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ORCCA seeks to reset relations with coast

BY DANIEL SIMMONS-RITCHIE
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COOS BAY — Oregon Coast Community Action is pledging to involve the community in its search for a new CEO.

In a statement released Wednesday,

the board said it wanted a leader who would work collaboratively with the public and communicate openly.

“We plan to employ the same committee approach to ensure community representation in hiring our new CEO that we used in the recent hiring of our new Director for South

Coast Head Start,” the statement said.

Last week, Mary Schoen-Clark resigned from the community-assistance organization to pursue a master’s degree. Her departure followed allegations that she had fostered a hostile work environment

and ignored widespread complaints among food pantries because of her personal relationship with a manager.

The board reiterated that it will not discuss concerns relating to its

What happened?

You can read the history of the ORCCA controversy at: <http://theworldlink.com/news/local/orcca>
You can also read The World’s March special report at: tinyurl.com/dyryewd

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Candidates tangle over mining

Potential leaders prospect county’s future fortunes

BY DANIEL SIMMONS-RITCHIE
The World

COOS BAY - With a budget crisis looming ever larger, candidates for Coos County commissioner sparred Wednesday over how they would rescue the region from the “jaws of death.”

With less than three weeks until ballots are mailed, the stakes were high for the six hopefuls. In a wide ranging two-hour discussion at The Mill Casino-Hotel, the candidates traded opinions on everything from natural gas to tax hikes.

But one issue energized the discussion like no other: a stalled proposal to mine chromite on county-owned forest land.

Bob Main, a sitting commissioner, and Don Gurney, a U.S. Navy veteran, argued that the county must tread cautiously as it negotiates an exploration deal with Oregon Resources Corp., a chromite mining company.

Main and Gurney, running for positions No. 1 and 3 respectively, warned that the county shouldn’t slash trees for a one-off revenue gain.

“We should be a leader in timber, not a leader in mining,” Gurney said.

Main echoed that he supported mining, but not at the expense of 25-year-old trees. At that age, he said, the trees were too young to reap a good return on investment.

“We need to work in concert, both mining and timber,” he said.

But their fellow candidates — Fred Messerle, Tim Bishop, John Sweet, and Melissa Cribbins — stressed that mining royalties could be critical in closing a widening hole in Coos County’s budget in the long term.

Messerle took a subtle jab at Main, his rival for Position No. 1, for dithering over the mining lease during his four years in office.

“The mining lease should have been taken forward several years ago,” he said.

Messerle added that the land at stake was small — only 600 acres out of 15,000 county forest acres — and that the county would gain more than twice the revenue compared to timber.

	Position 1	Question: Coos County faces a massive revenue crunch in two years, what would you do?	Question: Do you support industrial development on the North Spit, ie. proposals for a liquid natural gas (LNG) export terminal, a bulk cargo terminal, and coal-bearing trains?	Question: Do you support ballot measure 6-144*, which creates a county administrator position?	Question: Do you support ballot measure 6-143**, which establishes a home rule charter for Coos County?
 Bob Main	Says the county can't raise taxes without a public vote under state law. "And the people have been taxed to death." His hopes rest on a draft bill in the U.S. House that would restore millions in timber payments to Oregon counties.	YES: Supports all projects but warns that they won't necessarily be a panacea. The county has lost about \$5 million in annual revenue since the early 1990s. Says the county would need tax dollars from ten LNG plants to make up for that loss.	NO: "It seems to be extremely politically motivated. Some people have promoted the county as broken. It's not broken. It just has a lack of funds." Says the county can't afford an expensive bureaucrat.	NO: Says that though he signed the petition that put it on the ballot, he will vote against it. Under its rules, the county would need voter approval to buy sheriff vehicles. "It's totally unworkable."	
 Fred Messerle	Says the federal government is unlikely to rescue Coos County. Survival will be dependent on streamlining the county's structure.	YES: Supports all projects. Says that a rail line that can handle heavy freight could be a "game changer". "We need to — at the county level — be a facilitator for that project and a cheerleader."	YES: Says an administrator would improve county planning and therefore save money. "Deferred maintenance is killing us, because we are dealing with those types of things on a crisis basis — and that's two to three times as expensive."	NO: "It's unworkable, it's expensive, and it would just gridlock us."	
 John Sweet	Says revenue-raising proposals, like mining in county-owned forests, are unlikely to bring money in fast enough. "The reality may be that we have to cut county services in the short term and raise taxes. Those are short-term answers and hopefully we won't have to do that."	YES: Despite the protesters, believes that most people on the South Coast support an LNG terminal. "Let's help it happen. Let's make it happen."	YES: Says the county needs an expert in law, human resources, and complexities of county government. "Simply being elected as a commissioner does not make you an expert in all those areas."	NO: Warns that it would be expensive, create legal problems and "tie the hands" of the commissioners. "We can't let it happen. Please vote against it."	
 Tim Bishop	Says the county will need to find efficiencies. Adds that government needs to support Coos County. "As a county citizen I'm a little upset at the folks at the state side and federal side. They knew we were headed to this fiscal cliff."	YES: Describes the North Spit's as a "jewel." Says the protesters don't represent the majority. "I think we have to look past these 'anti-folks.'"	YES: Supports and says a 'Yes' vote from the public will prove to the incoming board that it's the right direction. "I'm so glad this is on the ballot. This has been such a divisive issue."	NO: Says the charter's authors, Fairview women Ronnie Herne and Jaye Bell, are more interested in finding problems than solutions. "I think that's just a shame that we don't find ways to work together to make this county better."	
 Melissa Cribbins	Says the county's best hope will be revenue from mining leases on county-owned forests and a proposal to harvest timber on the historic Coos Bay Wagon Road Lands.	YES: "We can't keep saying 'no' to everything. We can't say 'no' and continue to survive."	YES: Says an administrator will handle day-to-day affairs, allowing the commissioners to focus on the big picture for Coos County.	NO: Says its rules would discourage any person from running for commissioner. Also criticizes a provision that would turn the human resources director into an elected position, similar to county assessor. "We all know how popular HR directors are."	
 Don Gurney	Says he strongly opposes increasing taxes. The county needs the federal government to restore federal timber payments. "We have to address the federal government."	YES: Says the commissioners have little influence over the process but are important cheerleaders.	NO: Says an administrator might be a good idea in the future, but the county can't afford it right now. Adds the county has a history of good governance without the aid of an administrator.	NO: Like Main, says he signed it because he felt it was important people have a chance to put their ideas on the ballot. However, he opposes the charter and says people must read it before they vote.	

* Measure 6-144 was put on the ballot by the Coos County commissioners. If passed, it would change the board from three salaried members to five unsalaried members and would create a county administrator position.

**Measure 6-143 was put on the ballot by a band of citizens who collected 1,521 signatures in August. If it passes, Coos County would adopt a charter written by the group. A charter is similar to a constitution for a county. The charter proposes a long list of changes, including: adding two paid commissioners to the board, requiring the consensus of four commissioners to make decisions, public votes on contracts and property acquisitions, and mandatory pay raises for county employees.

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NB weighs half-million-dollar facelift

Odd Fellows building accepts first of grant money

BY JESSIE HIGGINS
The World

NORTH BEND — The city plans to give \$500,000 to downtown building owners to make outside improvements to their buildings.

The new urban renewal program offers building owners matching grants of up to \$25,000 per year per building, said City Administrator Terence O'Connor.

“The goal is to create better looking building fronts to go along with improvements we’ve made through street scaping,” O'Connor said. The city is currently building all new sidewalks downtown using urban renewal dollars. When the project is finished,

they will plant trees, install hanging flower pots, lamp posts, benches and other decor.

“At this point, we’re trying to make sure we can make the money stretch so everybody has the ability to participate and upgrade their exteriors,” O'Connor added.

To qualify for a facade improvement grant, building owners must outline



Owners of the historic Odd Fellows building on Sherman Avenue in North Bend are finishing up part of a facade improvement with the help of North Bend. They received about half of the \$50,000 cost of the improvements from a city-provided facade grant.

By Lou Sennick, The World

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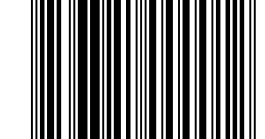
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Meetings

- TODAY** regular work session.
- Lakeside Planning Commission** – 7 p.m., Lakeside City Hall, 915 N. Lake Road; regular meeting.
 - Winchester Bay Rural Fire Protection District** – 6 p.m., Fire Hall, 6th Street and Broadway Avenue; regular meeting.
 - SATURDAY**
 - Gardiner Rural Fire Protection District** – 10 a.m., Gardiner Fire Hall; regular meeting.
 - MONDAY**
 - North Bend City Council** – 4:30 p.m., conference room, Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, 2305 Ocean Blvd., Coos Bay;
 - Bandon School District** – 6:30 p.m., district cafeteria, 455 Ninth St. S.W.; regular session.
 - TUESDAY**
 - Douglas County Senior Services Advisory Council** – 1 p.m., Mercy Community Education, 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg; regular meeting.

Learn about ‘Nurturing Parenting’ initiative

COOS BAY – The Coos Bay and North Bend schools and other local organizations have formed the Coos County Nurturing Coalition and are hoping to involve everyone in local communities in implementing a “nurturing parenting” initiative based on the ideas of parenting educator Dr. Stephen J. Bavolek. As a first step, they’re hosting Bavolek for a series of trainings and community presentations the week of Oct. 15.

The week begins Oct. 15 with a day-long workshop presented by Bavolek called, “Changing the Possibilities Through Nurturing.” The workshop will be held at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute on the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus in Coos Bay.

At noon Oct. 16, Bavolek will attend a luncheon meeting with stakeholders –

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members of groups that could implement policies based on nurturing parenting principles, such as schools, medical facilities, public agencies and businesses.

At 6 p.m. Oct. 16, Bavolek will give a parent and community presentation at Blossom Gulch Elementary School Gym at 333 S. 10th St. in Coos Bay.

Bavolek will spend Wednesday meeting with representatives of community groups. On Thursday and Friday, he will train public school staff.

Bavolek’s Nurturing Parenting programs are taught all over the world and are a family-centered initiative designed to build nurturing parenting skills. For more information, call Marion Bauer at 541-888-7109 or go to www.socce.edu/positiveparenting/.

For more information on the Nurturing Parenting Program, go to www.nurturingparenting.com/about.html/.

Have fun at the firehouse in Coquille

COQUILLE – The Coquille Fire Department will host its annual fire prevention open house from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at Coquille Fire Station #1, 89 W. Third St.

The event is for all ages. Activities will include a smoke room to crawl through, a stop, drop and roll station, an opportunity to try on firefighters’ protective gear, and fire engine rides. Free fire prevention packets for kids and adults will be

handed out. There will be door prizes for adults.

For more information, call 541-396-2232.

Seniors get freezer and walk-in

COOS BAY – Bay Area Senior Activity Center located at 886 S. Fourth St. in Coos Bay recently received a grant from the Meyer Foundation that enabled the center to update a large freezer and walk-in cooler. Lunch is available five days a week starting at 11:30 a.m. Anyone is invited to eat soup, salad bar and a dessert.

Other center highlights include:

- BASAC Thrift Store, open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Monday Riverman Pinochle, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday Weight Watchers, 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Bingo: early bird, 4:30 p.m.; regular, 6:30 p.m.
- AA meetings

Dolphin Players seek play proposals

COOS BAY – The Dolphin Players are seeking proposals for productions to be staged in the 2013 season at their new theater at 580 Newmark Ave. in Coos Bay.

Productions should involve small to medium casts and be suitable for intimate staging. A varied season is desired, so proposals for dramas, comedies, original productions, children’s theater and other genres are welcome and encouraged.

Interested directors or producers may contact Alice Carlson at 541-756-7290 or by emailing alicecarlson@charter.net for more information or for an application.

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2781 Oak, North Bend Located next to College Street Park on Oak with soccer and baseball fields across the street. Fenced yard with fruit trees. Move in ready. Possible owner carry with approval of credit. \$149,000 MLS#12225011	626 N. 8th Lakeside, Coos Bay Handicap elevator access to main floor in garage. Over-sized garage fenced RV parking. Back up power generator in garage. Asphalt paved lot and driveway. Large covered deck. Deluxe master bath. \$172,500 MLS#11360971	92310 Cape Arago, Coos Bay Very nice manufactured home with bay view. Several outbuildings with a shop. All chain link fenced with electric gate and large roller gate in back, makes it a handy drive through. Lots of room for RVs/boats/toys. \$175,900 MLS#12652343	814 Newmark, Coos Bay Commercial building on Newmark in downtown Empire. High volume national franchise has signed long term lease (triple net) and will be remodeling the entire exterior and lessorhold interior improvements on their unit. \$179,000 MLS#11056147
671 E St. Coos Bay Clean well maintained triplex, some bay view, deck, each unit is 2 bedroom 1 bath. Each unit has covered parking. Each unit has washer/dryer hookups. \$229,000 MLS#11410521	208 Park, Coos Bay Possible Owner carry on approval of credit of buyer. Amortized at 6% for 30 years with balloon payment in 10 years. 5 plex address is 208 Park, county records also includes 208 N 2nd, Coos Bay \$249,000 MLS#12664281	831 S Empire Blvd, Coos Bay Six Plex with beautiful bay view. Owner will carry paper. Can be amortized over 30 years at 6% with balloon payment in 15 years. Double garage 900 sqft for larger unit. \$399,900 MLS#110022507	91289 Hedge Ln., Coos Bay OWNER CARRY on approval of credit. Two homes in one sale. 91289 and 91293 Hedge Lane. Close to bay. Stick built house with carport and 1991 Fleetwood bedroom with large addition. Seller currently upgrading house with new carpet and paint. \$129,900 MLS#9056766

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909 State, North Bend 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 bonus rooms. Garage/Shop. Fenced yard. RV parking. Fireplace does not work is not connected to a through roof chimney. Personal items may be included in sale. \$94,900 MLS#12042631	290 N 3rd Ct, Coos Bay Beautiful bay and city view from the front room, kitchen, dining area and deck. Enjoy sunrises and morning sun. Easy living in 2 bedroom, 1 bath unit. HOA laundry room and storage provided. Assigned carport parking. Unit #13 \$129,000 MLS#12671310	2895 Broadway, North Bend 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, detached garage, fenced yard and on a corner lot. \$129,000 MLS#12031099	3130 Sheridan, North Bend 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath with fenced yard. Hardwood floors. Wind protected patio. Double fireplace. RV Parking. \$144,900 MLS#11505790
63946 Wallace Rd., Coos Bay 3 bedroom 2 bath double wide manufactured home includes 3 bay shop. Fenced yard with large covered deck, room for a hot tub. RV Parking. Make an offer. \$159,900 MLS#12134139	99160 Coos River Ln., Coos Bay Riverfront property. Dock & picnic areas. Very nice, comfortable home. Outbuildings. Great location. \$168,000 MLS#12465321	63007 Pennsylvania Rd., Coos Bay Beautiful setting on 2.72 acres with terraced gardens, decks on three sides of house, very secluded and wind protected amongst the trees. Partial view of Coos River. 27x48 shop and extra garage with 220 power. Pump house with 300 ft drilled well. Pride of ownership throughout. Walk in showers, large master bath tub. \$279,000 MLS#12697184	63463 Andrews Rd, Coos Bay Privacy with loads of potential on 2.11 acres close to downtown. Detached truck shop currently rented at \$550/mo income. Fruit trees. Covered patio with lots of space for garden & an outbuilding. \$219,000 MLS#11401954
930 Lake Ct, Coos Bay Top of the hill custom built home with park-like setting. Hot tub near waterfall that flows into 2000 gal Koi Pond. View of bay & dunes from custom finished garage. Deluxe kitchen. Trex decking & seating with paver covered patio. \$324,900 MLS#12591213	1274 Minnesota, Coos Bay Mediterranean Style Interior 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with fenced yard. Large rooms with wood floors and arched doorways. Fireplace in living room and pellet stove in master bedroom. Patio, fruit trees, outdoor living spaces. See to appreciate. \$189,000 MLS#12416996	2081 Meade, North Bend Rental rates \$2350 a month projected income. All maintenance and occupancy records available. \$269,000 MLS#11397989	109 9th St., Coos Bay 10 unit apartment building located near downtown - Property Manager 24 hour notice needed. All units with own electric meter bases. Building is 1924 vintage and has had some lead based paint abatement. \$339,900 MLS#11458502

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Coming Saturday

GO! HIKE

Pretty places for a fall getaway

GO! YE SCURVY DOGS, GO

Pirate murder mystery dinner is coming

GO! LISTEN

Countertenor Terry Barber will sing

what's UP

TODAY

A Little Lunch Music 12-1:30 p.m., Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay. Ukulele music by Hoā'pili. 541-269-1101, ext. 228.

Voice of the Voters Bandon Town Hall presentation on Ballot Measure 6-143 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bandon Library community room, 1204 11th St. S.W.

Oregon Days of Culture 7 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Irish music session hosted by South Coast Folk Society. 541-756-0400

FRIDAY

Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 10362 Coos River Highway 241, Coos Bay. Food vendors onsite. <https://www.facebook.com/mahaffyranch/events>

Chef's Table at Oregon Coast Culinary Institute, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. Lunch at noon for \$10; dinner at 6 p.m. for \$20. Reservations and menu: www.occinet.net

First Friday...Art is for Everyone 5-7 p.m., Reedsport Natural Foods, 1891 Winchester Ave. Featuring Chris Lechuga of Reedsport.

Downtown Coos Bay Wine Walk 5-7:30 p.m., start at All-American Pizza Coop, 275 Golden Ave. & Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, 50 Central Ave. Map & glass \$10. Proceeds benefit Women's Safety & Resource Center; & the United Way.

Poetry Slam 6 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. No cost. Poets are invited to perform their work at a Halloween-themed Poetry Slam. Local judges will rate performances and hand out certificates and prizes. Come in costume! 541-756-0400

Pinochle Party 6:30 p.m., Rebekah Hall, 485 Greenwood, Reedsport. \$2. Bring a snack for the snack table. bobcline_31@hotmail.com

SATURDAY

South Slough Paddle Regatta with Surfriders 8:30 a.m. Registration begins at 8. Paddle: 4 miles, Charleston to Valino Island. Suggested fee \$15. 541-888-5558

South Coast Green & Solar Home Tour 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., tour begins at Coos Bay Fire Station, 450 Elrod Ave. Cost is \$5.

Bazaar and Rummage Sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lakeside Senior Center, 915 N. Lake Road, Lakeside. Crafts; bake sale; food: hotdogs; chili; and Frito pie. 541-759-1019, 541-580-5206

"See Jane Run," the South Coast women's only run and walk 10 a.m., John Topits Park, Empire Lake, Coos Bay. Entry fee is \$10. 5K run or walk and a non-competitive 1 mile fun walk. Proceeds from the event benefit the Coos County Women's Safety and Resource Center.

Free admission to Coos Historical & Maritime Museum 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the first Saturday of the month with a donation of four non-perishable food items per person.

Friends of Coos Bay Library book sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 525 Anderson Ave.

Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 10362 Coos River Highway 241, Coos Bay. Soroptimist food vendors onsite. Celtic music by the Little Match Girls, 1-4 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/mahaffyranch/events>

Oktoberfest Pie Contest 11 a.m., Coquille Community Building, 115 N. Birch St., Coquille. Bring two pies for each category. Categories are pumpkin and apple. One pie will be judged and the other will be auctioned. Proceeds benefit Coquille Chamber of Commerce. 541-396-3414

Oktoberfest noon to 6 p.m., Old Charleston School, 64065 Seven Devils Road, Charleston. Admission: \$1; single tuna meal, \$9 or \$20 family size; food vendors; Walt's Pourhouse and Ninkasi beer garden; live music, kids' activities. Bring your apples and press your own cider. Free hourly shuttle service from The Mill Casino parking lot. Event benefits ORCCA children's pro-

grams.

Free Roller Skating 3-5 p.m., Snoddy Memorial Gymnasium, Bay Area Church of the Nazarene, 1850 Clark St., North Bend. Skates provided for all ages.

Fall Fling Fundraiser 5-8 p.m., Coos Art Museum, 325 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay. Tickets: \$45 or \$40 for members. RSVP at 541-267-3901.

Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus performs a cappella music in the barbershop tradition, 2 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. No cost. 541-756-0400

SUNDAY

Pet Blessing Service 10 a.m., Unity By the Bay, 2100 Union Ave., North Bend. Animals must be leashed or caged, photos for pets unable to attend. Owners must clean up messes. Pet donations are accepted for Feed the Pets month. 541-751-1633

Coos Bay Farmer's Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Central Avenue across from visitors center.

Chef's Garden Harvest Lunch noon-2 p.m., Reedsport Great Garden, 2605 Longwood Dr. Cost is \$5 lunch, \$1 dessert.

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Mahaffy Ranch Pumpkin Patch 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 10362 Coos River Highway 241, Coos Bay. Food vendors onsite. <https://www.facebook.com/mahaffyranch/events>

"Blessing of Our Animal Friends" 1 p.m., Mings Park playground area, 400 N. 10th St., Coos Bay. Rain or shine. Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Pacific Cove Humane Society continue in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. 541-269-5829

Bob Welch 2 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman

What's Up features one-time events and limited engagements in The World's coverage area. To submit an event, email events@theworldlink.com.

Live music this week

Bay Be, 91122 Cape Arago Hwy., Charleston: Jam session, 6 - 9 p.m. every Tues.

Blue Moon, 871 S. Broadway, Coos Bay: Manic Mechanics, 9 p.m. Fri.; DJ Cougar Bait, 9 p.m. Sat.; jam session, 7 p.m. every Tue.; karaoke every Wed.

High Tide Cafe, 91124 Cape Arago Hwy., Charleston: Bill Bartels, 12-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., every Fri. and Sat, and 12-3 p.m. Sun.

Lloyd's, 219 2nd St. SE, Bandon:

DJ Momo, Fri.; South Coast Singles Karaoke, 8 p.m. every Thu.

The Mill Casino, 3201 Tremont, North Bend: Toyz - It's a Rock Show, 9 p.m. Fri. and Sat.

Mr. Zack's, 90 W. First St., Coquille: Karaoke, 9 p.m., Sat.

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

Portside, 63383 Kingfisher Rd., Charleston: David Aakre, 6 p.m., every Fri. and Sat.

Octoberfest music

All performances Saturday at Old Charleston School, 64065 Seven Devils Road in Charleston.

12-1 p.m.: Five Pound Possum
1-2 p.m.: Sean & Marley

2-3 p.m.: Rhythm Village African Drum and Dance Ensemble
3:30-4:30 p.m.: Ston Soop (tentative)

4:30-5 p.m.: The Guild Band
5-6 p.m.: Stepping on Embers

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■ A week of culture continues at the libraries. Hear ukuleles at noon in Coos Bay and Irish music at 7 p.m. in North Bend.

Friday

■ Chef's Table lunches and dinners resume for the school year at Oregon Coast Culinary Institute. Lunch is \$10 and starts at noon; dinner is \$20 and starts at 6 p.m. Pork is the entree this Friday; visit www.occinet.net to see the full menu and make a reservation. Sunday brunch doesn't start till Oct. 28.

Saturday

■ Start your Octoberfish with a splash by joining the Surfriders' paddle regatta on the South Slough. Starts at 8:30 a.m.

■ Or join the South Coast Green & Solar Home Tour that starts at the Coos Bay Fire Station at 8:30 a.m.

■ Last chance for music at the libraries: Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus sings women's barbershop harmonies at the Coos Bay Public Library, 2 p.m.

Sunday

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Six say yes to exports, no to charter

Our view

Significantly, county commissioner candidates found common ground on two contentious issues.

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When six county commissioner candidates gathered on Wednesday, their disagreements were less striking than their unanimity on some important questions.

According to conventional local wisdom, proposals to export coal and liquefied natural gas from the North Spit are painfully divisive. Yet voters in the May primary quietly packed the November runoff with six supporters of these developments. In each of the three races, both candidates say they support North Spit energy exports.

Of course, local politicians

won't decide on these projects. Their fate depends on federal authorities and global markets. But Wednesday's utter lack of discord on exports suggests something about the mood of Coos County residents: Collectively, we are ready to embrace projects that will put our community back to work.

As candidate Melissa Cribbins put it, "We can't keep saying 'no' to everything."

Another item of general agreement was the proposed county charter. All six expressed opposition — including two candidates

who had signed petitions to put it on the November ballot.

The candidates' criticisms (all valid) included: The charter will raise costs. It will hamstring county leaders. By making commissioners personally liable for charter violations, it will discourage qualified candidates from running.

The six candidates' unanimous thumbs-down on the charter tells voters it's an exceptionally bad idea.

The only sour notes were when Bob Main and Don Gurney tried to justify having signed charter petitions. Each claimed an obligation

to let voters consider proposals, even when the proposals are plainly wretched. Main invoked the memory of Americans who "fought and died" for our freedom to vote.

Sorry, but that logic won't stand up. Yes, generations of heroes sacrificed their lives for liberty — but not so we could squander our democratic birthright on foolhardy ballot measures.

Helping to put an obviously damaging proposal on the ballot is not leadership. It's recklessness. Main and Gurney should be ashamed.

Tattoos are for the birds

Ty is 63 and in the midst of a full-blown midlife crisis. (Yes, midlife. He plans to live to be 126.) He told his wife, Carol, that he was thinking of getting a tattoo.

"Of what?" "Oh, I don't know," he said. "I was thinking of a crow."

Ty has been reading a lot of mysteries that take place in the West and contain Native American mysticism, with birds taking on a special meaning. He also likes the Brandon Lee revenge film classic "The Crow," and he was thinking of a large, menacing bird tattooed across his ever-widening, hairy shoulder. The fact that Ty is 5 feet 10 inches and 247 pounds as opposed to Lee's trim, athletic body did not seem to be relevant.

Carol reads British mysteries, and birds and tattoos do not play much of a part in most of them.

"Why a tattoo? Why a crow? What's going on?"

"I don't know," he said. "I feel like I would be a crow if I were a bird. It's a symbol. It can mean a lot of different things. I want to be different, not like everybody else."

"Crows are nasty, noisy birds," Carol said. "Why don't you get a chicken? I like chickens."

Ty was dumbstruck. A chicken? What kind of a tattoo is that? The whole point of getting a tattoo is to show people how tough you are, what a renegade you are, how you march to your own drummer, how you do things your way. Is that what Carol thought he would be if he were a bird? A chicken?

Besides, people would laugh at him if he got a chicken tattoo. Ty wanted the same kind of tattoo the other renegades had. Carol probably meant chickens were cute, but Ty didn't see it that way.

"What about a turkey?" Carol asked. She was thinking of a wild turkey, tail displayed. Ty pictured a Thanksgiving turkey, golden brown and sitting on a platter. It was not a macho image at all. It was obvious that Carol did not keep up with current tattoo trends.

It wouldn't even be enough to get one little tattoo of a crow. If he really wanted to be a renegade, he'd need a lot more than a crow. He'd need the tree where the crow lived and then maybe a scene from the movie, and it would all have to be held together with vines and mystical symbols that would climb his arm from his wrist to his shoulder. Then he'd have to start on the other side.

"I've heard it hurts to get a tattoo," Carol rattled on. "You know, they use a little needle gun to do that. Then it scars over until it heals. You wouldn't even get a flu shot last year because of the needle."

He had forgotten about that. Maybe they could give him some Novocain. No, they do that with a needle. Surely there's something they could rub on his arm so he wouldn't feel it.

Ty started wondering how small a crow he could stand. But if it were too small, no one would see it.

"A parrot," said Carol. "Now that would be something."

A parrot. Well, there is the pirate connection. And the Jimmy Buffett connection. They're both renegades. But then there's the fact that a parrot just repeats things that other people say.

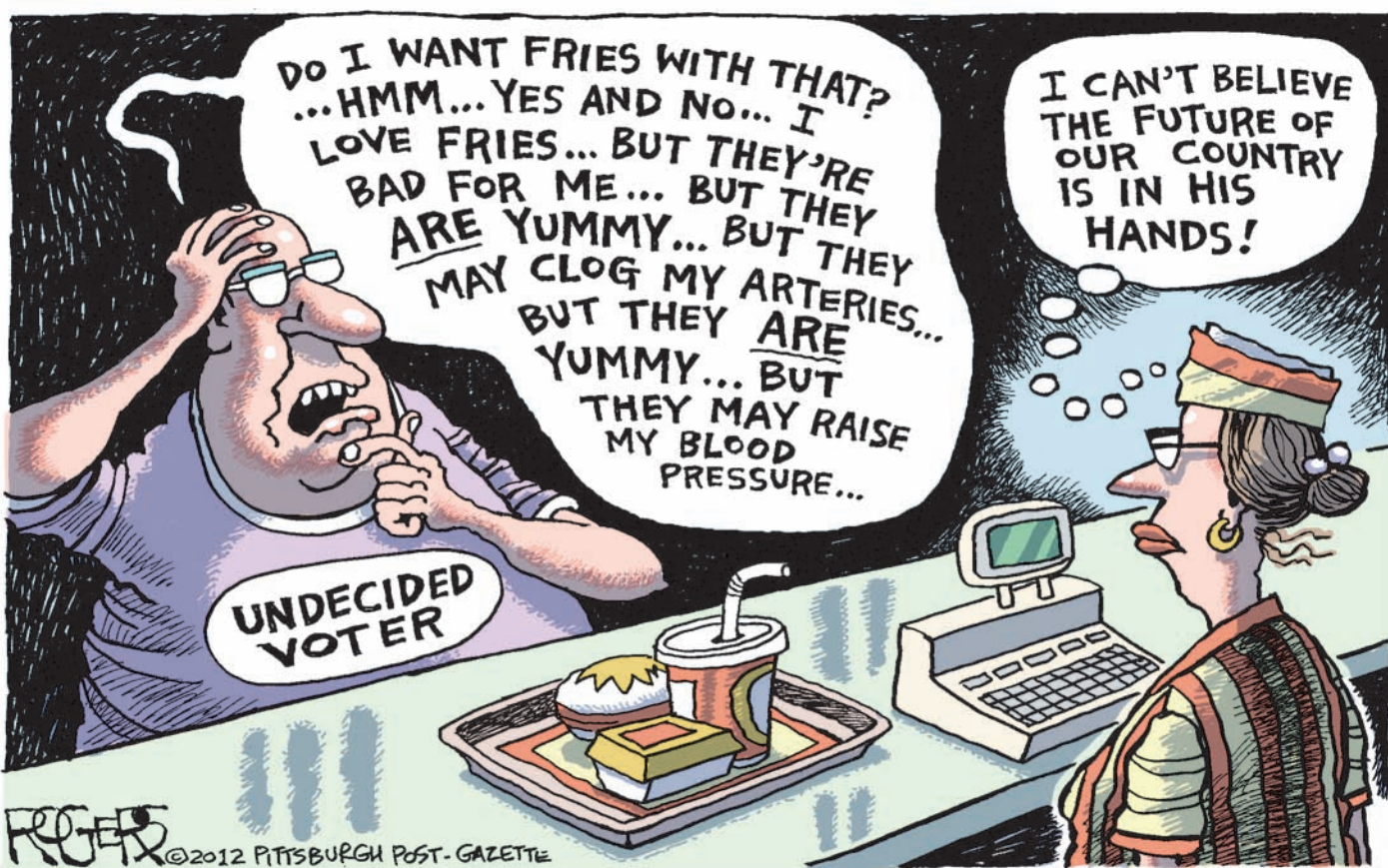
Ty was starting to rethink the whole tattoo thing. A crow. That really wouldn't say anything except that he got a tattoo. He wanted to send a message that he might be 63 and have gray hair, but he didn't act the way people expect an old person to act. He may be 63, but he didn't feel it. A sports car would say that.

No, with his back, Ty didn't think he could get in and out of a sports car. He'd look like an 8 1/2-month pregnant woman trying to get out of a lounge chair.

"What about a penguin?" Carol said. "I really like penguins."

Ty thought about it. "So do I," he said.

Jim Mullen's newest book, "How to Lose Money in Your Spare Time - At Home," is available at amazon.com. You can follow him on Pinterest at pinterest.com/jimmullen.



Public Forum

Coos Bay should lead, not follow

Coos Bay history has been a history of a group of people that walked to their own style and values. With the ban on smoking in parks comes the next ban, making our way of life and our choices smaller and smaller. The fact that Eugene and other towns are banning plastic bags does not mean that it is what the people of Coos Bay want.

As with many bans, the issues are not well thought through. Here are some of my ideas as I think about the "big picture":

- 1. It is a basic part of freedom as business owners to run their business as they see fit, which is usually how their customers prefer it. Plastic should be the option and choice of the business in which they are used.
 - 2. Yes, there are plastic bags blowing in the wind and hanging up on trees. There are also cans, cigarette butts (in spite of the ban), and general messy people.
 - 3. Responsible people would simply take the bag out of the trees and recycle it. It is time to not take care of the people that choose not to be responsible in deference to the majority of people's rights to use them.
 - 4. On the practical side, paper bags, in case a person forgets their cloth bag, are very fragile in our climate. I can imagine an elderly person with a paper bag of groceries as the bottom falls out because of the rain. Think about it!
 - 5. Why would it be OK to use vegetable bags? Those find themselves in our garbage and trees as well. I, for one, would use those bags for all of my groceries, if needed.
 - 6. Plastic bags are recyclable just as tin cans, plastic bottles and paper bags, which will burn and add to the air pollution.
 - 7. Coos Bay would lose business. North Bend stores still are using paper, plastic, or your own bag, giving the business and its customers choices. It seems that they have maintained that historical free-thinking attitude that was part of this area.
- With these "big picture" thoughts in mind, please reconsider this and focus, rather, on our very big problem of homelessness and the treatment of children in their own schools.

Thank heavens that Ross, Big Lots and Walgreens to name a few are in the city limits of North Bend!

Dianne Harrison
Coos Bay

Oust Congress, not the president

It is unfortunate some of us depend on some Glenn or Rush to give us our opinion.

This letter is in response to a comment by Sharon Leslie of Bandon on Sept. 29. We can pass blame on Obama, or any president for that matter, for not fulfilling his promises. However, we need to keep in mind that in great democracies, like ours, the president, any president, has very limited powers.

All powers are placed on Congress, and nowadays, on this good-for-nothing Congress. The very same Congress that kept saying "yes" to Bush on everything — and got us in the mess we are today, including the two wars outside the budget and on borrowed money.

Now Obama is trying to clean the mess, the same good-for-nothing Congress keeps saying "no" to this president. Now you tell me who deserves to stay in office? The president who wants to clean up the mess, or the good-for-nothing Congress that stands in the way? You decide.

Nikos Kopsidas
Coos Bay

Time for voters to give direction

What to do, what to do. I was thinking about the Coos County commissioners' solutions to problem solving.

The appointed commissioners have stated they did not know how to run the county, so they created two committees (Structure and Governance) to direct them. A year later their committees came up with a solution: Hire an administrator to run the county and direct the Board of Commissioners on what it should do. (The administrator would attend meetings and confer with them before they voted.)

Now (from the Lakeside BOC meeting), Mr. Messerle wants the board to give two officials of Portland University's National

Policy Consensus Center \$500 to come to Coos County and explain how our local government should operate.

The interesting thing is, the NPCC letter to Mr. Messerle states, "Our volunteer time on this project is limited. Our commitment to NPCC is to volunteer up to 80 hours over a six-month period. Because of limitation, our recommendations to you may frequently point out that more research is needed or more time is needed to reach a conclusion, or certain issues cannot be resolved in the short time available. In all cases, we think that — at a minimum — we can suggest some next steps to you."

It would seem BOC members who stated they needed two committees to tell them how to approach doing their job were advised, after a year of meetings, to hire an administrator to do their job. These same BOC members have now decided they need to pay expenses to someone from Portland University NPCC to instruct them on how to do their job. Now then, guess what, these Portland University people (NPCC) have told them to spend more time and hire an NPCC committee to tell them how to do their job.

What new expenses are they incurring for us?

I suggest citizens vote for Measure 6-143, The Voice of the Voters Charter, for simple but enforceable constitutional guidelines for a more efficient and less expensive, representative Coos County government.

Jaye Bell
Coquille

Rather have a beer with Obama

In response to Claudia Craig's Sept. 22 rebuttal of my Sept. 12 letter:

Yes, I have developed a detailed opinion on both men at a distance. Sometimes you can see a man better at a distance, with ample time for observation. Four to five years is more than enough time for me to form such a positive opinion of our president, and in the same amount of time, develop a negative opinion with Mitt Romney.

I'd rather have a beer with Obama than a glass of the finest wine with Romney. If Romney paid and displayed

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his taxes as his father did, then, yes, a good degree of honesty could be observed and recognized. I would say Romney is gentle and a nice person and a God-fearing family man.

Courage, however, is this ability to go beyond the first feelings of fear, in my opinion. So far, I can't see where Romney has shown such courage.

Our president is a Christian family man. President Obama is honest as much as he needs to be. Honesty is fine, depending on what purpose it serves.

I would prefer to have Obama at my side in a combat situation than Romney. President Obama is the leader of the free world, and as the president, he does indeed make life and death decisions. I believe his courage, his gentleness, his honesty and his integrity have come through loud and clear. What President Obama has done to date should give anyone a very clear picture as to the kind of man he is.

Yes Claudia, I do indeed believe Obama to be a gentleman, honest and courageous. And showing your taxes does not automatically make you a good, positive, honest person in my eyes. I did say the word "might" if Romney would show his tax returns as did his father. If Romney was anything like his father, he might then be at parity with President Obama's integrity and honesty, just by making his tax returns an open book.

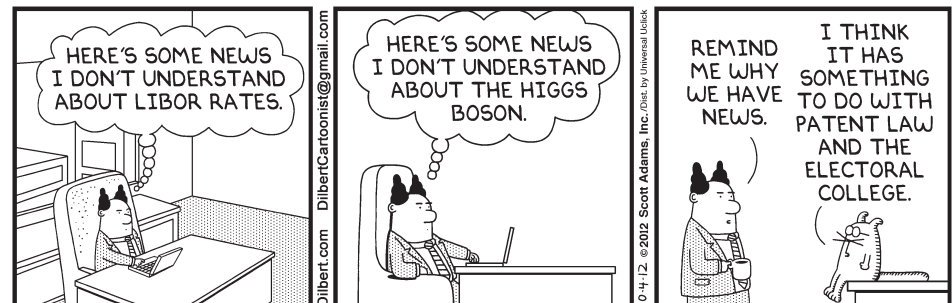
Trust has to be earned. I trust Obama, not Romney. Romney has done nothing to show honesty as I can see from my vantage point, in my opinion.

Ron Gallagher
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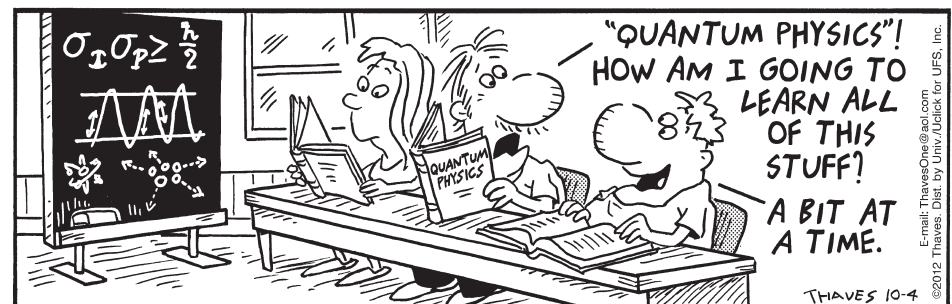
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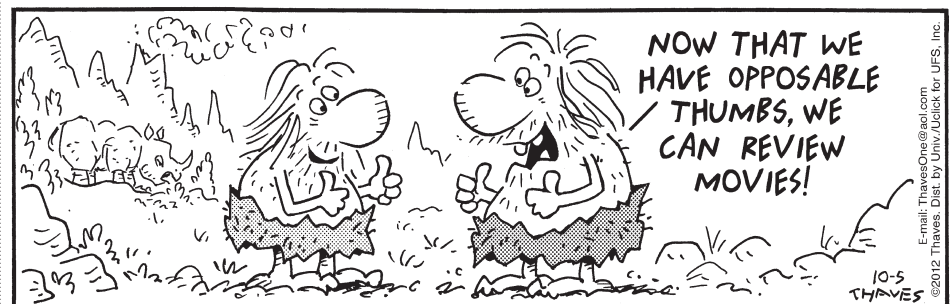
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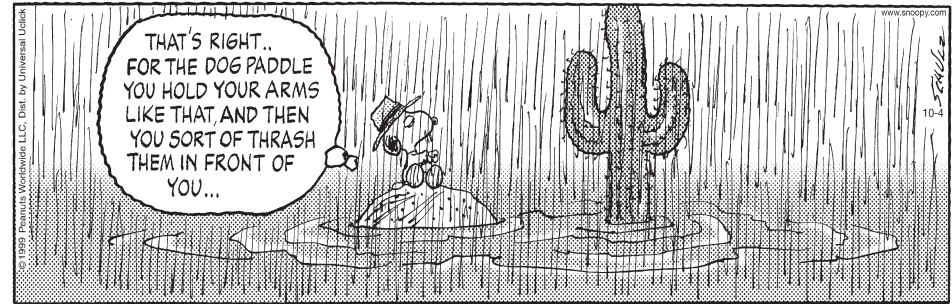
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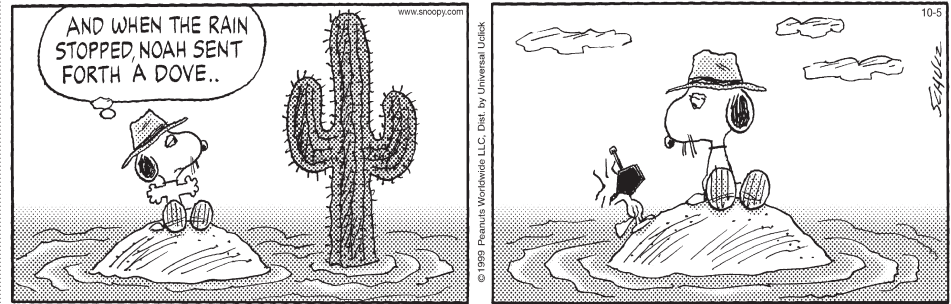
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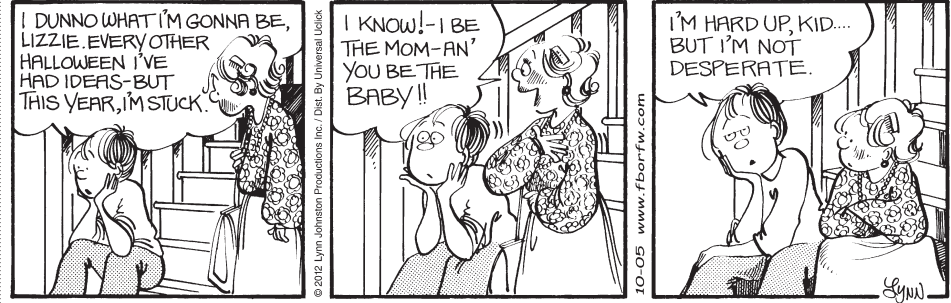
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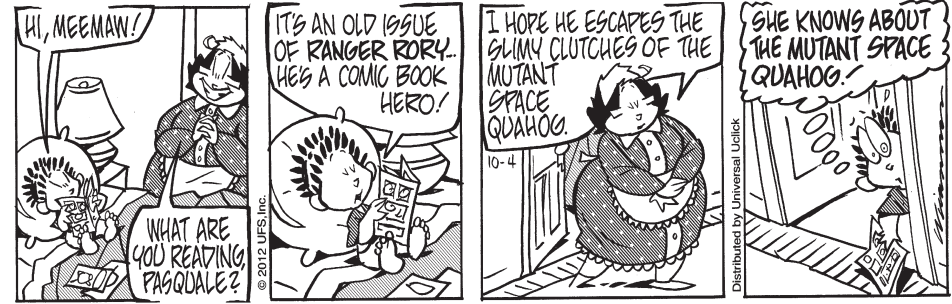
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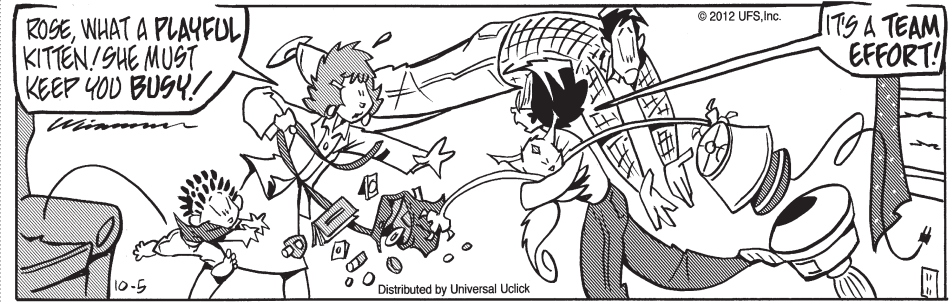
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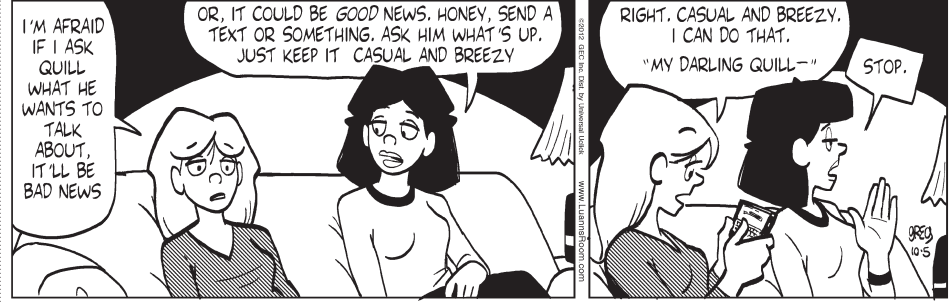
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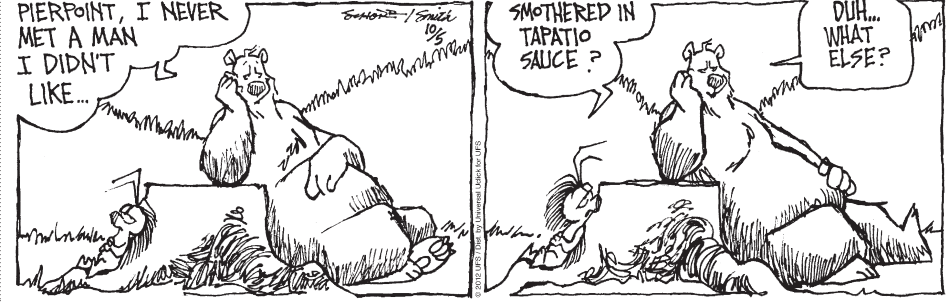
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Romney barrels out of first debate on offense

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DENVER — Little more than a month from Election Day, Republican Mitt Romney is barreling out of the first presidential debate energized by a solid performance that telegraphed his determination to take it to President Barack Obama with gusto. The president, intent on keeping his momentum from stalling, is warning Americans that his GOP rival's policy prescriptions for a fragile economy are more fantasy than reality.

Standing toe-to-toe with the president for the first time in the campaign, Romney held his own and more at a time when there already were signs that the race is tightening in some of the battleground states where Obama has enjoyed an advantage. Obama kept his cool and signaled that he won't let up on his message that Romney's plans on taxes, health care, the deficit and more just don't add up.

"It's fun," Romney declared well into Wednesday night's 90-minute face-off, clearly relishing the back-and-forth.

"It's arithmetic," said Obama, hammering at Romney's conspicuous lack of details with far less enthusiasm.

After a few days of relative calm as the candidates prepared for the first of their three debates, the campaign now bursts out of Colorado

in all directions, with an itinerary that touches down in some of the most hotly contested battleground states over the next few days: Obama campaigns in Colorado and Wisconsin, then on to Virginia and Ohio. Romney and running mate Paul Ryan are off to Virginia on Thursday, then Romney spends more time in Florida before moving on to Florida. Vice President Joe Biden is bound for Iowa.

With a 13-day break before their next debate, Obama and Romney have time to hone their arguments while their campaigns continue to bombard the most hotly contested states with negative ads that go far beyond the more restrained jibes the candidates leveled from their respective podiums. Obama made no mention, for example, of Romney's caught-on-tape remark that he's not worried about the 47 percent of Americans who don't pay taxes. Democratic ads, though, have been making hay with the comment.

Asked why the president didn't raise the video, Obama senior political adviser David Axelrod suggested on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that he didn't need to since it has been so widely seen and heard. "The president's belief is that's something that has been very much a part of the discussion," Axelrod said.

In next few weeks, Rom-

ney is expected to give a number of policy speeches filling in details as he tries to sharpen the contrast with Obama while answering criticism that he hasn't clearly outlined his plans. The Republican challenger begins with a foreign policy speech in Virginia on Monday. Subsequent speeches are expected to focus on his plans for job creation, debt and spending.

Romney has promised to balance the budget in eight years to 10 years, but hasn't explained just how he'll do it. Instead, he's promised a set of principles, some of which — like increasing Pentagon spending and restoring more than \$700 billion in cuts to Medicare over the coming decade — work against that goal. He also has said he will not consider tax increases.

Obama argued that it's all too much.

"At some point, I think the American people have to ask themselves, is the reason that Governor Romney is keeping all these plans to replace secret because they're too good?" he said. "Is it because that somehow middle-class families are going to benefit too much from them? No."

The president went on to say the nation faces tough problems that defy simple solutions and said his own choices were "benefiting middle-class families all across the country."

Romney maintained it was Obama who was crushing the middle class and getting the numbers wrong, telling him, "Mr. President, you're entitled to your own airplane and your own house, but not your own facts."

The two candidates planted themselves behind wooden lecterns and faced off before a crowd of fewer than 1,000 people at the University of Denver. But their policy-heavy debate really was aimed at the tens of millions of television viewers who tuned in, particularly those who are undecided.



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President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney wave at the start of the presidential debate.

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Meningitis: U.S. outbreak grows

NASHVILLE, Tenn.(AP) — An outbreak of a rare form of meningitis is likely to grow after sickening 26 people in five states, including four who died, health officials warned.

All received steroid injections, mostly for back pain, a fairly typical treatment. The drug was made by a specialty pharmacy in Massachusetts that issued a recall last week and has shut down operations.

The type of meningitis involved is not contagious like the more common forms. This type is caused by a fungus often found in leaf mold and which health officials suspect may have been in the steroid.

Eighteen of the cases are in Tennessee, where a Nashville clinic received the largest shipment of the steroid.. Investigators, though, say they are still trying to confirm the source of the infection.

Three cases have been reported in Virginia, two in Maryland, two in Florida and one in North Carolina. Two of the deaths were in Tennessee, and Virginia and Maryland had one each, said officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More new cases are almost certain to appear in the coming days, said Tennessee Department of Health Commissioner John Dreyzehner. Five new cases were confirmed over the past 24 hours, he said Wednesday, calling the situation a "rapidly evolving outbreak."

But federal health officials weren't clear about whether new infections are occurring. They are looking for — and increasingly finding — illnesses that occurred in the past two or three months.

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Pigskin Review

A look at Friday's games

Midwestern League
Springfield at Marshfield
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: KMHS (91.3 FM)
Outlook: The Pirates return to Pete Susick Stadium for homecoming and welcome back quarterback Jason Sweet. Marshfield played well in some areas in a loss at Churchill last week, but was again undone by turnovers – six against the Lancers. The Pirates will hope the home-field spark, as well as the return of Sweet and Nolan Scoville, provide a big boost. Austin Howerton had some bright moments while filling in for Sweet the past three weeks, but Sweet was the returning starter this year, as well as a valuable senior leader on the team. Springfield is off to a strong 4-1 start behind freshman quarterback Trevor Watson and entered the rankings last week and moved up to No. 7 this week. Springfield has a staff filled with coaches who formerly were assistants at Marist and runs a similar scheme, which will test the Marshfield defense. During halftime ceremonies, the queen will be crowned from among senior princesses Peyton Bab, Alicia Hatzel, Emily Moe and Kelsey Scott. The rest of the court includes junior Shaylen Crook, sophomore Daysha Browne and freshman Cameron Trujillo.

Far West League
South Umpqua at North Bend
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: K-Light (98.7 FM)
Outlook: The Bulldogs got the league season off to a good start by beating Douglas last week and entertain the Lancers in the annual Miss Flame game. The night celebrates the long tie between the high school and the North Bend Fire Department. Miss Flame will be crowned at halftime from among senior princesses Shelee Iparraguirre, Laura LaGesse, Alisha Molloy and Larissa Schreiber. On the field, the Bulldogs face a South Umpqua team that stayed relatively close to Siuslaw last week until losing starting quarterback Erik Johnson to an injury.

Sutherlin at Siuslaw
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: KCST (106.9 FM)
Outlook: The Vikings moved up to No. 1 in the polls this week when Gladstone lost, leaving Siuslaw the lone Class 4A unbeaten. They face a Sutherlin team that lost its opener to Brookings-Harbor after giving up a ton of rushing yards in the first half. Siuslaw will come at Sutherlin with a balanced veer attack led by talented quarterback Jacob Thompson.

Brookings-Harbor at Douglas
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: KURY (95.3 FM)
Outlook: The Bruins look for their second straight road win to start league. A victory over the Trojans would be huge in the playoff race, but Brookings-Harbor will need a stout defensive effort against a dangerous Douglas offense.

Sunset Conference
Bandon at Myrtle Point
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: KTEE (94.9 FM and 95.7 FM)
Outlook: The league opener comes at a great time for both teams. The Tigers and Bobcats both still seek their first win of the season. Bandon is inexperienced, but at least has a relatively large number of players to draw from. The Tigers also had their best offensive game of the season last week in a loss to Illinois Valley. The Bobcats had a setback against Waldport, where they were shut out after several good offensive efforts despite their thin roster. They will try to get a win on the weekend of their annual Hall of Fame celebration.

Gold Beach at Reedsport
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: KGBR (92.7 FM)
Outlook: Reedsport had a bye last week, which the Braves needed to try to get healthy. They also were able to spend extra time preparing for Gold Beach's offense. But they still can't match up with the size and experience of Gold Beach's offensive and defensive lines. The Panthers had a rare losing preseason, finishing 2-3 while playing five schools that all made the playoffs last season. Reedsport does welcome back quarterback Haden Sams, who missed the first four games after suffering a hunting injury.

Coquille at Glide
Time: 7 p.m.
Radio: No local radio
Outlook: This is the biggest game of the opening weekend in the hybrid league. With Bandon young and inexperienced, Coquille and Glide are expected to battle for the league's top seed for the Class 3A playoffs – two of the three teams get playoff spots this year. Glide started the season well, with four straight wins, but lost last week to Central Lin, which boasts a powerful run game – the exact style of offense Coquille will throw at the Wildcats. The Red Devils, meanwhile, will need to defend Glide's passing attack directed by senior quarterback Brandon Halter.

Skyline League
Days Creek at Powers
Time: 3 p.m.
Radio: No local radio
Outlook: After four straight league losses, the Cruisers get a break this week, when they entertain Days Creek. The Wolves are an old league foe now playing an independent eight-man schedule rather than a Class 2A schedule. Their lone win came against Mohawk on Sept. 14, though they suffered an overtime defeat to Chemawa last week. The Cruisers would like to bounce back before their final stretch of four league games.

MP hall inductions will be Saturday

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

MYRTLE POINT — Myrtle Point high school will honor two state champion teams and one standout athlete who went on to be a college All-American among the inductees into its Hall of Fame on Saturday night.

The ceremony will be held in Oaks Pavilion on the Coos County Fairgrounds. The doors open at 5 p.m. and a silent auction starts at that time. The induction will begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 6:30 and a live auction at 7. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door.

The inductees include the 1941 state co-champion football team; the 1982 state champion volleyball team; former athletes Kaylie (Towne) Parrish, John Breuer, Ron

Mason and John Franzen; and coach Pat Rickard.

Towne graduated in 2004 after a stellar basketball career for the Bobcats that included helping the team to the 2003 state title. She was an all-league, all-tournament (twice) and all-state performer before becoming an All-American in crew for Oregon State University, where she also was named the Pac-10 scholar athlete of the year. She now is a physician's assistant in Myrtle Point.

Breuer and Mason both graduated in 1968 after standout wrestling careers for the Bobcats. Myrtle Point placed third in the state meet their senior year and Breuer and Mason each placed third as individuals. Mason also ran cross country and Breuer played football for the Bobcats. They each went on to long coach-

ing careers in wrestling, each leading Coquille (Breuer for 14 years) and Mason also returning to coach the Bobcats. Breuer also coached football in Coquille and is a renowned physical therapist on the South Coast.

Franzen, who graduated in 1965, was a standout football, basketball and track athlete for the Bobcats. He was one of the top hurdlers in school history and went onto a long career in education that included being a teacher and then elementary, middle school and high school principal in North Bend.

Rickard coached in Myrtle Point from 1935 to 1942, including leading the Bobcats to the state co-title in 1941. They also reached the state basketball tournament in 1938.

The 1941 football team included Noah Cosner, Earl Adams,

Melvin Floyd, Marvin Floyd, William Sempert, Harry Brown, Lyle Olson, Roy Miller, Charles Wilson, James Porter, Alfred Bingham, Don Endicott, E. Brooks, L. Zinn and C. Oylera.

The 1982 volleyball team was coached by Jodi Hajduk and Paula Sangster. Team members included Lisa Jarman, Geri Hajduk, Kenna Hajduk, Lana Ingram, Lyndee Liebelt, Monique Craven, Camille Denning, Maeora Barklow, Melanie Little, Karen Fullerton, Sari Spink and team manager Julie Sykes. After edging Henley in a close three-game match to start the tournament, the Bobcats dominated Glide 15-7, 15-2; edged Sweet Home 15-11, 9-15, 15-8 in the semifinals and beat Estacada 15-6, 4-15, 15-5 in the championship. Barklow and Liebelt both were named to the all-tournament team.



By Alysha Beck, The World

Mike Taylor rakes away footprints after new grass seed was spread over the outfield of Clyde Allen Field on Tuesday. Taylor was the driving force in the effort for a \$126,000 project that included a \$50,000 grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund to improve the field.

Clyde Allen Field gets new grass

■ New drainage and irrigation project nears completion at field

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

NORTH BEND — The outfield at Clyde Allen Field doesn't look suitable for baseball right now.

But in a few weeks, that should change. And next spring and summer, it should be better than it's ever been.

Workers this week put down new grass seed, the final step in a project that included an extensive new drainage system and also a new irrigation system.

The work was part of a \$126,000 project that included a \$50,000 grant from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. Baseball Tomorrow officials will be in town Oct. 20 for a formal reception for the project.

By then, green grass should be plentiful in the outfield, said Mike Taylor, president of South Coast Babe Ruth and the driving force behind the project.

On Tuesday afternoon, Taylor and Tom Green, another volun-

teer, carefully raked away footprints and made tweaks to the new sprinkler system after the seeding was done earlier in the day.

Two employees from Bandon Dunes Golf Resort spread about 450 pounds of grass seed and 400 pounds of fertilizer over the outfield and then gave Taylor the instructions for its care.

"They said to water it four times a day for 10 minutes each time, especially when it's windy, then sit back and watch the grass grow," Taylor said.

Bandon Dunes was one of the many contributors to the project, providing the grass seed and fertilizer, as well as the technical assistance for planting the grass.

Taylor credited Ken Nice, the resort's director of agronomy, for being a great help in the project.

The new grass will cover up extensive work that has been done.

Taylor said about 6,400 feet of drainage pipe was placed in the outfield, leading to a well beyond the center field fence. The new drainage system should make the field playable earlier in the spring, and the well will enable the water to be recycled so the stadium won't require city water.

The irrigation component of the project also is important. The stadium used to have 17 sprinkler heads. Now it has 40, giving the ability to fully cover the outfield, something the old system didn't do.

While Knife River did the work on the drainage system, the 2,000 feet of irrigation pipe and sprinklers were put in through volunteer labor including Taylor, Green, North Bend High School baseball coach Brad Horning, former Marshfield coach Quintin Hall, former North Bend player Rick Edgar and Ryan Fobert, who has helped with coaching the past few years.

After that work was done, more than 500 cubic yards of sand was added, most donated by Southport Lumber and transported by Beyer Excavating, Taylor said.

The grass is a ryegrass blend that works particularly well on the South Coast. It is the same type used for Bandon High School's baseball field.

Clyde Allen Field was opened in 1947 and annually hosts about 100 baseball games between North Bend High School, South Coast Babe Ruth, American Legion and various tournaments.

Officials focus on shifting

BY MARK STEPHENS
SWFOFA Official

With the trend in high school football to more complex offensive formations, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is stressing to coaches and game officials the need to eliminate "illegal shifts" involving the quarterback.

Whenever any player on the offensive team moves to a new position after the ready-for-play and before the snap it is a shift. The rules stipulate that all offensive players shall be stationary for one second before the snap, and only one player can be in motion prior to the snap after the one second set.

Several examples of an illegal shift would be the offensive team assuming their set positions while the quarterback walks forward to the center, then immediately taking the snap

before becoming set himself for one second.

Another example is the quarterback sending a player in motion, and after the player is in motion the quarterback goes under the center to receive the snap, even if he sets for one second. The NFHS Rules Committee feels if the offense is allowed to execute illegal shifts or other movements, teams will gain an advantage not intended by the rules and will disrupt the desired balance between offense and defense.

To accomplish the up-tempo offense similar to what is now fairly common in college games without huddling before every play, players often wear a coded card in an expanded wrist band to identify the plays being called from the sideline. The NFHS Rule Committee had received safety concerns about players wearing these cards in a location other than the wrist, such as looped onto their belts.

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Cabrera is first in 45 years to win Triple Crown

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Miguel Cabrera had just achieved baseball immortality, and everyone around him knew it.

Tigers manager Jim Leyland had tears welling in his eyes. General manager Dave Dombrowski kept trying to remind people to stop and enjoy the moment. Prince Fielder simply shook his head in disbelief at the history that had unfolded.

Less than an hour earlier, in the midst of Detroit's otherwise meaningless 1-0 victory over Kansas City, it had finally become official: Cabrera had won the Triple Crown.

"Everybody said to me it was unbelievable. They were all excited to see this, enjoy this, be a part of something big," he said, taking the rare feat in stride.

Cabrera finished the regular-season hitting .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs, leading the American League in all three statistical categories, making him just the 15th player to achieve the Triple Crown and the first since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967.

"I've managed a lot of players, managed some great ones, but I've never seen anything like this," Leyland said. "When you're sitting back and it's over with, people are talking about Miguel Cabrera, the rest of the world will have no idea who his manager was, but I will."

Among those in one of baseball's most exclusive clubs are Lou Gehrig, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle and Frank Robinson, who called it "an incredible accomplishment for a gifted young man,



The Associated Press
Detroit's Miguel Cabrera tips his hat to the crowd as he leaves the field during Wednesday's game.

and Miguel should be proud of his all-around excellence and consistency throughout the season."

Cabrera's achievement wasn't assured until the Yankees pinch-hit for Curtis Granderson in their 14-2 rout

was Angels rookie Mike Trout, who remains Cabrera's toughest competition for the AL MVP. Cabrera was the runaway leader in RBIs.

"When he's over the plate, he can do anything. He's the best hitter in the game," Trout said. "I think his approach, the way he battles with two strikes — you leave one pitch over the plate that at-bat and he's going to hit it. He had an unbelievable year."

Perhaps befitting one of the game's reluctant superstars, Cabrera had retired to the visiting clubhouse after he was removed from Wednesday night's game in the fourth inning.

He watched his milestone become official on the television screens perched in the middle of the room, surrounded by Fielder, reigning

AL MVP Justin Verlander and a few other teammates.

"He's the best right-handed hitter in the game, the best teammate, the most humble person I know," Fielder said. "Anyone who wins the Triple Crown, he's awesome, man. He's the best."

Commissioner Bud Selig offered his congratulations, calling the Triple Crown "a remarkable achievement that places him amongst an elite few in all of baseball history."

The crowd at Kauffman Stadium gave Cabrera a standing ovation before he fled out in the first inning. He struck out in the fourth but remained in the game, allowing Leyland to remove him with two outs in the bottom half of the inning to another standing ovation from thousands of appreciative fans.

Oakland completes comeback

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland won the AL West title with another improbable rally in a season full of them, coming back from four runs down and a 13-game division deficit to stun two-time defending league champion Texas on Wednesday.

Josh Hamilton dropped a fly ball in center field for a two-run error that put the A's (94-68) ahead 7-5 in a six-run fourth inning.

While Hamilton's Rangers (93-69) are headed to the new one-game, wild-card playoff, the A's get some time off before opening the division series in their first postseason appearance since 2006.

The A's needed to sweep Texas and they delivered to win their first division crown in six years and 15th in all. They overcame a five-game deficit in the final nine days and took sole possession of the West's top spot for the first time this year.

Oakland's Coco Crisp hit a tying two-run double in the fourth against Derek Holland (12-7). Brandon Moss drove in three runs, including a two-run single in a four-run eighth.

Derek Norris homered leading off the eighth with his seventh homer and Oakland's major league-leading 112th since the All-Star break.

Yankees 14, Red Sox 2: Robinson Cano and Curtis Granderson each hit a pair of homers, powering the Yankees past the Red Sox for their 13th AL East title in 17 years.

In front of fans poised to party from the first pitch, the Yankees completed a three-game sweep of the last-place Red Sox to win their second consecutive division crown. The championship was locked up by the seventh inning, when Baltimore's 4-1 loss at Tampa Bay went final.

Cano tied a career high with six RBIs as New York secured home-field advantage throughout the AL playoffs. The Yankees will open on the road Sunday against the winner of Friday's wild-card game between Baltimore and Texas.

Rays 4, Orioles 1: Evan Longoria homered three times and the Rays beat Baltimore, ending the Orioles' bid to force a one-game tiebreaker for the AL East title.

Longoria finished the season with a bang for the second straight year, hitting solo shots off Chris Tillman in the first and fourth innings and adding another solo shot off Jake Arrieta in the sixth.

With a chance to tie the major league record, Longoria grounded out in the eighth.

White Sox 9, Indians 0: Dan Johnson hit his first three homers of the season and Chicago added two more in the game as the White Sox routed the Indians.

Johnson hit two two-run homers off David Huff (3-1). His 424-foot shot in the second inning was his first in

more than a year. His second made it 7-0 in the fifth, two batters after Paul Konerko hit his 26th of the season.

Blue Jays 2, Twins 1: Brandon Morrow (10-7) struck out a season-high 11, Omar Vizquel wrapped up his 24-year career and the Blue Jays beat the Twins to complete a three-game sweep.

The Blue Jays avoided 90 losses, finishing at 73-89. They finished at .500 last season.

Mike McCoy replaced Vizquel with two outs in the ninth and the veteran infielder left to a standing ovation, hugging his teammates, doffing his cap and tapping his heart to show his appreciation. He also threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Mariners 12, Angels 0: Casper Wells tied a career-high with five RBIs including a three-run homer in Seattle's six-run seventh inning, and the Mariners routed the Angels.

Angels' star rookie Mike Trout went 2-for-3 at the plate with a double leading off the sixth and a single in the eighth to finish the season with a .326 average. That was good for second in the AL batting race, but pretty much locked up the Triple Crown for Detroit's Miguel Cabrera.

Angels' starter Jered Weaver pitched just one inning before leaving the game.

Weaver (20-5) had a chance to become the fourth pitcher in Angels' history to reach 21 wins, but called it a season early after giving up two runs, two hits and walking two batters in the first inning. The team said Weaver had "general fatigue" as the reason he threw just one inning.

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are checking the field and meeting with other game officials (clock operator, chain crew) and coaches, they are inspecting players and making sure game cards are worn correctly, as well as identifying other illegal equipment, such as tinted eye shields, wearing sweat bands at an improper location not on the wrist, bicep bands, jewelry, altered knee and ankle braces, illegal pads and padding, and uncovered shoulder rib and back protectors. Player safety and sportsmanship are the driving principle of this pre-game inspection by officials.

Many players and their parents are aware of the advances that have been made in one particular piece of protective equipment — the tooth and mouth card. Previously, it was common for players to have a fitted tooth protector worn on the upper teeth, covering all the teeth back to the molars.

In the past few years, mouth piece design has been improved to lessen the risk of concussion from hard blows to the head and body. These new mouth pieces cover both the upper and lower teeth, and are typically attached to the player's face-mask by the same material covering the teeth.

In recognition of this change in safety equipment, the NFHS expanded the "face mask" rule to include this tooth and mouth protector attached to the face-mask. Grabbing but not pulling is a 5-yard penalty, and grabbing, pulling and/or twisting the player's head is 15 yards.

Until next time.

