbers: 36-37-43-69	No national winner. 21-22-26-30-57 Powerball: 27 Jackpot: \$222 million Next Jackpot: \$270 million	Wednesday's winning numbers: 1 p.m.: 9-5-5-4 4 p.m.: 1-5-7-2 7 p.m.: 7-3-5-6 10 p.m.: 9-4-2-5
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Lakers win golf tourney

THE WORLD

The Southwestern Oregon Community College men's golf team is peaking just in time for its home meet and the upcoming NWAACC championships.

The Lakers won the Cardinal Classic on Monday.

SWOCC shot a season-best 302 during the final day to overtake host Skagit Valley, finishing with a two-day total of 620 to win by four shots. The Lakers also had the tournament medalist, Justin Wiles, who shot a 2-under 70 on Monday to finish the event at 142.

"This was a good win for us, the first win for the men's golf program in the last few years," said SWOCC coach Ray Fabien. "This should really give us a little momentum for our home tournament this weekend."

The Lakers host their invitational at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort on Sunday and Monday. The NWAACC championships is the following weekend at Walla Walla, Wash.

SWOCC's other individuals at Skagit Valley included Andy Clayton (153), Cole Chavez (162), Tyler Swinton (164), Trey Udy (166) and J.D. Hurd (168).

Earlier, the Lakers tied for fourth at Suncadia, finished third at the Bigfoot Invitational and finished second at Green River. Wiles was in the top five at all of those tournaments.

Fabien said he loves how the team has been playing.

"Hopefully this will kind of give us a little confidence that we have really a good golf team," he said. "The results would definitely indicate that."

SOFTBALL

SWOCC can clinch a spot in the NWAACC tournament with a win Friday in either game of the regular-season finale doubleheader at home against Chemeketa.

The Lakers split a twin bill with Lower Columbia in Kelso, Wash., on Tuesday, losing 7-1 and winning 6-5.

In the victory, Demiree Briones drove in three runs and Morgan Streeter and Jayme Simonis each scored twice.

Heading into the final games, the Lakers trail the South Region's top two teams and can't move up in the standings. But they can move down.

Mount Hood is 14-4 and Clackamas is 13-5. Those two teams handed the Lakers six of their eight league losses.

SWOCC is 10-8, while Lower Columbia is 9-9 and Chemeketa is 8-10.

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The Associated Press

Golden State's Klay Thompson celebrates a basket against the San Antonio Spurs during the first half Wednesday.

Warriors hold on for rare win

■ Golden State gets first win at San Antonio since 1997

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Golden State coach Mark Jackson insisted the Warriors' historic collapse in the opener of the Western Conference semifinals would only help his team's growth.

The young Warriors took a big step in their development Wednesday night, withstanding another furious rally by the San Antonio Spurs for a 100-91 victory to even their series at one game apiece and snap a 30-game skid in the Alamo City.

Klay Thompson had a career-high 34 points and 14 rebounds, and Stephen Curry added 22 points for Golden State, which had not won in San Antonio since Feb. 14, 1997. None of the losses was as painful as the one Monday.

"I truly believe the trials and tribulations are transportation for where you're going," Jackson said. "Game 1 made us better. We didn't panic. We made plays. That's a heck of a basketball team that's extremely well-coached and has no quit in them. We don't have any quit in us, either. The bottom line is we made the plays we needed to make."

Tim Duncan scored 23 points and Tony Parker added 20 for San

Antonio, which had won five straight in the postseason. Manu Ginobili had 12 points and Kawhi Leonard had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Warriors blew a 16-point lead with 4 minutes left in regulation in the series opener and lost 129-127 in double overtime. No NBA team had blown such a big lead with such little time left in a playoff game.

It appeared Golden State was headed for a similar collapse Wednesday night, but the heart-breaking loss actually helped settle the players' nerves.

"Coach told us to have amnesia at halftime," Curry said. "We're a young team so that might help that we can forget about it and just keep playing and having fun, not worry about that 19-point lead getting cut to six. That's going to happen; you're on the road against a great veteran basketball team, so you can't get too rattled."

Golden State led by 20 points with 8:38 left in the third quarter, but San Antonio pulled within 97-89 on Ginobili's 3-pointer with 4:23 left in the game.

But it was the closest the Spurs would come, as they missed six straight shots before Cory Joseph sank a 16-footer with 18.9 seconds remaining.

"What happened in Game 1 wasn't about their inexperience,"

Ginobili said. "It's one of those things that happens very rarely. We shouldn't have won that game. They came out hungrier and with more determination. They just did a much better job than us."

Thompson, who scored 29 points in the first half, finished 8 for 9 on 3-pointers and 13 for 26 overall.

"Klay was unbelievable," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "A lot of those shots were tough. Some of them were wide open because of mistakes, but other ones were difficult shots, either contested or off-balance, but he knocked them down. That's what the playoffs are about; players have to make shots."

The Warriors did so as a group. Harrison Barnes had 13 points, Carl Landry added 10 and Andrew Bogut had six points and 11 rebounds.

After scoring 44 points in the opener, Curry's total was cut in half as he shot 7 for 20 from the field.

"I thought it was polite of (Curry and Thompson) to at least take turns and not both be on fire on the same night," Popovich said. "Maybe the next iteration (of that) will be neither one of them will be hot in Game 3, that's what I'm hoping."

SEE WARRIORS | B3

Marshfield softball team falls

THE WORLD

Marshfield's softball team stumbled on the road Wednesday, falling 4-3 at North Eugene in a Midwestern League game.

"We didn't play very well," said Marshfield coach Floyd Montiel. "We had some crucial mistakes defensively, also, that they capitalized on."

North Eugene scored two runs in the first and two runs in the fifth and then held off the Pirates, who had two runs in the sixth, but couldn't push the tying run across the plate.

Marshfield dropped one spot in the Class 5A power rankings to 16th, which is a significant number. If the Pirates stay in the top 16, they will host a game in the play-in round next week.

Marshfield plays one more Midwestern League game, at first-place Churchill on Friday. The Pirates also have scheduled a non-league game at home Tuesday against Glide.

In Wednesday's loss, Breanne Johnson had two hits and an RBI for the Pirates and Mackenzie Vick also had two hits, but the rest of the team only had one.

"We didn't have a lot of emotion and were sluggish at the plate," Montiel said. "We had some crucial fumbling of the ball that would have helped us get out of some innings."

Johnson gave up eight hits to North Eugene, but generally pitched well, the coach said.

The Pirates will have to improve on offense to have a chance against Churchill, which won a close game in Coos Bay during the first meeting of the teams.

"We need to hit," Montiel said. "Obviously, Breanne did enough to keep the score down the last two games. We need to score more runs than they do."

Bandon 11, Riddle 7: The Tigers won their home finale in a game that featured good offense by Bandon and an act of great sportsmanship by Riddle.

Riddle scored six runs to tie the game in the sixth inning before Bandon went back in front with four runs of its own.

Cheyenne Young continued to swing a hot bat with a triple, double and two singles for the Tigers. Savannah Williams had a single and a two-run double.

Bandon's Amy Schoonmaker gave up eight hits, but also struck out a season-high 11 batters.

Schoonmaker and Jessica McGeehon were honored for senior day before the game. Later, Schoonmaker was involved in a play that resulted in impressive sportsmanship, Bandon coach Rick Hinojosa said.

After leading off from first base, Schoonmaker dove for the bag to avoid a tag. Riddle's first baseman caught the ball, but also a glove full of dirt from catching the low throw — flinging dirt into Schoonmaker's face and eyes.

Riddle's pitcher immediately ran to the Irish dugout and returned with a bottle of water to help Schoonmaker flush the dirt from her eyes, then offered her own sleeve for Schoonmaker to wipe her eyes.

"Seeing players, even if on opposite teams, help out a fellow player was really appreciated by the crowd," Hinojosa said.

The Tigers visit Coquille on Tuesday and then travel to Glide for a doubleheader next Friday as they tune up for the Class 3A playoffs.

BASEBALL

North Eugene 8, Marshfield 6: The Pirates just missed their second straight league win, battling the Highlanders to the end in Eugene.

North Eugene broke a 5-5 tie with three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Tommy Ahlstrom had four RBIs for the Highlanders.

The Pirates had erased a 5-0 lead with five runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Marshfield finishes the season at Churchill on Friday.

Hockey could be a summer delight

Last weekend was one of the busiest sport weekends of the year. The Kentucky Derby, the biggest boxing card of the year, the NBA playoffs and NASCAR at Talladega. Add Cinco de Mayo and Orthodox Easter, and relaxing was a chore by Sunday afternoon.

Taking precedence over everything was my annual attempt to watch the NHL playoffs on television.

Hockey is my favorite sport to watch live at the arena. The crowds are smart and energetic. There are two intermissions, which double the chances for bathroom breaks and concession runs. The ice rink cools the heat generated by hordes of spectators.

But if you give me a choice, on a cold winter night, I'll stay home. Enduring a 19,000-seat refrigerator in the dead of winter is like having a Slurpee in a snowstorm.

The only reason hockey is a winter sport is that it originally had to be played outdoors. So here's my contribution to sports blasphemy: Why doesn't the NHL move its season to the summer?

The season could start in March and end in mid-August. It would compete mostly with baseball, a sport whose popularity is on a steady downward trajectory since the steroids scandals.

Baseball and hockey are polar

opposites. Baseball is slow and deliberate. Hockey is fast and improvised, similar to its immediate competitor, basketball. Fans of kinetic frenzy wouldn't have to choose.

The fan experience would be so much better. People in St.

Louis and Tampa Bay could get out of the humidity and sit around ice. I know this sounds juvenile, but I've been to a lot of awful superhero movies in mid-July. Given a choice between "Thor" and hockey, I'll pick slap shots over hammers.

I know the automatic counterargument: It's tradition. We've always had it in the winter.

Tradition isn't a good enough excuse in this case. The NHL isn't a sport that dilly-dallies about evolving. If there's something fans want changed, the NHL changes it. The NHL has adopted replay, increased the goal size for more offense and eliminated ties with shootouts. Cutting-edge stuff.

I had a pipe dream that this year's NHL lockout would last long enough for my theory to be tested. It didn't. It just alienated fans for several months and chopped the season almost in half.

But I can't complain. As they say, "There's always the next lockout."



The Associated Press

FC Dallas forward Kenny Cooper, back, battles for a header with Portland defender Mamadou Danso during the first half Wednesday.

Timbers tie FC Dallas

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRISCO, Texas — Kenny Cooper scored on a penalty kick in the 77th minute to lift FC Dallas into a 1-1 tie with the Portland Timbers on Wednesday night.

The draw extended the unbeaten streaks for two of the hottest clubs in MLS to eight games apiece.

Cooper's second goal of the season came after Portland's Andrew Jean-Baptiste was shown a yellow card for pulling down Blas

Perez inside the penalty area. The ball wasn't anywhere near them when Perez tumbled to the ground.

"It was just me and Perez battling," Jean-Baptiste said. "He was holding onto me; I was holding onto him; we were just both fighting for it, but the ref felt like I drug him down."

Cooper then stepped to the dot and slotted a low shot just inside the left post to tie it.

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Marsh and trail run canceled

THE WORLD

The Millicoma Marsh and Trail Run that had been scheduled for Saturday has been canceled.

The South Coast Running Club event will be held during the fall cross country season.

Sports

NBA honors Karl for Denver's year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — George Karl was named the NBA's Coach of the Year for leading the Denver Nuggets to a team-record 57 wins this season.

Karl got 62 first-place votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Golden State eliminated the Nuggets 92-88 in Game 6 last Thursday night.

It's the first time Karl has won the award in 25 seasons. He joins Doug Moe as the only Denver coaches to earn the honor.

Oregon adds another senior hoops transfer

EUGENE — Forward Mike Moser says he'll transfer to Oregon for his senior season.

Moser, who went to Portland's Grant High School, averaged 14 points and 10.5 rebounds at UNLV as a sophomore but was hampered by injury as a junior.

The 6-foot-8 forward confirmed his decision via Twitter, saying he's excited to be going home. If Moser completes a final course for his undergraduate degree at UNLV, he'll be eligible to play immediately for Oregon.

BASEBALL

Happ is back in stadium a day after injury

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — J.A. Happ feels fortunate.

Less than 24 hours after he was hit on the head by a line drive and carted off the field, the Toronto Blue Jays pitcher was back at Tropicana Field on Wednesday.

The 30-year-old said he had a skull fracture behind his left ear that doctors believe will heal on its own, as well as a sore right knee that he tweaked when he dropped to the ground Tuesday night.

Otherwise, he felt pretty good after his release from Bayfront Medical Center. He does not have a concussion.

Happ, who was put on the 15-day disabled list, had a brief conversation with Tampa Bay's Desmond Jennings, who hit the line drive that caught Happ squarely on the left side of the head. Happ shook hands with several teammates outside the Blue Jays clubhouse while assuring each one: "I'm fine."

SOCCER

Famed English manager Ferguson will retire

MANCHESTER, England — Alex Ferguson is retiring at the end of the season, bringing a close to a trophy-filled career of more than 26 years at Manchester United that established him as the most successful coach in British football history.

"The decision to retire is one that I have thought a great deal about and one that I have not taken lightly," the 71-year-old Scotsman said in a statement on Wednesday. "It is the right time."

PRO FOOTBALL

Ronde Barber retires after 16-year NFL career

TAMPA, Fla. — Three-time All-Pro Ronde Barber is retiring after a 16-year career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that included a Super Bowl title and five Pro Bowl appearances.

The Bucs announced that the 38-year-old twin brother of former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber will not return to play on a defense overhauled since the end of last season. Tampa Bay acquired Darrelle Revis, Dashon Goldson and second-round draft pick Johnthan Banks for its secondary.

BASEBALL

Halladay will have surgery to remove bone spur

SAN FRANCISCO — Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay will have arthroscopic surgery to repair a bone spur in his right shoulder.

Halladay will undergo a procedure in his right shoulder to repair a partially torn rotator cuff and remove a bone spur. He also has some fraying of the labrum.

GOLF

Singh sues PGA Tour for 'public humiliation'

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Vijay Singh sued the PGA Tour for exposing him to "public humiliation and ridicule" during a 12-week investigation into his use of deer antler spray that ended last week when the tour dropped its case against him.

The lawsuit was a surprise, and so was the timing — the day before The Players Championship, the flagship event on the PGA Tour held on its home course where Singh has honed his game for the last two decades.

AUTO RACING

Appeals panel reduces penalties against JGR

CONCORD, N.C. — A NASCAR appeals panel sided with Joe Gibbs Racing and eased some of the penalties imposed for having an illegal part in Matt Kenseth's race-winning engine at Kansas last month.

NASCAR punished JGR after discovering during a post-race inspection that one of eight connecting rods in the engine at the April 21 race did not meet the minimum weight requirement. The part was too light by 3 grams, less than the weight of an envelope.

JGR did not dispute the part was illegal, but argued the penalties were too severe because it leases its engines from Toyota Racing Development and is not permitted to touch anything inside of them. Toyota accepted responsibility and insisted one light rod did not give Kenseth a performance advantage.

The three-member National Stock Car Racing Appeals Panel agreed and dramatically reduced almost every penalty.

The points deducted from Kenseth were reduced from 50 to 12, which moves him from 11th in the standings to fourth. The panel also reinstated the three bonus points he earned for the victory for seeding in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

The panel also reduced crew chief Jason Ratcliff's suspension from six races to one race, and eliminated the six-race suspension for owner Joe Gibbs. It let stand Ratcliff's \$200,000 fine.

The only action the panel took was increasing Toyota's penalty from a five-point fine to seven points.



The Associated Press

Oakland manager Bob Melvin argues with umpire Angel Hernandez in the ninth inning Wednesday after a hit by Adam Rosales was ruled a double instead of a home run against the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

Oakland loses after disputed call

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — An apparent game-tying homer by Oakland's Adam Rosales was ruled a double by umpires in the ninth inning, and the Cleveland Indians held on to beat the Athletics 4-3 on Wednesday night.

Rosales sent a drive off Indians closer Chris Perez that looked as if it cleared the left-field wall. However, second base umpire Angel Hernandez called it a double, and the crew concurred with the original ruling after leaving the field to review the videotape.

When the umpires returned and told Rosales to stay at second, A's manager Bob Melvin sprinted onto the field and was immediately ejected.

TV replays appeared to show the ball cleared the yellow stripe and hit a metal railing above the 19-foot high wall.

Perez wound up loading the bases before getting the final out as the Indians won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Nick Swisher and Carlos Santana homered for Cleveland.

Twins 15, Red Sox 8: Pedro Florimon had a solo homer and a two-run double in Minnesota's season-high, seven-run second inning that carried the Twins to a rout over Boston.

David Ortiz went 0-for-5 with two strikeouts and three groundouts to snap his 27-game hitting streak, dating back to last season. Ortiz had hit safely in his first 15 games this season.

Rays 10, Blue Jays 4: Matt Moore won his sixth straight decision to start the season, Evan Longoria drove in three runs, and Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Moore (6-0) overcame control issues, allowing two runs, six hits and four walks in five innings.

Astros 3, Angels 1: Bud Norris (4-3) pitched into the ninth inning and Chris Carter homered for the second straight game to help Houston over Los Angeles.

The victory gives Houston its third series win of the season. The Angels dropped to 4-13 away from Anaheim.

Angels starter Joe Blanton (0-6) allowed eight hits and three runs in 6 2-3 innings to remain winless this season.

Orioles 5, Royals 3: J.J. Hardy homered, Chris Tillman (3-1) won his third straight start and Baltimore took advantage of three errors by Kansas City in a victory.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Giants 4, Phillies 3: Andres Torres lined a game-ending single to right field with two outs in the 10th inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a victory against the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday to avoid a sweep.

Javier Lopez (1-0) pitched the 10th for the win after Sergio Romo blew his second save in 14 opportunities, failing to finish off Barry Zito's gem.

Buster Posey hit a pinch-hit single to start the 10th against Antonio Bastardo (1-1) and was sacrificed to second by Joaquin Arias. Posey advanced to third on a wild pitch before Torres came through with his fourth career game-ending hit.

The Giants earned their fifth walkoff victory.

Padres 1, Marlins 0: Jason Marquis (4-2) outpitched Ricky Nolasco, Yonder Alonso had a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning and San Diego completed a three-game sweep of Miami.

Huston Street pitched the ninth to pick up his eighth save in eight chances.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 4: Carlos Beltran and Jon Jay drove in two runs apiece, and St. Louis won for the seventh time in eight games to improve to a major league-best 14-7 on the road.

Beltran also had three hits as St. Louis went 5-1 on a six-game swing to Milwaukee and Chicago, with the lone loss coming Tuesday in their first game of the season against the last-place Cubs.

Braves 7, Reds 2: Dan Uggla hit a pair of solo homers and Juan Francisco added his first career grand slam as Atlanta recovered from a stunning last-swing loss the previous day.

Atlanta took two of three, the first series the Reds lost at home this season.

Diamondbacks 3, Dodgers 2: Paul Goldschmidt homered twice, including a tie-breaking shot for the second straight game, lifting Arizona over slumping Los Angeles.

The D-backs completed a three-game sweep of the Dodgers, who have dropped a season-high seven straight games.

INTERLEAGUE

Yankees 3, Rockies 2: Pinch-hitter Brennan Boesch hit a tiebreaking infield single with the bases loaded in the ninth off closer Rafael Betancourt and New York snapped a five-game skid at Coors Field. It's the first time New York has won in the Mile High City since June, 19, 2002.

Rangers 4, Brewers 1: Derek Holland allowed one run over seven shaky innings and Texas benefited from two Milwaukee baserunning blunders to beat the Brewers 4-1.

Holland (3-2), who struck out six and walked none, yielded 10 hits — including two in the second, three in the third and three in the sixth. He escaped with the help of some sloppy baserunning by the Brewers, who had a runner thrown out at the plate to end the third and another thrown out at third base in the sixth.

Nationals 3, Tigers 1: Bryce Harper hit a solo homer and drove in another run with a sacrifice fly, Jordan Zimmermann won his NL-leading sixth game and Washington won for the fifth time in six games.

Zimmermann (6-1), whose scoreless streak was snapped at 20 innings in the third, allowing a run on seven hits over seven innings. He fanned seven and lowered his ERA to 1.59.

White Sox 6, Mets 3: Jake Peavy (4-1) pitched three-hit ball in his return from a balky back, Alejandro De Aza had a leadoff homer and Chicago earned a split of the two-game interleague series.

Alex Rios homered among his three hits and knocked in two runs for the White Sox.

Mariners 2, Pirates 1: Felix Hernandez scattered six hits and Jesus Montero broke a tie with a solo home run in the seventh inning off A.J. Burnett to lead Seattle.

Hernandez (5-2) struck out five and walked one to improve to 4-0 in his last five starts while shaving his ERA to 1.53.

Boston takes 3-1 lead against Maple Leafs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — David Krejci scored his third goal of the night at 13:06 of overtime Wednesday, giving the Boston Bruins a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs and a 3-1 lead in their playoff series.

The Bruins are 15-2 when leading a best-of-seven series 3-1. And Toronto is 2-12-1 in

its last 15 games in Boston.

Rangers 4, Capitals 3: Dan Girardi and Derek Stepan scored third-period goals for the York Rangers, who squandered a two-goal lead and then held on to get even in the best-of-seven series.

Game 5 will be back in Washington on Friday before the series returns to Madison Square Garden on Sunday. The home team has won all

four games.

Kings 3, Blues 2, OT: Slava Voynov scored on an odd-man rush eight minutes into overtime and the Los Angeles Kings beat the St. Louis Blues for the third straight time Wednesday.

The win put the defending Stanley Cup champions on the verge of surviving the first round, leading 3-2 heading to Game 6 in Los Angeles

on Friday night.

Ducks 3, Red Wings 2, OT: Nick Bonino scored 1:54 into overtime, and the Ducks moved to the brink of the second round. Defenseman Ben Lovejoy took the puck behind the Detroit net and fed it in front. Bonino scored for the Ducks, who took a 3-2 series lead.

Game 6 is Friday night at Joe Louis Arena.

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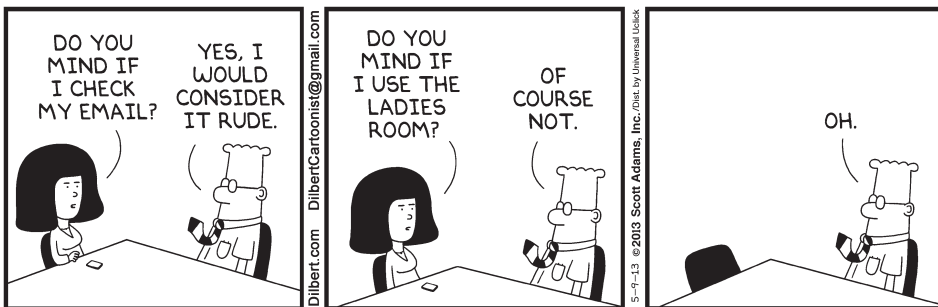
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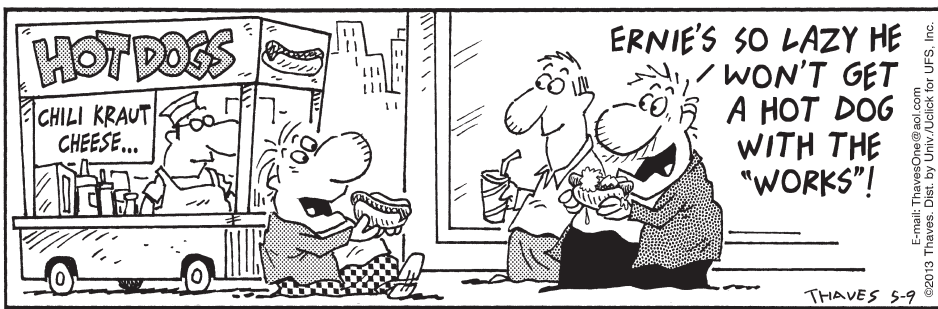
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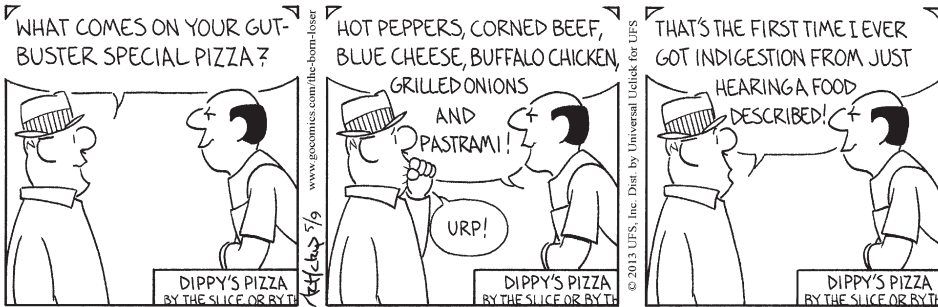
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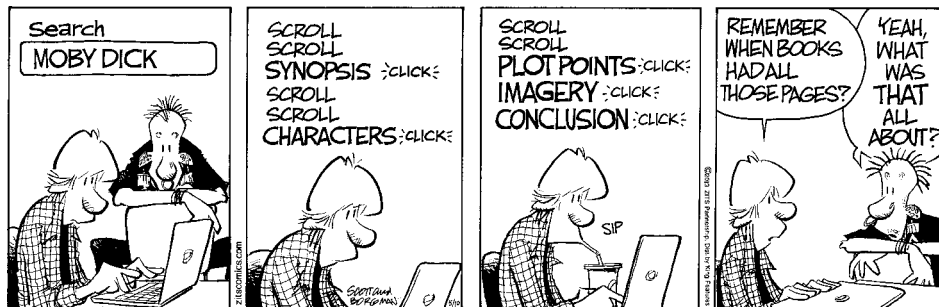
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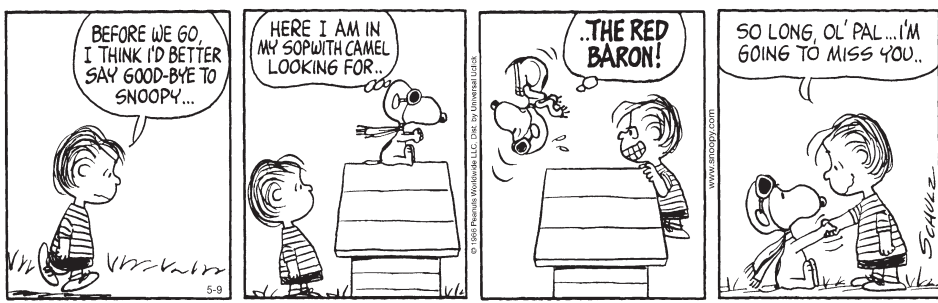
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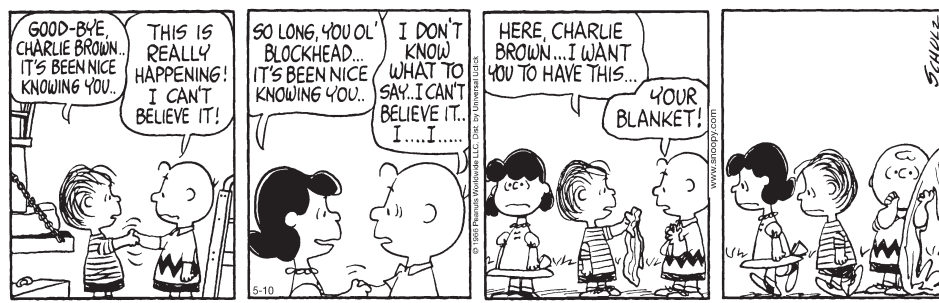
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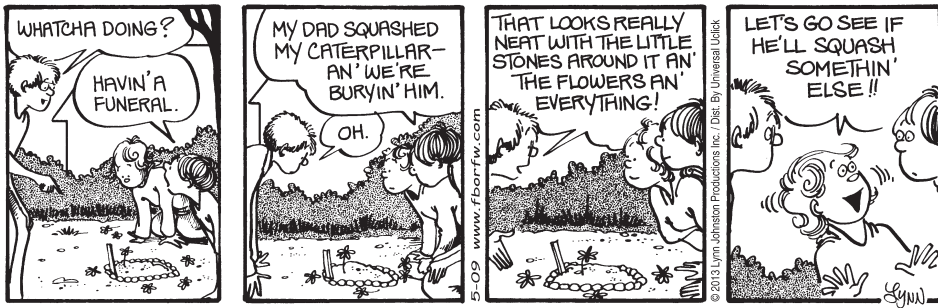
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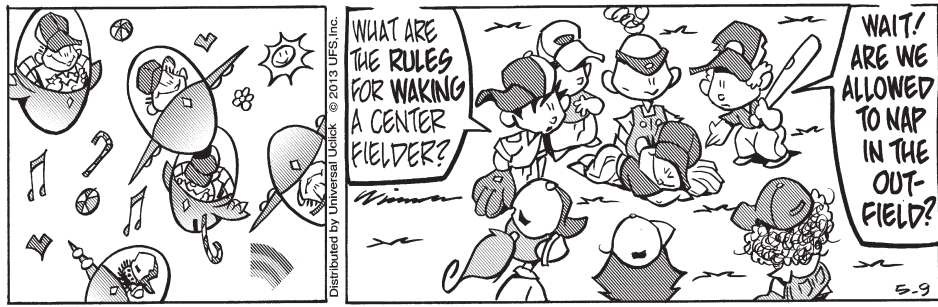
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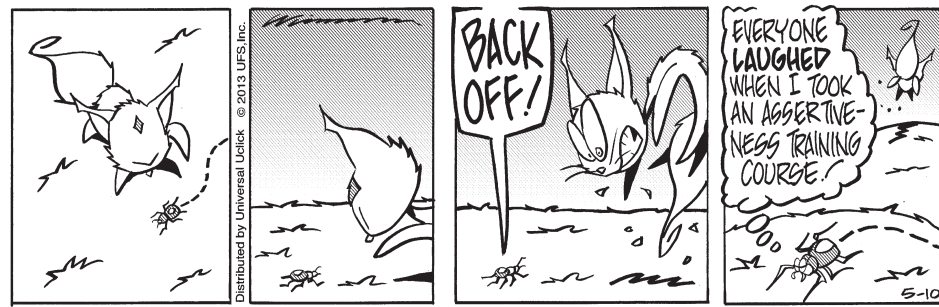
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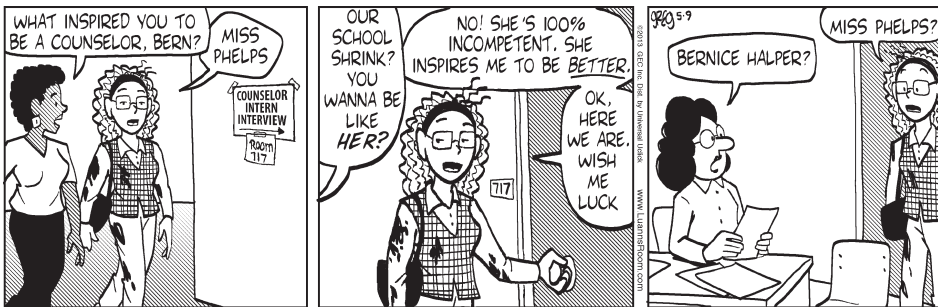
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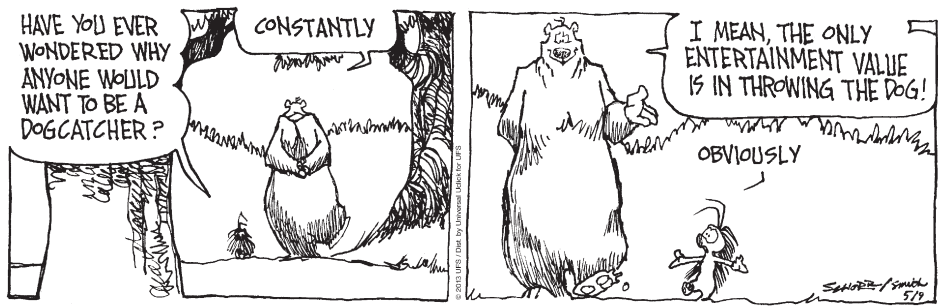
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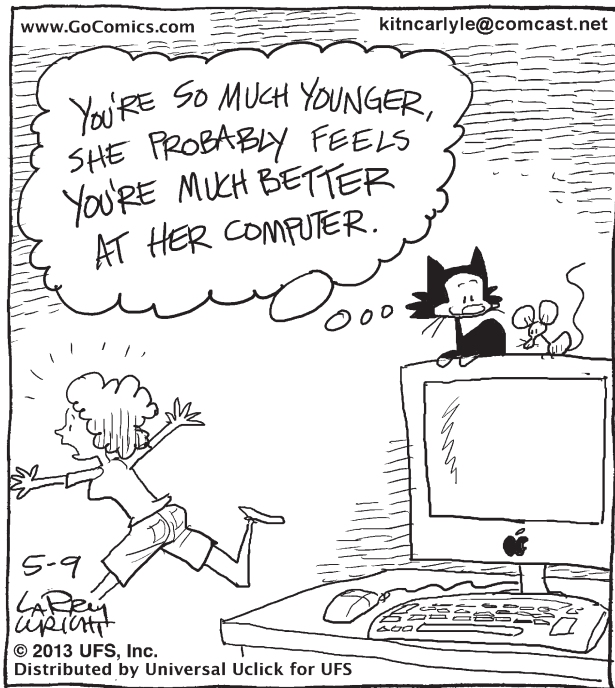
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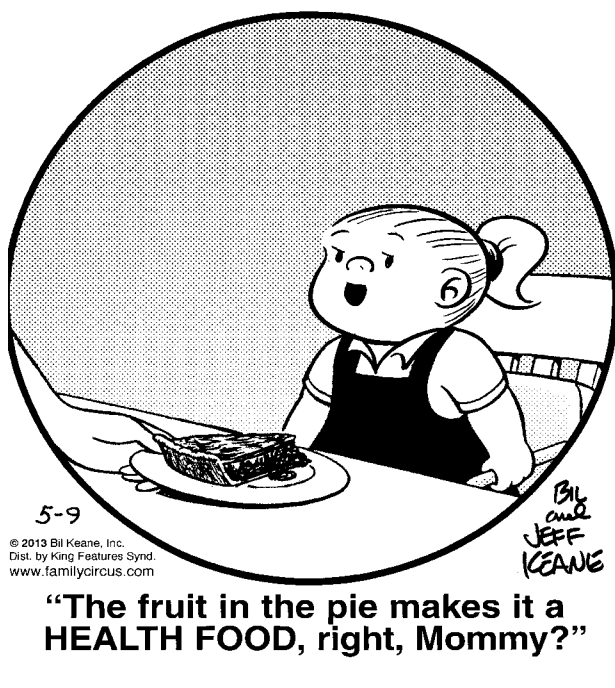
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The street address or other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 280 South Wason Street, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420.

Beneficiary has appointed Patrick M. Terry as successor trustee. Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.735(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: 29 delinquent payments from 1/5/12 to 3/5/13 at \$210.00 each for a total of \$6,090.00, and 27 late payment fees from 1/20/12 to 2/20/13 at \$10.50 each for a total of \$283.50, and beneficiary advances of \$545.30 for a total of \$6,918.80 as of March 5, 2013.

ALSO, if you have failed to provide insurance on the property or pay other senior liens or encumbrances as required in the note and deed of trust, the beneficiary may insist that you do so in order to reinstate your account in good standing. The beneficiary may require as a condition to reinstatement that you provide reliable written evidence that you have paid all senior liens or encumbrances, and insurance premiums. These requirements for reinstatement should be confirmed by contacting the undersigned Trustee.

By reason of said default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following: UNPAID PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF \$84,000.00, together with accrued interest in the amount of \$5,882.30, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.00% per annum from 3/5/13, together with all escrow advances, foreclosure costs, trustee fees, attorney fees, sums required for the protection of the property and addition sums secured by the Deed of Trust.

WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, will on August 29, 2013, at the hour of 11:00 AM, in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE COOS COUNTY ANNEX, 1975 McPHERSON, North Bend, County of COOS, State of OREGON, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the interest in the said described property which the grantor had, or had the power to convey, at

the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee.

Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.753. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same.

Trustee:
Patrick M. Terry
Attorney at Law
PO Box 547
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DATED: May 7, 2013.
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Oil barrel needs to be disposed of properly

Dear Tom and Ray:
Back in the '80s, when there wasn't anywhere he knew of to take used oil for recycling, my dad started pouring it into a 55-gallon drum in the garage. Not just oil, but anything sort of like it: transmission fluid, brake fluid, you name it. That drum filled up long ago, and it's still there! Other than leaving it in place for eternity, what's the best thing to do with it? — *Dottie*

TOM: Wow. Your dad left you a 55-gallon drum of waste oil. I'm going to tell my ex-wife never to complain again about that lousy, chipped tea set her mother left her.

RAY: Do you live anywhere near that big nuclear waste facility in the Rocky Mountains, Dottie?

TOM: Actually, it shouldn't be very hard to dispose of. But it's not easy, either.

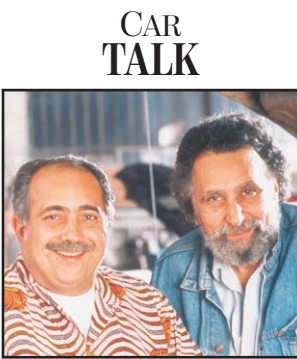
RAY: Most states have strict regulations about how you can transport and dispose of waste oil. And they'll only license certain companies, that meet the qualifications, to handle waste oil properly.

TOM: "Properly" means, first, not spilling it, because a single gallon of spilled oil can contaminate a lot of ground water. And second, safely delivering it to someplace where it can be recycled — most often burned as heating fuel in a waste-oil furnace.

RAY: So, first you're going to have to check with your state's department of environmental affairs and find out what the rules are.

TOM: Based on what you learn, you'll probably have to call a licensed waste-removal company to handle this.

RAY: If what's in the drum is just waste oil (like motor oil and transmission fluid), they'll come and pump



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it out of your drum and cart it away for, most likely, between \$100 and \$200. Not too bad, right?

TOM: But here's the bad news: If there's brake fluid in there — you say there is — it's no longer considered just "waste oil." It's considered a "federal hazardous waste," and, by federal law, it has to be handled much more carefully.

RAY: If the waste oil is mixed with brake fluid, the stuff can no longer be burned as heating fuel. There are chlorines in brake fluid that are poisonous to humans when burned, and a small amount of brake fluid can contaminate an entire barrel of otherwise reusable oil.

TOM: For that reason, it has to be handled differently — usually shipped somewhere for safe processing — and that increases the cost to you.

RAY: And here's the other bad news: You can't just lie about it and say there's no brake fluid in there. Licensed carriers will test a sample on the spot, to figure out if they have to treat it as waste oil or hazardous waste. If it's hazardous waste, you probably looking at more like \$300-\$500 to have it taken away.

TOM: But you really should get it done, Dottie.

And the sooner, the better. Because if that barrel ever rusts out and starts to leak, then you've got your own little EPA superfund site, and the costs of cleanup only go up from there — sometimes exponentially.

RAY: Start by going to the website of whatever department in your state deals with environmental protection. Or call. If you're prohibited from transporting it yourself, they should be able to give you a list of companies that are licensed to cart away waste oil and hazardous waste.

TOM: Call a few of them and shop around for a good price. Let them know over the phone that there may be brake fluid in the oil so you can get an accurate price quote.

RAY: Then bite the bullet and get rid of the stuff. And don't forget to say, "Thanks, Dad" as you write the check.

Is there a way to replace car's interior?

Dear Tom and Ray:
My wife has a 1999 Subaru Forester with low mileage (85,000), but the interior is not so good. She lets the kids eat in her car, and, as such, the seats are getting ruined, the floor mats are gone, the cup holders are broken and the list goes on. I'd like to replace the broken items in her car and replace the seats and the carpet, but I don't know where to get those items at reasonable prices. Of course, the local dealer can get some of those parts, but at a nice premium, which I'd like to avoid. Any ideas where can I find OEM parts or replacement interior parts at reasonable prices? — *Jaime*

RAY: Sure. At a junkyard. Also known these days by its society name, the "automotive recycling center."

TOM: There are situations where a car will get in a wreck of some kind, and the car is totaled but the interior is still fine.

RAY: Or the car is sent to the junkyard for some kind of catastrophic engine failure, even though the cup holders are still working like they're brand new.

TOM: In fact, you even can buy an entire interior for your car at a junkyard if you want to. Or, if you're looking for a hobby, take the engine out of yours and put it into one of those junkers!

RAY: Most junkyards are connected electronically these days, so if one doesn't have what you're looking for, they can see if another one has it.

TOM: Another option is to find a body shop that's willing to do the work for you and source the stuff "used," from a junkyard. They do this a lot more frequently than you do.

RAY: But if you do decide to do it yourself, ask if you can check out the interior "in situ" first — that is, when it's still in the donor car, if that's possible. Then get in, and take a deep breath. Because you don't want to install seats and carpet in your wife's car only to find out that they were previously in the car of an old lady who drove around all day with her eight male cats, while chain smoking Cuban cigars.

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