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2 Coos Bay classrooms enter quarantine

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — One classroom each at two different Coos Bay schools was sent into quarantine protocol for one week after a person at each school was reported as a known exposure to COVID-19, Superintendent Bryan Trendell said Thursday. "It is not an outbreak at a school but a trickle down from a family member that caused exposure to a specific classroom," Trendell said. The classrooms were at Madison and Sunset schools in Empire and the con-

tact involved members of the same family, Trendell said. "As members of the school community, we understand that this might raise concerns alongside a caring response," Trendell said in a letter he sent out to the community. "We are working closely with Coos Health and Wellness to respond to this news and protect the health of our students, staff and community." Under the district's protocol for this type of situation, the district is working with Coos Health and Wellness to contract trace those who may have been

exposed. In addition, all individuals who were potentially exposed are required to quarantine at home for the next week, with both classrooms (cohorts) being moved to comprehensive distance learning for the week. All possible areas of exposure within each school are going through a deep clean and sanitization, Trendell added. "We will keep you updated with any new information as it comes out, while meeting the requirements to honor everyone's right to privacy," Trendell said. He also reminded the community of best practices to avoid

contracting COVID-19. "The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is through staying home when ill, wearing face coverings, physical distancing, and practicing good health hygiene habits," Trendell wrote. "Be sure to wash your hands frequently with soap and water, cover you coughs and sneezes, and avoid contact with people who have signs of illness. Get plenty of rest, exercise, and eat a healthy diet. "Protect the community by following Oregon Health Authority guidelines. Wearing cloth face coverings and maintaining social

distancing reduces the spread of virus." For more information, he directed people to the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe Learners page (<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/Planning-for-the-2020-21-School-Year.aspx>), the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 page (<https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>) and the Coos Health and Wellness COVID-19 page (<https://cooshealthandwellness.org/public-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-covid-19/>).



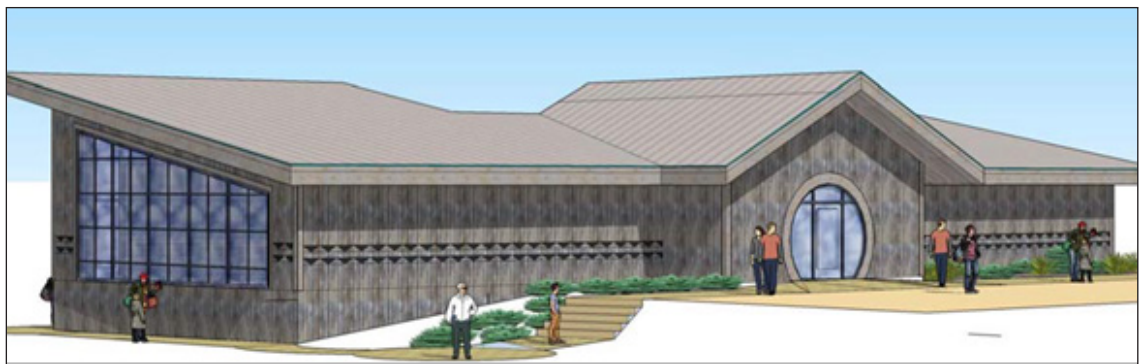
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This March 2018 photo shows the Hollering Place at the water's edge in the Empire District of Coos Bay.

Hollering Place land use approved

ZACK DEMARS
The World

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Planning Commission approved land use plans for the Hollering Place Cultural Center at a meeting held Tuesday. The center, proposed by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, will be home to historical and cultural exhibits and will serve as a place to share Tribal culture. It'll also be the first major construction at the Hollering Place development at the corner of Newmark Avenue and Empire Boulevard, where the Hollering Place Wayside currently sits. "I'm impressed," planning commission member Jeff Marinneau said during the commission's review of the proposal. "It's an absolutely stunning design for that corner." The 4,300-square-foot cultural center will sit on the property's upper bluff overlooking the water,



Contributed by the City of Coos Bay

A rendering of the Hollering Place Cultural Center, planned in Coos Bay's Empire area.

and is designed in a similar style to a traditional Plank house, with wood siding, storefront windows and standing seam metal roofing, according to application documents. In 2008, city leaders published a three-phase Master Plan for the Hollering Place property, with the intent of developing the property to revitalize the area. The development proposal eventually selected by city leaders added plans to

recognize the history of the site, which was originally the site of a Coos Tribal village. The shoreline became the county's first European settlement and eventually Empire City, the first Coos County seat. Much of the development will focus on that history. The land, owned by the tribes, is slated to include interpretative elements in addition to the cultural center, as well as dining, hotel space and retail.

One of the site's first projects was the installation of a seawall, which was completed last year before the city's Urban Renewal Agency signed the land over to the tribes. Developers still need a few permits before beginning construction on the project, according to city planner Debbie Erler. There's a 15-day appeal window on the planning commission's decision to approve the plans.

South Coast's first COVID-19 death reported

The World

BROOKINGS — An 88-year-old resident of the Seaview Senior Living Memory Care Facility died Monday after testing positive for COVID-19, according to Curry County Public Health. The death is the South Coast's first due to the pandemic. The resident tested positive on Oct. 5, but wasn't experiencing symptoms prior to being transferred to the hospital. The

patient had pre-existing medical conditions, according to Curry County Public Health. "Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends," Public Health Administrator Sherrie Ward wrote in a press release. The patient was one of 21 patients and staff members from the long-term memory care center who've tested positive for the virus, including one new asymptomatic case reported Friday,

according to the department. The county has seen a spike in cases in recent weeks, with 41 recovered cases and 14 active cases, including one hospitalization. The Curry County resident was Oregon's 614th of 617 virus-related deaths to date, according to the Oregon Health Authority. "It is important that we all follow the OHA and CDC guidelines and Governor's directives about social distancing, wearing

facial coverings in public buildings and protecting yourselves by staying home to slow the spread and save lives," Ward said in the release. Coos County reached 200 COVID-19 cases Thursday, including 146 confirmed cases and 54 presumptive cases. There are an additional 110 individuals under monitoring for exposure, according to Coos Health & Wellness. Coos County has reported no deaths from the virus.

Election 2020 is here

County announces drop sites, nearly 48,000 new registrations

ZACK DEMARS
The World

COOS COUNTY — With ballots in the mail Thursday, the 2020 general election is officially underway in Coos County. Voters have a number of ways to return their ballots, according to the county clerk's office. Ballots include free postage, so they can be returned by mail at no cost to the voter. There are also seven drop sites throughout the county, which are open now and accept ballots through 8 p.m. on Nov. 3, Election Day: Bandon City Hall, 555 U.S. Highway 101. Office open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Closed Fridays. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue. Drive-up collection box is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day. Coquille Courthouse, 250 North Baxter Street. Walk-up collection box is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day. Lakeside City Hall, 915 North Lake Road. Building mail slot is ADA accessible and open 24 hours a day through Election Day. Myrtle Point City Hall, 424 Fifth Street. Office open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. North Bend Fire Department, 1880 McPherson Avenue. Office open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week. Powers Market, 409 Second Avenue. Open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. In Reedsport, ballots can be returned by mail, or to the Douglas County Annex at 680 Fir Avenue. The drive-thru drop box is open 24 hours a day through Election Day. The Coos County clerk's Please see **Election**, Page A8

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MEETINGS

MONDAY, OCT. 19
Coquille City Council and Urban Renewal Agency — 7 p.m., regular meeting via Zoom. Visit www.cityofcoquille.org or call 541-396-2115 for agenda and Zoom information.

Myrtle Point City Council — 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Flora M. Laird Memorial Library meeting room, 435 Fifth St., Myrtle Point.

Coquille Valley Hospital Board Finance Committee — 9 a.m., regular meeting, hospital board room, 904 East Fifth St., Coquille.

Coos County Commissioners — 10:30 a.m., worksession on Millicoma River Parks & Recreation District, Owen Building, 201 N. Adams, Coquille.

Coos County Commissioners — 1:30 p.m., worksession, EDA Grant & Trade Schools, Owen

Building, 201 N. Adams, Coquille.

Coos County Fair Board — 6 p.m., regular meeting, Owen Building, 201 N. Adams, Coquille.

North Bend Parks Advisory Board — 4 p.m., Ferry Road Park, special meeting to walk proposed new disc golf course.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20
Coos Bay City Council — 7 p.m., regular meeting followed immediately by Urban Renewal Agency meeting, City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay. The full agenda packet is available on the city's website (http://coosbay.org/government/search_agendas-minutes). The meeting will be live streamed on the City's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-w12ikBN-WVkoVWVqJ0bk2g>.

Coos County Commissioners — 8:30 a.m., executive session and 9:30 a.m. regular meeting, Owen Building, 201 N. Adams, Coquille.

Oregon International Port of Coos Bay — 3 p.m., regular meeting. Members of the public are invited to view the meeting live on our YouTube Channel at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1b-jT8ZDsQvHUVDSNNz-KgSw> If you would like to provide public comment during the meeting, please call the Administrative office at 541-267-7678 by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Written comment will be accepted until 12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 by sending an email to portcoos@portofcoosbay.com with the subject line "Public Comment."

THURSDAY, OCT. 22
Coos Soil & Water Conservation District — 7 p.m., meeting via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/8983590424?pwd=QzVNM0hxTFZ-TQ0xyenRNBULiME-JIUT09>

Coos Bay Parks Commission — 4 p.m., regular meeting City Hall Council Chambers, live link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7Kei7sOwU4&feature=youtu.be>

Port of Bandon — 5 p.m., regular meeting via Zoom teleconference. To join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83210430865?pwd=QmRlOHBBMVV4emN6ai-9qbXNDbTBkdz09> then enter Meeting ID: 832 1043 0865 and Password: 701994. Or dial +1 (253) 215- 8782 and enter Meeting ID: 832 1043 0865 then Password: 701994. We are asking all those attending to please use the Dial In Option. For more information or assistance on joining meeting, please call (541) 347-3206 or visit www.portofbandon.com

Coquille Valley Hospital Board of Directors — 7:30 a.m., regular meeting, hospital board room, 940 East Fifth St., Coquille. Meeting also available on zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/95043370624?pwd=dIQvV3pSVWxFR-jRiQUZ0WGIDdlk3Zz09>

Lanes to close on Broadway Ave. Sunday night

ZACK DEMARS
 The World

NORTH BEND — The outer lanes of Broadway Avenue in North Bend will be closed Sunday night, according to a release from the city.

The city's contractors will close the outer between lanes between Newmark Avenue and

Virginia Avenue at 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 to grind out and replace the pavement. The pavement will be rough until the project is completed, the release says.

Work is scheduled to be completed by 7 a.m. on Monday, according to the release, and drivers are encouraged to take alternative routes overnight.

Suspect in custody after North Bend taxi robbed Monday

The World

NORTH BEND — A Coos Bay man was arrested Monday after allegedly robbing a taxi driver near the North Library between Union Avenue and Connecticut Avenue, according to a release from North Bend Police.

The man approached a Yellow Cab while it was picking up a customer, police said. He threatened the driver with a gun and demanded the driver's

money before leaving the area with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Police responded around 8 a.m. Monday and apprehended a suspect. The man didn't have a gun, and the stolen money was returned to the driver.

Coos Bay resident Daniel Duran, 60, was arrested on suspicion of second-degree robbery and a probation violation. He was transported to the Coos County Jail, police said.

Fire restrictions lifted on S. Oregon Coast BLM lands

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SOUTH COAST — The Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District lifted fire restrictions on BLM public lands Wednesday morning, according to a release from the agency.

The change means campfires, the use of

machinery and smoking are all now permitted on BLM-managed lands in Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties.

Fire danger is always present, which means visitors must be cautious with fires and ensure they're extinguished completely, the agency said.

Coos Bay to stripe Newmark Avenue, Fifth Street

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COOS BAY — The City of Coos Bay will be re-stripping several roads in the area, according to press releases from the city. The roads will remain open, but crews may be directing traffic and wet paint will remain.

On Oct. 17 at 6 a.m., crews will begin striping North Fifth Street from Anderson Avenue to Commercial Avenue. The road will remain open,

but parking in the area will be prohibited most of the day.

The City Hall parking lot will be closed most of Oct. 19 for re-stripping. Crews will re-stripe the garage on Oct. 20, starting at noon.

Starting on Oct. 20 at 6 a.m., crews will work on the Newmark Avenue median from LeClair Street to the main Walmart entrance. The road will remain open and crews will direct traffic.

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Oregon goes over 600 deaths, 38,000 cases

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This week Oregon went over 600 deaths since the COVID-19 pandemic began and also went over 38,000 total confirmed and presumptive cases.

The death toll went over 600 when six new deaths were reported on Tuesday. From Monday through Thursday, a total of 12 deaths were reported,

leaving the state's death toll at 611.

"Today we surpassed 600 reported COVID-19 deaths, marking an unhappy milestone for all Oregonians. At OHA we note each COVID-19 related death with great sadness," said OHA Director Patrick Allen on Tuesday. "Our thoughts go out to the families and loved ones of those we have lost.

"Each death is a reminder to the rest of us of the severity and danger of COVID-19," Allen said. "Each of us has our own reasons why we take individual COVID-19 prevention steps like wearing a mask, keeping physically distant, and avoiding gatherings, but for most of us, we take these actions to protect our families, friends and neighbors. OHA sends

its condolences to every Oregonian who has lost someone to COVID-19."

The total number of cases was 38,525 as of 12:01 a.m. Thursday.

During the four days there were four new cases in Coos County, six in Curry County and 14 in Douglas County. In all, 30 of Oregon's 36 counties had at least one positive test during the week.

Weekly report

On Wednesday, OHA also released its Weekly Report which showed that during the week of Oct. 5 through Oct. 11, OHA recorded 2,418 new cases of COVID-19 infection — up 18% from last week's tally of 2,055 and the highest weekly total reported in Oregon to date.

The number of Oregonian's newly tested during

the week rose 26% to 28,490. The percentage of tests that were positive rose slightly to 6.4% from 6.3% a week earlier. During the week, 27 new deaths were reported, a slight increase from 25 a week earlier.

A total of 147 Oregonians were hospitalized, up from 119 in the previous week. It was the highest weekly

County property tax statements mailed Friday

The World

COOS COUNTY — Property owners can expect to receive their tax statements in the next few weeks, according to a press release from Coos County.

County officials say payments have to be made or postmarked before Nov. 16 to avoid late fees. This year, payments will be processed through a center in Portland to speed up the delivery of tax dollars to

special districts, schools and other agencies in the county that use the money.

Payments can be made online, by mail or in person at the County Tax Office (250 North Baxter Street, Coquille). The courthouse has limited access at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the county recommends paying by mail or online.

Payments can be made by credit card on the county's website at www.co.coos.or.us.

Payment information is available by contacting coostax@co.coos.or.us or 541-396-7725. Property value information is available by contacting dharris@co.coos.or.us or 541-396-7900, and appeals of property value information may be made by contacting tdalton@co.coos.or.us or 541-396-7600.

The county's total tax due is just under \$81 million for the year, an increase of about 4.5% over last year.

Free food box deliveries continue each Thursday

The World

NORTH BEND — Pelican Harbor Food Bank continues to deliver USDA food boxes every Thursday in the Pony Village Mall parking lot.

The organization is distributing about 850 boxes each week. The boxes are about 30 pounds and in-

clude milk, butter, cheese, fresh meat and produce.

There are no residency or income requirements to receive a food box and people do not need to sign up ahead of time. Food boxes can be picked up starting about 10 a.m. each Thursday.

The Knights of Columbus, which helps Pelican

Harbor deliver the food each week, had hoped to add Friday deliveries in Coos Bay, but those are on hold because of a hang-up arranging trucking of the food to the Bay Area.

For more information, call 541-756-6696 or visit www.facebook.com/pelicanharborfoodbank

Local organizations collecting 'Backpacks for Kids'

The World

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Soroptomists and the Department of Human Services will be collecting backpacks for kids displaced by violence, neglect and drug use into emergency foster care,

according to a release from the groups.

"Operation Backpacks for Kids" will collect backpacks, jeans, t-shirts, tennis shoes and hygiene products ahead of the main drive at the Coos Bay and North Bend Bi-Mart locations, the Coos Bay Visi-

tors Center and K-DOCK radio starting Saturday.

A final drive event will take place at both Bi-Mart stores from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 24.

Other suggested donations include infant supplies, diapers, books, and snack supplies.

Lane County put on watch list

(Portland) — Governor Kate Brown today announced that Lane County has been added to the County Watch List, bringing the total number of counties on the Watch List to five.

"The Oregon Health Authority continually monitors case counts across the state," said Governor Brown. "Recognizing the case increases in Lane County over the last two weeks, OHA has already been working with Lane County Public Health to address the community spread they are experiencing.

"There is no ques-

tion that the spread of COVID-19 in Lane County is connected—to a degree—to student social activities. Social gatherings, like off-campus parties, are incredibly dangerous and spread this disease. Let me be clear, though: it will take the entire county working together to bring these COVID-19 numbers under control. Once COVID-19 is spreading in the community, small family get-togethers can also lead to dozens of infections."

Counties are placed on the Watch List when COVID-19 is spreading quickly and public health

officials cannot trace that spread to specific sources—creating a potentially dangerous dynamic. Specific markers of this rapid community spread include when there is a sporadic case rate of 50 or more per 100,000 people in the last two weeks and the county has had more than five sporadic cases in the last two weeks (sporadic cases are those that cannot be traced to a source; they indicate community spread). Counties remain on the Watch List for a minimum of three weeks and until their sporadic case rates drop below these thresholds.

League of Women Voters posts candidate interviews

The World

Candidate interviews for the Coos Bay and North Bend city council have been posted online by the League of Women Voters of Coos County.

They are part of the alternative information plan by the League this fall because the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of regular candidate debate forums.

The information is available on the League's website at my.lwv.org/Oregon/Coos-County under the menu: VOTING & ELECTIONS, Debates and Interviews.

Interviews include the Coos Bay City Council candidates Lucinda Di

Novo, Drew Farmer, Stephanie Kilmer, Jim Kingsely, Cameron Langley and Cody Skoff and the North Bend City Council candidates Levi Clow, Eric Gleason, Pat Goll, Ron Kutch, Susanna Noordhoff, Tim Slater and Jonathan P. Vinyard.

Debates for the North Bend Mayor, Oregon Senate District No. 5 and Oregon House District No. 9 should be available to watch on the website soon after Oct. 16.

The League had intended to provide information on the races for Coos Bay Mayor and Coos County Commissioner, but was unable to because only one candidate in each of those races accepted the

League's invitation to debate.

The candidate forums are a voters' service project of the League of Women Voters of Coos County, a non-partisan political organization with a mission to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government. The League never supports or opposes any candidate or political party and aims to provide impartial information to voters about candidates' views on issues, and to stimulate interest and participation in the election.

For more information, contact LWVCC Forum Chair Suzanne Grami at 541-260-2028 or LWVCC President Alice Carlson at 541-756-7290.

Reedsport police vehicle among federally funded projects

The World

REEDSPORT — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program will fund a new police vehicle in Reedsport, according to a release from Senator Jeff Merkley's office.

The \$36,300 awarded to the city is part of a Community Facilities Disaster Grant, and will come along with a number of other grants awarded to Oregon's

rural communities, the release said.

Also in Douglas County, the City of Winston will get \$137,200 to update its police department facilities. The Mapleton School District in Lane County will see over \$300,000 to renovate and re-open the aquatics center serving Florence and Mapleton.

Neighbors for Kids, a nonprofit in Depoe Bay, will receive upwards of \$55,000 for improving its security

and fire infrastructure.

All told, the funding amounts to more than \$1.7 million for eight communities in Oregon, according to the release.

"Every Oregonian in every part of our state—regardless of their zip code or their income—should have the facilities and infrastructure necessary to build community and stay safe from risks like wildfires and cyberattacks," Merkley said in the release.

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By confining such letters to two per issue of the newspaper, we can ensure we have room for a variety of other content, both local and — to a lesser extent —

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Engelke is right choice for mayor

Jessica Engleke is exactly who our community needs for our next mayor. Born and raised in North Bend, she understands the value of growing up in a rural community. As a professor of business at SWOCC, she has developed relationships with countless small business owners across the city and has the vision and determination to grow local business and encourage tourism. Her time on city council taught her invaluable lessons and gave her the insight needed to stretch the city budget without compromising the health and safety of our community. She is passionate about making our city desirable for new families moving into the area and for implementing the change necessary to make this happen. Please join me in voting for Jessica Engleke, North Bend Mayor.

**Jon Yost MD,
Barb Yost**
North Bend

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Doug Bankler
North Bend

Republican voting against Anderson

I have always considered myself as a conservative republican and strong believer in the 'free enterprise' system.

However, I cannot support or vote for republican Dick Anderson for the following reason: he played a leadership role in the city purchasing a large tract of land called The Village of the Cascades in 2013. This put the city directly in the land development business using the Tax Payer's Money.

The property has had no development in 7 years and has cost taxpayers over \$700,000 in maintenance of the property.

Also, using Lincoln County tax records, taxpayers have lost an estimated \$36,401,909 in tax base over these years. This causes all of us to pay higher taxes.

Government should not be in private business.

I believe in facts, not hand shakes.

Jerry Warner
Lincoln City

Trump voters are outnumbered

Oregon has not voted to elect a Republican presidential candidate since 2000. Hillary Clinton received 1,002,106 Oregonians' votes in 2016, the most votes for one candidate in the state's history. We may see many Trump supporters around and think that everyone is voting for him.

The reality is that of Oregon's 4 million population, approximately 2,600,000 live in the Democratic voting counties. More or less, the population centers. These population centers flex their muscles every election and get progressive people elected. If all 1,400,000 in rural Oregon and a million people from Portland, Eugene and Ashland voted for Trump, he would still lose by 300,000 votes. Trump can't win in Oregon. It's in the math.

That said, there will be no "conspiracy" when the state mostly votes for Joe Biden. Just outnumbered.

The dude with the Trump flag on his pick up who slashed our non-Trump banner; the 200 armed Coquille residents who were tricked into believing that imaginary group was coming to attack their "off the radar" community; the White Gangs planning to kidnap the Michigan governor; Timothy McVeigh and even the 9/11 hijackers are/were all conservatives. Great Satan, anyone?

Oregonians are nervous about some Trump supporters.

If you are patiotic, you know we have more in common, than not. If you are an armed conspiracy nut, Stand Down. There is no "grand cheat" happening in Oregon. No planned invasion by the city kids and blacks. Get a grip. Trump voters are simply outnumbered in Oregon.

Michael Strickling
Bandon

Dick Anderson is man of integrity

I have known Dick and Sue Anderson for many years.

Dick Anderson is a man of high integrity and solid common sense. He has a calm domineer and a quick wit. You only have to talk to him for a short time to realize that he actually cares about what you have to say.

Dick Anderson has a strong grasp on the issues important to his constituents and is a person you can depend on to do what he says he will do.

I'm voting for Dick Anderson because Oregon needs a different way to move forward, and Dick Anderson has the best way.

Very sincerely

Les Pluard – Owner
Vista Construction, Lincoln City

Endorsing Engelke for mayor

I support and endorse Jessica Engelke for North Bend mayor.

I was elected to serve my community, the City of North Bend, as mayor in November 2002. My current term expires in November 2020.

When asked who I support for North Bend mayor, I answer Jessica Engelke. Jessica has two years of North Bend City Council experience, teaches business classes at SWOCC, grew up here, has the skill and will to bring youth and positivity to guide our city in an ever-changing future. She loves our city.

On a personal level, I find Jessica to be kind — above disrespect of others — yet assertive. She is a Bulldog and I have never favored 'CONSOLIDATION' as her opponent has in the past.

The latest round of endorsements for Jessica includes:

North Bend Professional Fire Fighters

Mark Mattecheck Back Alley Pub and Grill and North Bend Lanes

John Sweet Coos County Commissioner

Downtown North Bend Business Wildflower Café and Catering

Downtown North Bend Business Petal to the Metal Flowers

Eric Farm President — Farm Unlimited

Jessica's campaign is about moving forward and building the future together. She is proud to have the endorsements of such respected leaders, political figures and businesses owners in our community. In addition to their endorsements, she also has their ideas and collaboration to help move our community forward.

If you have questions or want more information about Jessica Engelke's mayor campaign, email Electengelke@gmail.com.

Rick Wetherell
Mayor, North Bend

Rose for North Bend mayor

James Rose for North Bend Mayor

Clearly Mr. Rose sees the City Council as a governing body that serve the interest of the citizens while maintaining a reasonable level of services in the areas that the citizens desire for the city to provide.

Mr. Rose has already proven that he is qualified to become the next Mayor of North Bend. His work with an ad hoc group of North Bend citizens to secure the constitutional rights of the citizens to vote on all taxing matters that the City Council would desire to use to fund city services that are outside of the city budget. Never again will the city council be allowed to impose taxes (or fees in lieu of taxes) on the citizens of North Bend without first having the approval of a majority of the voting citizens of North Bend.

I do think James Rose will lead North Bend into a new positive direction that puts the citizens vision of the city in proper perspective for citizen friendly governance.

Joyce Walter
North Bend

Voting for Engelke

James Rose is running for North Bend mayor on the "mad as heck" platform. He's hoping that public resentment of the city council's decision to fund public safety with a fee added to water bills will propel him into office.

How did we get into a position where our city council had to initiate a "Hail Mary" measure to keep the fire trucks going? We're reaping what was sown in the 1990s tax revolt, when the mad-as-heck, starve-the-beast crowd limited the ability of local

governments to tax property owners. Now, our infrastructure is crumbling and our public agencies can't do their basic job of maintaining safety. And yet, somehow, the beast remains unstarved, because the mad-as-heck crowd focused on saving money by taking away services from the needy, rather than on funding these services by taxing progressively and maximizing public revenue from public resources.

Being mad as heck is certainly a reasonable response to that, but it's not a sufficient qualification for office. I'd rather have Jessica Engelke as my mayor. Like Rose, she has education and an understanding of how government works; unlike Rose, she owes nothing to the "starve the beast" partisans. North Bend should stop kicking the can down the road and start finding stable funding for the services that make this a livable city. I believe Jessica Engelke is the mayor who can best lead this process.

Gail Elber
North Bend

Keep Benetti as mayor

As I begin to write about a public servant, I want you to really know, it is clear to me the same worn words used for many can never describe the dedication of Joe Benetti. As a popular downtown business owner for years, providing the best Italian food you could find anywhere, Joe's establishment was filled with repeat customers, families who chose Benetti's Italian Restaurant for their special celebrations and couples on their first date. This was not by accident nor was it just the food. They came for the warm welcome they felt and where everyone was treated the same and the owner wanted the experience to add that special something to their lives. He cared and they felt it.

Just as Joe knows the ingredients it takes for a gourmet meal; he knows the recipe for successful run city where the Mayor desires all people to have opportunities to succeed in the city he loves.

But there's more. No one knows all the good deeds and kindness that Joe Benetti has done for people who needed a hand up or a warm meal. He would never tell you, but I can. This generous heart for people and good business sense have made Joe Benetti a different kind of public servant, the kind so badly needed in public life today. Added to his proven ability to work with people of diverse opinions make him the best choice to lead in challenging times.

Having experienced the steady loyalty of Joe Benetti as my Mayor pro tem for four terms and seeing his sincere respect for the citizens he represented, gives me the reassurance to encourage your vote for someone with your best interest at heart. Joe Benetti for Mayor of Coos Bay.

Joanne Verger
Oregon State Senator, Retired

Rose was not there

Here is the case for Jessica Engelke versus James Rose.

North Bend has a choice for mayor this November. Engelke has a proven record of working for North Bend. From her young days as a July Jubilee Princess to her more recent city council commitment and her work with the chamber of commerce, she has demonstrated her abilities.

With a new city administrator from out of our area, it is important we have a mayor who knows the city and its employees and, from day one, can help the new administrator transition into his job. Elgelke is that person.

Rose's biography shows no service on any city committee or advisory board, no council membership, no library or school board service. No help for the July Jubilee either. He was not there when service to North Bend was involved. (In 2004 Rose did announce a Positive Action Committee [The World 5/26/04] which Mayor Wetherell viewed as Rose's way to keep the consolidation issue alive. The Positive Action Committee faded away.)

In 2004, citizens who cared about the survival of North Bend as a free and independent city enlisted in the Pro North Bend group. I vividly recall those days. James Rose did not join us. (Engelke was out the the area.) I cannot imagine citizens who really care about North Bend supporting a man who was not with the Pro North Bend group at the most decisive time in the city's recent history.

James Rose is backed by John Briggs (North Bend's pro-consolidation former mayor.) The future of North Bend could again be at risk of a pro-consolidation backed candidate wins the November election.

I urge a vote for Jessica Engelke for mayor.

Dick Wagner
Historian of North Bend

The Future of Education on the South Coast

A lot of claims are being made about what is on the ballot this year. When we all scrape away the hyperbole and rhetoric, the fear tactics and aggression, we all agree on simple truths — we want to vote for candidates that listen to those they serve. The Oregon Education Association has endorsed Melissa Cribbins and Cal Mukumoto in this year's local elections because we need their leadership so schools can properly serve the needs of our future.

This year two local incumbents are retiring. Melissa Cribbins is running against Dick Anderson for Senate District 5, and Cal Mukumoto is running against Boomer Wright for House District 9. Melissa and Cal's campaigns have spoken in length about their commitment to education, and though these candidates differ on their emphasis, one fact remains clear — they both support the Student Success Act (SSA) while their opponents oppose it.

You may hear Boomer Wright and Dick Anderson talk about repealing the "Tax on Oregon Businesses," but this misleading title is synonymous with the SSA. Wright and Anderson don't want to have a 0.057% tax on gross receipts for businesses that have over \$1 million in sales annually — less than 10% of all businesses across the state, and this limited tax has already provided schools with massive amounts of funding.

Even though this year's funding for the SSA wasn't fully implemented due to the pandemic, the limited funding North Bend did received resulted in: hiring more student support staff, acquisition of mental health curriculum, hiring an additional therapist, updating safety and security protocols, and other staffing priorities that promote education.

To receive the OEA's endorsement, candidates were asked to complete small packets and arrange an interview with a committee. Two candidates didn't even bother to fill out the packets, sending a clear signal to educators and the populace that they don't care to listen to the opinions of educators when it comes to the topic of education. Which two candidates don't need to listen to those they serve? Boomer Wright and Dick Anderson. Help us elect Mukumoto and Cribbins to support our children.

Sincerely,
North Bend Education Association

Backing Engelke

Jessica Engelke is a 100-percent. That's why she has been effective as a North Bend city councilor. It is why I believe she will make a good mayor of North Bend. When Jessica cares about working on an issue, the needs of a group of people or an organization, she puts 100 percent of her thought and effort into bringing about success.

I have known Jessica for several years, and worked with her on projects benefitting students and the community. We parented children through 4-H together.

She is not afraid to listen. I have seen her reach out to many people, diverse people with varying perspectives. Jessica is not afraid to change her mind if there is a better path forward. She also works hard to bring people together to serve our community, and they do serve — enthusiastically.

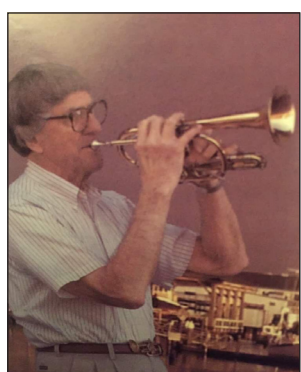
Jessica is curious and likes to learn about budgets, and how government works effectively for everyday people. I have listened as she has mused about how the city of North Bend can improve infrastructure and services to those of us who live here, and for our neighbors and visitors. She is a 100-percent — energetic, a thinker, a community builder and a do-er. If that's the kind of person you want in the mayor's seat, you should vote for Jessica Engelke.

Elise Hamner
North Bend

OBITUARIES

Forrest D. "Frosty" West

February 11, 1927 - October 11, 2020



Forrest D. "Frosty" West, 93, passed away Sunday morning, October 11, 2020 at the Life Care Center in Coos Bay. He was born in Yakima, Washington, on February 11, 1927, but lived his entire adult life here in Coos Bay. He was married for 70 years to

Alberta "Bert" West, who passed away in 2015.

Frosty was a local business owner and jazz musician. His businesses included Bay City Glass and Crawford Doors in Coos Bay, and Frosty's Yogurt Shop in North Bend. Frosty served in the U. S. Navy during WWII, stationed at Mare Island in Vallejo, California. Frosty was the leader of the Coos Bay Clambake traditional jazz band, which performed locally and at regional jazz festivals in the Pacific Northwest. He was a founding member of the local Clambake Jazz Festival held here in Coos Bay in late-March each year.

He is survived by two brothers, Otis West, of Reedsport, and Lance West, of Pounding Mill, VA. He also leaves behind his son, Craig West, of Gold Hill and daughter, Marcia Stewart-Warren, of Coos Bay. He is survived by nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. A private memorial service will be held for family and friends.

Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area. 541-269-2851. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Virginia Louise Lance Roush

June 9, 1936 - April 1, 2020



A memorial service will be held for Virginia Roush, 83, of North Bend, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coos Bay at a later date to be announced.

Virginia Louise Lance Roush, dedicated grandmother, avid gardener, lifelong teacher and learner, active member of PEO, and ready volunteer died at home surrounded by her family on April 1, 2020 after a short illness. Born June 9, 1936 in Petaluma to Clara Louise Noble Lance and Virgil Robert Lance, she spent her early years in California.

When Virginia was ten the family moved to Clatskanie, Oregon. She graduated from Clatskanie High School, class of 1954. Soon she was off to Corvallis to begin her studies at Oregon State College, joining the Alpha Gamma

Delta sorority. In 1957 she married Richard Roush, and finished her education degree, graduating in 1961. Rich's military service took them to the south where she taught school. In 1963 they began their great adventure—moving to American Samoa to teach school. Soon daughter Linda was born in a primitive local hospital where the family had to bring the new mother food and utensils. Those two years in Samoa and a return 11 years later were among the best times in her life. She dove deeply into local culture and made many lifelong friends.

In 1965 they returned to Oregon where Virginia continued her long career teaching primary school, shaping many young lives. Retirement brought satisfying years of RV traveling and selling art at craft fairs far and wide. Art always played a big role in her life—she painted, sewed, wove, hand built pots, embossed paper and created beautiful etched and stained glass.

Throughout her life, Virginia treasured her family, never missing the yearly Lance family reunion in the Cascades where over 100 relatives from across the nation would camp together. Virginia enjoyed close relationships with her

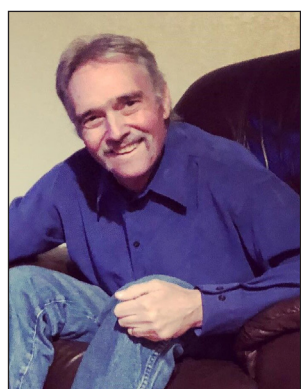
daughter Linda; her grandson Steve, who spent his growing up summers with her; later Linda's husband Richard and granddaughters Erin and Ali. She loved her Emmanuel Episcopal Church family and her close PEO ties. In recent years she began traveling with her friend, Barbara and sister, Jeanne enjoying the Caribbean, Mexico, San Francisco, Seattle, and Tacoma exploring museums and sites.

Her husband Richard preceded Virginia in death in 2008. She is survived by her brother, Ed Lance of Redding, CA; sister, Jeanne Pace of Portland, OR; daughter, Linda Nicholson and her husband Richard of Coos Bay; grandson, Steve McGrew of McMinnville; and granddaughters, Erin and Ali of Coos Bay.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation for the skilled and compassionate care provided by Dr. B. Patel and the staff at Bay Area Hospital as well as the ongoing support of her PEO and Emmanuel Episcopal Church family. Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Joseph "Joe" Richards

October 10, 1961 - September 27, 2020



Joseph Vernon Richards, formally of Coos Bay, passed away on the morning of September 27, 2020, concluding a 14-year battle with renal cancer.

Joe, as he was known to his family and friends, was born on October 10, 1961 in North Bend, Oregon, to

Art and Dolly Richards of Coos Bay. He was a graduate of both Marshfield High School and the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Joe spent over twenty years as a tooling engineer, first at Hughes Aircraft in Tucson, Arizona and then at the Boeing Company, Renton and Auburn, Washington, before retiring in 2018. He spent his remaining days in North Tapps, where he became a local celebrity with his holiday-themed display of "peeing Santa."

The word most often used to describe Joe has been "strong." It was his strength and determination, along with his quirky

engineers' mind, that most defined him. A strength that allowed him to beat the doctor's expectations, living long enough to see the marriage of his children, birth of his grandchildren, as well as spend many peaceful weeks with his beloved wife in Maui.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl "Sissy" Richards; his children, Carly and Shawn Kjos, Tiffany and Robert Elliott, Aimee and Brent Cleveland, Courtney and Luke Ruckstuhl, Trenton Richards; and seven grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, and longtime Coos Bay resident, Dorothy "Dolly" Richards.

DEATH NOTICES

Philip R. Taylor, 73, of Coos Bay died October 4, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Forrest "Frosty" D. West, 93, of Coos Bay died October 11, 2020 in Coos Bay. Services will be announced and held at a later date. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area. 541-269-2851. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Carol A. Olson, 75, of North Bend died October 8, 2020 in Springfield. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Ronald J. Burns, 77, of Coos Bay, passed away on October 9, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Nancy L. Pennington, 76, of Coquille, passed away on October 11, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Donald H. Kime, 83, of Coos Bay, passed away on October 13, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Donald "Donnie" F. Blake, 23, of Coos Bay, passed away on October 12, 2020 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Suruj Kuar Devi, 95, of Coos Bay died October 13, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Lillian Z. Mast, 84, of North Bend died October 11, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Naomi L. Young, 93, of Coos Bay died October 13, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Saoirse Kaylani McMahon, 65, of Coos Bay, passed away September 24, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Howard C. Edwards Jr., 73, of Coos Bay, passed away October 5, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

David Peck, 78, of Bandon, passed away October 10, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Bill D. Powers, 85, of Coos Bay, formerly of Coquille, passed away October 10, 2020 in Coos Bay. Burial was at Roseburg National Cemetery under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Dennis Raymond Baim, 70, of Coos Bay, passed away October 7, 2020 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Donna Rae Stalter, 76, of Coquille, passed away October 5, 2020 in Coquille. Burial was at Norway Cemetery in Myrtle Point under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Carol Ann Olson, age 75, of North Bend, passed away on October 8, 2020 in Springfield. Carol was born November 30, 1944 in Cottage Grove to Don and Bert Hancock. Carol grew up in Elkton where she met her lifelong friend, Sharon McNeil-Stillion. From there, the family moved to Gold Beach where she graduated in 1963. Her mom and dad bought the Cooston Store where she met the love of her life

Carol Ann Olson

November 30, 1944 - October 8, 2020



Carol Ann Hancock Olson, age 75, of North Bend, passed away on October 8, 2020 in Springfield.

Carol was born November 30, 1944 in Cottage Grove to Don and Bert Hancock.

Carol grew up in Elkton where she met her lifelong friend, Sharon McNeil-Stillion. From there, the family moved to Gold Beach where she graduated in 1963. Her mom and dad bought the Cooston Store where she met the love of her life

Vernon R. Olson Jr. and they married March 16, 1968.

Carol worked at the Skyline Market and The Mill Casino, where she greeted everyone with kindness and a smile. Her home was the gathering place for friends and family through the years and she was always there for anyone in need. Providing many foster children a safe and fun place to call home, as well. She was her happiest when she could make others happy, and dearly loved Christmas, where she went all out with decorations, food and fun. She enjoyed singing, playing cards, camping, Sunday drives, picking wildflowers, and garage sales. And we'd all have to agree that her favorite invention of all time was

the telephone. Carol leaves behind husband, Vern Olson; son and wife, Mike and Traci Guthrie-Olson of North Bend; son and wife, Larry and Kim Quell-Olson of Reedsport; daughter and wife, Kris Olson and Dene' Benton of Springfield; grandchildren, Aaron, Ashley, Tosha, Logan, Michael, Melanie, Kendall, and Courtney; 12 great grandchildren; sister, Cathie Beauvais of Snohomish, WA.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Bert Hancock; and brother, Tom Hancock.

Celebration of life will be held next summer due to COVID. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Shriner hospital <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

LATE-NIGHT SMOKING CLOUDS NEIGHBORS' SWEET DREAMS

DEAR ABBY: My family and I bought a house in a nice, quiet, safe neighborhood three years ago. What we didn't know prior to moving in was that our next-door neighbor sometimes smokes cigarettes.

It rains eight months out of the year here, and we usually keep our windows closed, so it isn't an issue. But during the summer, we like to sleep with the windows open. When our neighbor steps outside for a cigarette, the smoke drifts into our bedroom.

Our homes are separated by small yards, so at first, I thought they didn't realize that the smoke was bothering us. Eventually I began to get upset. When I wake up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom, I can smell it. I have made a point of loudly slamming the windows shut, hoping it would make them stop. There is no way they don't hear the noise, but it doesn't stop them.

We don't want to have to keep our windows closed, because it is not an everyday occurrence. It happens once a week or so, and always late at night or early in the morning. I don't know if this is how they handle insomnia or what the deal is. Why do they still smoke in this day and age?

There's no landlord to complain to because they own their home. After all these years, we have never introduced ourselves to each other, and I don't believe they care to know us any more than we care to get to know them. Because of this, confronting them is not an option. What do we do? -- HATES THE SMOKE IN OREGON

DEAR HATES: Your letter illustrates the disadvantages of isolationism. Had you made a point of introducing yourself when you (or they)

moved in, you probably wouldn't have needed to write to me now.

Slamming your window shut is not a friendly or efficient way to communicate because these people are not mind readers. Going next door, introducing yourself, politely explaining that there's a problem and asking if they could smoke on the other side of their house, away from your bedroom window, would be better. If you can't bring yourself to do that, write a letter -- keeping the communication civil -- and tell them in simple language that you would appreciate their cooperation in solving this problem.

DEAR ABBY: I've been with the same man for 22 years, married for 16. We live in a small town. During the last four or five years, everything has become about politics for my husband. I have absolutely no interest in hearing about what happens politically in big cities -- or anywhere, for that matter. How can I get him to stop going on and on about what he reads or hears? So far, I haven't been successful, and we end up arguing. Must I take an interest in it for his sake? Do you see any room for a compromise? -- DON'T SHOW ME IN MISSOURI

DEAR DON'T: To some degree, you have to allow your husband to vent. Because we are in an important election year, there is no escaping the subject. If you listen, you may learn something you didn't know that could be relevant to you. Limit the amount of time you spend listening, but I don't recommend cutting him off. I'm willing to bet that you sometimes bring up subjects that may be less than fascinating for him, too. Tolerance and a willingness to compromise are two of the ingredients in a healthy marriage.



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OBITUARIES CONT.

Ronald Allen Davis

August 3, 1941 – August 2, 2020

Ron Davis passed away on August 2, 2020 at his home in Coquille, three months after the discovery of a malignant brain tumor.

Ron was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He married his high school sweetheart in 1962. He worked in high rise construction for 35 years in Los Angeles. After he retired, Ron and his wife, Carolynne Sue, moved to Coquille in July of 2000. They recently celebrated their 58th anniversary on February 18, 2020.

Ron was deeply loved and is survived by his wife, Carolynne Sue; sons, William Ryan of Coquille and James Allen of Eugene; grandchildren, Austin Davis, Caroline Byrd and her husband Chris Byrd; great grandchildren, Danny Pyle and Kimberlily Byrd of Myrtle Point; and nephew, Michael Allen Davis. He is also survived by his sisters, Susan Ann Davis and Mary Kathryn Davis, both of California. Ron's sisters spent the last month of his life with him here in Coquille.

Ron was a metal lather by trade and was exceptionally talented at reading blueprints. The most difficult architectural designs were often Ron's favorite work. Ron's work ethic was unparalleled; he was a perfectionist to a fault. His favorites were fancy ceilings in hospitals, hotels and amphitheaters. Ron enjoyed setting heavy metal

door frames because they had to be straight, plumb and level.

After 35 years in the construction industry, Ron set his sights on building his own home out of steel studs. He learned a computer program, "Home-3D" and spent 3 years designing his custom dream home on the computer. Ron's home now sits on a hill overlooking the Coquille Valley.

Ron loved baseball and influenced everyone in his family to love the game too. As a boy, Ron played pickup games at the local park and played through high school. As a father, he managed or coached his sons' Little League and Pony Colt baseball teams for nine years. He loved taking them to the local pizzeria and ice cream parlors after big games and to Dodger Stadium at year's end.

Ron enjoyed making stained glass windows and lamps. Once he made a dozen diamond shaped windows for a church in Van Nuys, California. He also loved bartering for a good deal. He once bartered with a dentist to exchange a beautiful rose flowered lampshade he had made for a set of dentures for his mother. Ron was an avid garage sale and bargain hunter.

Ron's love of bluegrass music was legendary, filling the truck, car or shop. Wherever he was, there

was bluegrass gospel music, the old-time music that touched your heart strings. He couldn't understand if you didn't love it too. This gospel music brought him to Jesus and Jesus into his heart.

Ron's humor, great story telling, construction knowledge, plumbing and electrical skills will be missed by members of his church and community, as he spent most of his retirement years helping others.

A Celebration of Life service will be held October 24, 2020 at 3 pm at the Myrtle Point First Christian Church. Attendance is limited by invitation due to the COVID-19 guidelines. It will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. You may join us on the livestream at 3 pm by navigating YouTube.com and finding the Myrtle Point First Christian Church Channel. The family is thankful for the love and support received from friends, neighbors and clergy of Myrtle Point First Christian. Interment will be at Norway Cemetery next to his father, Paul Allen Davis and mother, Gladys Basher Davis.

Online remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service – Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524

James "Jim" Mattechek

Sept. 27, 2020



Jim Mattechek died on September 27, 2020. Born in North Bend, Oregon to Robert and Marianna Mattechek, Jim was the third of five children. Jim treasured his upbringing and life in North Bend. He was a master storyteller who would beguile you with tales of hitchhikers, trolls, and old witches upstairs. Jim spent his high school years active in school and sports.

After high school, Jim attended University of Portland where he graduated with honors with a BA in Business and Marketing. He later traveled to South Bend, Indiana where he received an MBA in Finance from Notre Dame, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Jim was a diehard Notre Dame football fan.

In later years, he ensured that the first song his kids could sing was the Notre Dame fight song. In Jim's world, Saturdays were created for football and pancakes.

Jim worked for over 40 years in the software sales industry, mentoring and building strong relationships. Jim had true compassion for all he met and never passed up an opportunity to help others. He was active in the recovery community and believed in the importance of supporting others in recovery.

Jim was immensely proud of his six children and loved building tree houses and stringing up zip lines. He was most happy at his family cabin in Central Oregon. There, among the peace of the trees and the beauty of the river, he was often found singing at the top of his lungs in front of a campfire. A natural at the barbecue, Jim loved cooking large, family meals for all to enjoy. His kids will always treasure the Sunday night dinners, an opportunity for good food and a time to catch up and connect. In the words of a dear friend, "Depres-

sion was a formidable foe; he couldn't find his way to light in the darkness."

Jim is survived by his siblings, Bill (Hiliary), Katy (Dave), Mark (Angie) and Pam (Leland); his wife, Kristina and their two children, Alexandra and Winston; his first wife, Mary and their daughters, Beth, Sarah, Catherine, and Maddi. He will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

His funeral mass was held at Our Lady of the Lake parish on October 10, 2020 at 1pm. Because of Covid-19 precautions, this mass was for family only. A live stream of the mass can be found at <https://www.ollparish.com>. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the National Alliance on Mental Illness www.donate.nami.org/give/197406/#/donation/checkout?utm_source=globalNav&utm_medium=website&utm_campaign=DonationTracking&c_src=WEBDG or Deschutes Land Trust <http://www.deschuteslandtrust.org/donation-form>.

Oregon gas station sued for allegedly denying service

PORTLAND (AP) — A Black man who said he was prohibited from buying gas by a white gas station attendant has filed a \$350,000 racial discrimination lawsuit against the station.

Dominique DeWeese said in the lawsuit filed

Wednesday that he asked an attendant in July at Jay's Garage in Portland for a gallon of gas in a container so he could do yard work.

DeWeese said the attendant declined and claims he implied that he did not want to provide DeWeese with an opportunity to

set fires or commit other crimes.

DeWeese said the situation was offensive. He is the director of volunteer recruitment for the Oregon Robotics Tournament & Outreach Program for students between kindergarten and 12th grade.

Beverly Ilene Lutz

August 6, 1928 – July 22, 2020



Bev, mother, nana and friend, was an energetic and outgoing woman whose family, friends and faith were the foundation of her long and complicated life. She passed away July 22, 2020, surrounded by her family, finally succumbing to cancer and age-related causes.

Beverly was born in Brawley, California, to Orsie and Irene Burnette on a day so hot that an ice block and fan were used to help keep the newborn cool. With her younger siblings Derrell and Karen, Bev's childhood was a lark, and she could (and would) describe with great detail the happy life they led. That changed abruptly when her beloved daddy died suddenly at the age of 35, when Beverly was just 10 years old. It was a pivotal event in her life and set her on a course that sought the harmony she had known as a child, a journey that led to choices and decisions she would question for the remainder of her life. Ultimately, that search ended when she met and fell in

love with Gus Lutz in San Bernardino, California in 1957, a person she described as "the finest man I've ever known".

During their 53 years together, they made homes in San Bernardino and Highland, California and in Bandon, Cottage Grove and Albany, Oregon. A woman of many words and stories, some factual and others not so, Bev was a talker who could also listen with interest to anyone she met. She enjoyed gardening and loved flowers, especially roses. She was a reluctant cook but took great pleasure and pride in her home, which she tended meticulously. She rejoiced in the successes of the San Francisco Giants and the failures of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Once she moved to the Northwest she gradually became a Mariners fan, but it was mostly because of Ichiro. Bev's home was filled with pictures of her outsized family, and they were always in her thoughts and prayers and a happy topic of conversation. She survived several bouts with cancer, a disease that tested her tenacity but not her spirit.

After Gus passed away in 2010, Bev continued to live by herself at Edgewood Estates, where she saw value in being helpful to neighbors and friends. She tended her garden, fed and watched birds from the deck she loved and did word puzzles daily. She always kept a bowl of candy to welcome

anyone who came to visit - and there were many - a constant stream of neighbors, kids, friends and family. She worked out... in her own way, jogging in place, walking, but mostly by being endlessly in motion. She studied the Bible and was ever mindful of the gifts and opportunities that God had given her, always a faithful servant and steward of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. God, Country, and family were ever present in her life.

It was an amazing accomplishment and testament to her strength and resilience that she embraced her move to Brookdale when she was 89 years old and went on to make a whole new group of loyal and loving friends, young and old. Right up until the final days of her life, in spite of failing vision and hearing but still in possession of a sharp mind, Bev went right on commenting on people, sports and politics in her forthright way.

Bev was clear-eyed about death, torn between leaving her children and their children and joining loved ones who had already passed on. She led a good life and had a peaceful death. And for the record, she did not lose her battle with cancer. When she died, the cancer died, so technically it was a tie. We will miss her smile, laughter, stubbornness, encouragement and especially her positive attitude, which was an inspiration to many.

With deep appreciation, our thanks go out to the entire Brookdale family and staff, whose compassion and outstanding care of our mother will never be forgotten. We also thank SERENTITY HOSPICE for the gentle touch, comfort, and care they provided in those final days.

She lives on in the memory of her numerous friends, her brother, Derrell; daughters, Sherry, Ellen, Jody and Toni; sons, Mike and Gayle; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Gus; sister, Karen; children, Beth and Greg; and grandson Matt. "Well done good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23

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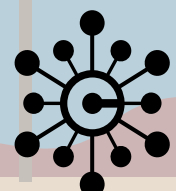
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Retail sales grow for fifth straight month

NEW YORK (AP) — Retail sales rose strongly in September, the fifth straight month of growth, as Americans spent more on clothing, cars and sporting goods.

U.S. retail sales jumped 1.9% last month, the U.S. Commerce Department said Friday. That's more than double what was expected. And it's up from the 0.6% increase in August.

"Americans raced to the stores in September," said BMO Capital Markets analyst Sal Guatieri, in a note to investors, adding that they were "buying just

about everything in sight, especially clothing."

Sales at clothing stores rose 11%, accounting for much of September's overall growth. Even sales at department stores, which have been falling out of fashion with shoppers for years, rose 9.7% last month.

At auto dealerships and auto part shops, sales were up 3.6%. And those looking to go camping or buy exercise equipment for their homes sent sales at sporting goods stores 5.7% higher.

Consumer spending makes up two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity, and

is watched closely to gauge the country's economic health.

Retail sales have been recovering since plunging in the spring as stores and malls were ordered closed to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. And spending has continued even after more than 20 million unemployed Americans lost a \$600 boost in their weekly unemployment checks at the end of July.

Friday's retail sales report covers only about a third of overall consumer spending. Services such as haircuts and hotel stays are

not included in the report. All of those types of businesses have been badly hurt by the pandemic.

Whether people will keep shopping remains to be seen. The unemployment rate is still high, at 7.8% last month. Some economists say more federal checks for out-of-work Americans are needed to sustain spending. And some say rising COVID-19 cases could keep people away from stores.

Retailers are already facing a holiday season like no other.

Best Buy, Target and

Walmart offered holiday deals in mid-October for the first time, piggybacking off Amazon which held its annual Prime Day sales event on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Stores hope the October deals will jumpstart holiday shopping early and keep crowds away from their stores in November and December, avoiding a potentially dangerous situation during a pandemic.

Walmart, the nation's largest retailer, said this week it would offer Black Friday deals over three weekends in November instead of just one day after

Thanksgiving.

The virus could also change how people shop, especially if they forgo travelling to see family and friends during the holidays.

Joyce Alcantara, who runs the social media accounts of a San Francisco museum, says she will likely buy fewer gifts this year, cutting out co-workers, friends or family that she doesn't see in person. And for the gifts she does buy, Alcantara plans to skip big national chains and go to neighborhood shops that were more badly hurt by the pandemic.

Record avalanche of early votes transforms election

(AP) - Nearly 21 million Americans have already cast ballots in the 2020 election, a record-shattering avalanche of early votes driven both by Democratic enthusiasm and a pandemic that has transformed the way the nation votes.

The 20.8 million ballots submitted as of Friday afternoon represents 15% of all the votes cast in the 2016 presidential election, even as eight states are not yet reporting their totals and voters still have more than two weeks to cast ballots. Americans' rush to vote is leading election experts to predict that a record 150 million votes may be cast and turnout rates could be higher than in any presidential election since 1908.

"It's crazy," said Michael McDonald, a University of Florida political scientist who has long tracked voting for his site ElectProject.org. McDonald's analysis shows roughly 10 times as many people have voted compared with this point in 2016.

"We can be certain this will be a high-turnout election," McDonald said.

So far the turnout has been lopsided, with Democrats outvoting Republicans by a 2-1 ratio in the 42 states included in The Associated Press

count. Republicans have been bracing themselves for this early Democratic advantage for months, as they've watched President Donald Trump rail against mail-in ballots and raise unfounded worries about fraud. Polling, and now early voting, suggest the rhetoric has turned his party's rank and file away from a method of voting that, traditionally, they dominated in the weeks before Election Day.

That gives Democrats a tactical advantage in the final stretch of the campaign. In many critical battleground states, Democrats have "banked" a chunk of their voters and can turn their time and money toward harder-to-find infrequent voters.

But it does not necessarily mean Democrats will lead in votes by the time ballots are counted. Both parties anticipate a swell of Republican votes on Election Day that could, in a matter of hours, dramatically shift the dynamic.

"The Republican numbers are going to pick up," said John Couvillon, a GOP pollster who is tracking early voting. "The question is at what velocity, and when?"

Couvillon said Democrats cannot rest on their voting lead, but Republicans are themselves

making a big gamble. A number of factors, from rising virus infections to the weather, can impact in-person turnout on Election Day. "If you're putting all your faith into one day of voting, that's really high risk," Couvillon said.

That's why, despite Trump's rhetoric, his campaign and party are encouraging their own voters to cast ballots by mail or early and in-person. The campaign, which has been sending volunteers and staffers into the field for months despite the pandemic, touts a swell in voter registration in key swing states like Florida and Pennsylvania — a sharp reversal from the usual pattern as a presidential election looms.

But it's had limited success in selling absentee voting. In key swing states, Republicans remain far less interested in voting by mail.

In Pennsylvania, more than three-quarters of the more than 437,000 ballots sent through the mail so far have been from Democrats. In Florida, half of all ballots sent through the mail so far have been from Democrats and less than a third of them from Republicans. Even in Colorado, a state where every voter is mailed a ballot and Republicans usually

dominate the first week of voting, only 19% of ballots returned have been from Republicans.

"This is all encouraging, but three weeks is a lifetime," Democratic data strategist Tom Bonier said of the early vote numbers. "We may be midway through the first quarter and Democrats have put a couple of points on the board."

The massive amount of voting has occurred without any of the violent skirmishes at polling places that some activists and law enforcement officials feared. It has featured high-profile errors — 100,000 faulty mail ballots sent out in New York, 50,000 in Columbus, Ohio, and a vendor supplying that state and Pennsylvania blaming delays in sending ballots on overwhelming demand. But there's little evidence of the mass disruption that some feared as election offices had to abruptly shift to deal with the influx of early voting.

But there have been extraordinary lines and hours-long wait times in Georgia, Texas and North Carolina as they've opened in-person early voting. The delays were largely a result of insufficient resources to handle the surge, something advocates contend is

a form of voter suppression.

Republicans argue that these signs of enthusiasm are meaningless — Democratic early voters are people who would have voted anyway, they say. But an AP analysis of the early vote shows 8% of early voters had never cast a ballot before, and 13.8% had voted in half or fewer of previous elections for which they were eligible.

The data also show voters embracing mail voting, which health officials say is the safest way to avoid coronavirus infection while voting. Of the early voters, 82% cast ballots through the mail and 18% in person. Black voters cast 10% of the ballots cast, about the same as their share of the national electorate, according to the AP analysis of data from L2, a political data firm. That's a sign that those voters, who have been less likely to vote by mail than white people and Latinos, have warmed to the method.

Mail ballots so far have skewed toward older voters, with half coming from voters over age 64. Traditionally, younger and minority voters send their mail ballots in closer to Election Day or vote in person.

The mail ballots already returned in several states

dwarf the entire total in prior elections. In Wisconsin, more than five times as many mail ballots have been cast compared with the entire number in 2016. North Carolina has seen nearly triple the number so far.

In-person early voting began this week in several major states and also broke records, particularly in crowded, Democratic-leaning metropolitan areas. In Texas, Houston's Harris County saw a record 125,000 ballots cast. In Georgia, hours-long lines threaded from election offices through much of the state's urban areas.

Tunde Ezekiel, a 39-year-old lawyer and Democrat who voted early in Atlanta on Thursday, said he wanted to be certain he had a chance to oust Trump from office: "I don't know what things are going to look like on Election Day. ... And I didn't want to take any chances."

The obvious enthusiasm among Democrats has cheered party operatives, but they note that it's hard to tell which way turnout will eventually fall. Republicans may be just as motivated, but saving themselves for Election Day.

"High turnout can benefit either side," Bonier said. "It just depends."

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Mexico official charged with smuggling drugs into US

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mexico's former defense secretary helped smuggle thousands of kilograms of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana into the United States in exchange for bribes, according to court documents unsealed Friday.

Gen. Salvador Cienfuegos Zepeda, 72, acted on behalf of the H-2 cartel while defense secretary from 2012 to 2018 under former President Enrique Peña Nieto, authorities said.

Thousands of intercepted BlackBerry messages show the general ensured military operations were not conducted against the cartel and that operations were initiated against rivals, according to prosecutors. Cienfuegos allegedly introduced cartel leaders to other corrupt Mexican officials.

Cienfuegos is accused of alerting cartel leaders to a U.S. law enforcement investigation into its operations and the use of cooperating witnesses and informants, which resulted in the murder of a member of the cartel that leaders

incorrectly believed was assisting U.S. law enforcement authorities.

Intercepted communications between Cienfuegos and a senior cartel leader discussed the general's historical assistance to another drug trafficking organization, as well as communications in which the defendant is identified by name, title and photograph as the Mexican government official assisting the H-2 Cartel.

Cienfuegos was indicted by a grand jury in the Eastern District of New York on Aug. 14, 2019.

Cienfuegos was scheduled to make an initial appearance later Friday in federal court in Los Angeles, Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard said. His lawyer was to traveling LA from Mexico.

Cienfuegos, 72, was expected to be transferred to New York, where his case is being handled.

The defense secretary post positioned Cienfuegos as a critical figure in efforts by Mexico and its allies to combat drug trafficking.

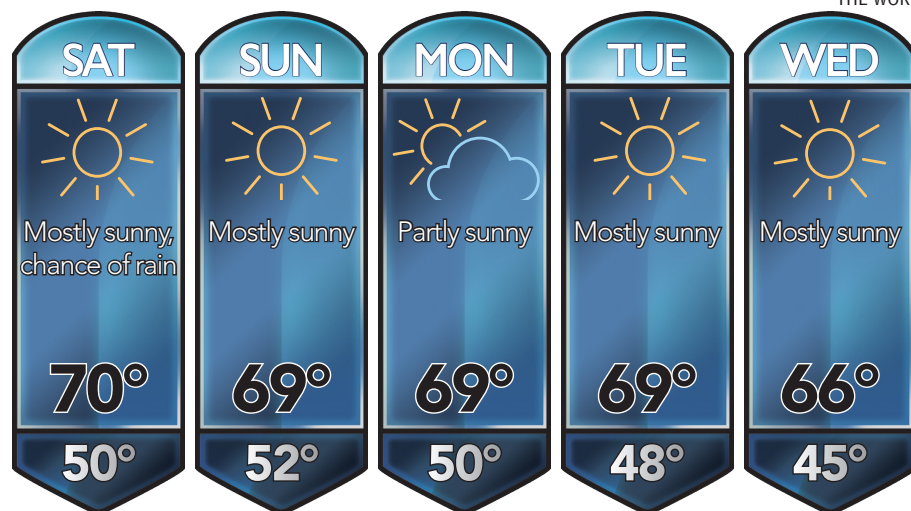
He was arrested Thursday upon arrival at Los Angeles International Airport.

A senior Mexican official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to give details of the case, said Cienfuegos was arrested with family members who were released and he was taken to the Metropolitan Detention Center.

Cienfuegos is the highest-ranking former Cabinet official arrested since top Mexican security official Genaro Garcia Luna was taken in to custody in Texas in 2019. Garcia Luna, who served under former President Felipe Calderón, has pleaded not guilty to drug trafficking charges.

The arrest of Cienfuegos is a tough blow for Mexico, where the army and navy are some of the few remaining respected public institutions.

Current President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has vowed to go after corruption and lawbreaking under past administrations, but he has relied more heavily on the army — and given it more tasks, ranging from building infrastructure projects to distributing medical supplies — than any other president in recent history.



Trump, Biden go at it from a distance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democrat Joe Biden squared off, in a way, Thursday night in dueling televised town halls that showcased striking differences in temperament, views on racial justice and approaches to a pandemic that has reshaped the nation.

Coming just two and a half weeks before Election Day, the night offered crystalizing contrasts and a national, if divided, audience. But it seemed unlikely to have produced a needed moment for a president running out of time or opportunities to appeal beyond his core base.

He was defensive about his administration's handling of the coronavirus, which has claimed more than 215,000 American lives, and evasive when pressed about whether he took a required COVID-19 test before his first debate with Biden. Angry and combative, Trump refused to denounce the QAnon conspiracy group — and only testily did so regarding white supremacists.

The president also appeared to acknowledge revelations from a recent New York Times report that he was in debt and left open the possibility that some of it was owed to a foreign bank. But he insisted that he didn't owe any money to Russia or any "sinister people" and suggested that \$400 million in debt was

a "very, very small percentage" compared to his overall assets.

Biden denounced the White House's handling of the virus, declaring that it was at fault for closing a pandemic response office established by the Obama administration in which he served. Though vague at times, he suggested he will offer clarity on his position on expanding the Supreme Court if Trump's nominee to the bench is seated before Election Day.

After Biden's 90-minute town hall event formally concluded, the candidate spent another half-hour taking questions from those in the audience who didn't get an opportunity during the televised program.

Trump and Biden were supposed to spend Thursday night on the same debate stage in Miami. But that faceoff was scuttled after Trump's coronavirus infection, which jolted the race and threatened the health of the American president.

Trump wouldn't say whether he had tested negative on the day of his first debate with Biden on Sept. 29, allowing only, "Possibly I did, possibly I didn't." Debate rules required that each candidate, using the honor system, had tested negative prior to the Cleveland event, but Trump spoke in circles when asked when he last tested negative.

The presidential rivals took questions in different

cities on different networks: Trump on NBC from Miami, Biden on ABC from Philadelphia. Trump backed out of plans for the presidential faceoff originally scheduled for the evening after debate organizers said it would be held virtually following his COVID-19 diagnosis.

The town halls offered a different format for the two candidates to present themselves to voters, after the pair held a chaotic and combative first debate late last month. The difference in the men's tone was immediate and striking.

Trump was Trump. He was loud and argumentative, rebuking his FBI director, fighting with the host, Savannah Guthrie, complaining about the questioning — and eventually saying for the first time that he would honor the results of a fair election, but only after casting an extraordinary amount of doubt on the likelihood of fairness.

"And then they talk, 'Will you accept a peaceful transfer?'" Trump said. "And the answer is, 'Yes, I will.' But I want it to be an honest election, and so does everybody else."

He again sought to minimize revelations from a New York Times investigation that he has more than \$400 million in debt and suggested that reports are wrong that he paid little or no federal income taxes in most years over the past two decades.

White House rejects Putin response to arms control

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. and Russia on Friday rejected each other's proposals for potentially salvaging the last remaining legal constraint on their strategic nuclear forces. President Vladimir Putin called for an unconditional extension of the soon-to-expire New START treaty, and the White House called that a "non-starter."

Adding an edginess to the diplomatic clash, President Donald Trump's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, suggested the Russians rethink their stance "before a costly arms race ensues." Administration officials have previously alluded to building up nuclear forces if the treaty is abandoned, although the Pentagon has its hands full paying for a one-for-one replacement of older nuclear weapons.

In the closing days of his reelection bid, Trump has looked for ways to boost his foreign policy record, and although he says he favors nuclear arms control, he has called New START flawed and unfavorable to the U.S. Last year he withdrew the U.S. from a separate nuclear arms treaty with Russia, and he waited until this year to begin engaging the Russians on the future of the New START deal.

Democrat Joe Biden, who was vice president when New START was negotiated during the Obama administration and ratified by the Senate, has said he would not hesitate to agree to Putin's original proposal for a five-year extension of New START. That would be followed by negotiation of a follow-on deal.

The Trump administration recently proposed a one-year extension of the 2010 treaty, which is set to expire in February 2021,

but it said this must be coupled with the imposition of a broader cap on U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads. The cap would cover warheads not limited by the New START treaty. Putin said Friday a one-year extension was okay but should not be conditioned on a wider cap on warheads.

The Trump administration's talk of a cap, or freeze, on all categories of warheads has puzzled some U.S. analysts, in part because the number of those weapons has held steady over the past decade or so. William J. Perry, who served as defense secretary under President Bill Clinton, said Thursday, prior to Putin's latest remarks, that the U.S. freeze idea may be a "domestic political gambit" ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

"I see no real significance to it," he said. "I can't see any rationale for it."

The arms control effort is hampered in part by deteriorating trust between Washington and Moscow. Washington accuses Moscow of cheating and of aspiring to a nuclear buildup. The Defense Intelligence Agency last year projected that Russia's overall stockpile of nuclear weapons would "grow significantly" over the next decade, driven by an increase in shorter-range, or non-strategic, weapons that are not governed by the New START treaty.

For its part, Moscow is suspicious of U.S. missile defenses, which it believes could undermine the credibility of its strategic missiles.

Speaking in Moscow on Friday, Putin offered to extend New START "without any conditions for at least one year" to allow time for

talks with Washington on a follow-on treaty. He said Russia is agreeable to including its newest nuclear weapons, some of which are now being deployed, in future arms talks with the United States. But he made clear that an extension must be unconditional.

"All those years, the New START has worked, playing its fundamental role of limiting and containing an arms race," Putin said.

Just a few hours later, O'Brien issued a written statement regretting Moscow's position and touting the U.S. approach, which he said "would have been a win for both sides." He said he had thought the Russians were willing to accept the American proposal when he met with them in Geneva on Oct. 2.

"President Putin's response today to extend New START without freezing nuclear warheads is a non-starter," O'Brien said. "The United States is serious about arms control that will keep the entire world safe. We hope that Russia will reevaluate its position before a costly arms race ensues."

After both Moscow and Washington withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty last year, New START became the only nuclear arms control deal between the two countries still standing.

Russia previously offered the pact's extension for five years without any conditions, while the U.S. administration pushed for a new arms control agreement that would also include China. Moscow has described that idea as unfeasible, pointing to Beijing's refusal to negotiate any deal that would reduce its much-smaller nuclear arsenal.

Election

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office recommends mailing ballots by Oct. 27. After that day, ballots should be returned to a physical drop site to ensure they're received by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks don't count for meeting this

deadline.
Voters should receive their ballots in the next few days, according to the clerk's office. After Oct. 22, anyone who hasn't received a ballot should call the elections office at 541-396-7610 to check on its status.

Unsigned ballots, and those with signatures that

don't match a voter's registration, will take longer to process. Voters can check on the status of their ballots at www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

Voter registrations surge
Coos County also saw a surge in voter registrations right before Tues-

day's deadline, according to County Clerk Debbie Heller.

Her office had been processing 200 registrations (including new registrations and updates) every day for about a week, she said. The office will continue to process voter registrations it receives, so long as they were post-

marked by Oct. 13.

As of Wednesday afternoon, the county had just under 48,000 registered voters, she said. That's about 1,800 more voters than the May primary, and around 7,500 more than the 2016 general election.

Going into this fall, non-affiliated and minor party voters make up the

largest share of registrations, with about 20,000. That's compared to around 15,500 registered Republicans and 12,000 Democrats, according to Heller's data.

All voters receive the same general election ballots, though party affiliation impacts primary elections at other times of the year.

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Photos by Tom Hutton

Bandon's Holly Hutton leads teammate Olivia Thompson in the 800 meters in a track meet at Marshfield High School last week.

Bandon runners enjoy chance to compete

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In the eyes of Brent Hutton, the opportunity for Bandon's runners to join Marshfield, North Bend and Powers for weekly track meets in the Bay Area this month is a reward of sorts.

"It is a relief," the Bandon track coach said. "Our kids have been running as a group for three months. I have been trying to find something to reward them."

Bandon's distance group has been running as a club, which has enabled the Tigers to enter a couple of club cross country meets — against similar clubs from Tillamook, Newport and Philomath. A group of the Tigers also participated in the COVID-style Prefontaine Memorial Run in September.

Marshfield and North Bend are participating in a series of sports against each other every week, including baseball, softball, outdoor volleyball (on the football turf) and track and field through the end of next week.

Then the two Bay Area schools will switch to boys and girls soccer, seven-on-seven football and basketball skills competitions.

Bandon did not participate in the first of four track meets, but have participated in the past two.

The final track meet, next Friday at Marshfield, will be a Coos County Meet of sorts, though it only includes Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon and Powers. The track season, of course, was canceled in the spring.

This fall, Hutton has had about 25 kids working out consistently, all from the cross country team.

An internal team joke of sorts last week was that it was the first



North Bend's Alex Garcia-Silver leads the pack in the early stages of the 3,000 meters last week at Marshfield High School.

track meet ever for Josh Minkler, who plays baseball in the spring, rather than competing in track and field, but is on the Tigers' cross country team each fall.

The track meets are being run similar to regular meets, though without all the events. Also, the junior high kids from the schools are competing at the same venues, which is not a regular spring occurrence.

And there are no fans, one of the requirements for Marshfield

and North Bend to be able to have their fall series of sports competitions.

Ideally, by the time the regular track season comes around next spring, that won't be the case.

The Bandon girls cross country team won its two club meets this fall, showing the team's strength, and also had a strong showing in the distance events in the first meet at Marshfield.

Holly Hutton (11:47.91), Danielle McLain (12:04.87) and Au-

nika Miller (12:33.39) finished first through third in the 3,000 meters and Hutton (2:37.36) and Thompson (2:39.41) were first and second in the 800. Rachel Eickhoff, like Thompson a freshman, won her heat in 3:11.21.

North Bend's Alex Garcia-Silver won both the boys distance races, taking the 3,000 in 9:23.50, ahead of teammate Tyler Hill (10:10.14). Bandon runners were third through fifth, with Charlie Ells finishing in

10:10.14, Ansen Converse in 10:14.95 and Daniel Cabrera in 11:10.20.

In the 800, Garcia-Silver finished in 2:09.21, followed by Marshfield's Jacob Calvert (2:18.50) and four Bandon runners: Minkler (2:20.37), Patton Clark (2:21.62), Carter Brown (2:22.28) and Damian Avalos (2:24.40). The latter three all are freshmen.

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Southern Coos seeks input for community health needs assessment

BANDON WESTERN WORLD

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center has started a community health needs assessment.

"Do you live in the Bandon, Port Orford or Langlois area?" the organization asked in a press release. "We are looking to hear from you."

The purpose of the assessment is to understand the current

health needs of residents in southern Coos and northern Curry counties and identify where and how the organization can improve its health services.

"The assessment includes a review of various sources of data along with a short personal survey of community residents and we want to hear from everyone," the release said.

The short personal survey asks about individual health and wellness as well as priorities to improve health and wellness in the community. Individual responses from community members will add vital information to this year's assessment and will help guide action steps in addressing the community's health needs.

Residents are asked to com-

plete the survey online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCHHC_CHNA2020.

Paper copies of the survey will be available at the Bandon Farmers Market, Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, and by mail for those who might not have access to electronic surveys.

To request a paper survey be mailed, or to set up an in-per-

son or by-phone interview to complete the survey, people can either call 541-347-2426, ext. 320, or email community@southerncoos.org.

Survey responses will be collected until Nov. 10.

For more information, contact Scott McEachern at 541-329-1040 or visit foundation@southerncoos.org.

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From left, MarLo Dance Studio dancers Meg Sherman, Nena Minkler, Katherine Morton, Lyvia Erenfeld and Sarah Slater. A fundraiser for MarLo Dance Studio's scholarship program will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and Oct. 18, at the Sprague Community Theater. Note: Photo taken prior to COVID-19 restrictions.

Bandon Crossings hosts tough tourney on Oct. 24

Greenskeeper's Revenge also includes Las Vegas Scramble

THE WORLD

Teams can still sign up for the annual Greenskeeper's Revenge at Bandon Crossings Golf Course.

The tournament is Saturday, Oct. 24, with a shotgun start set for 9:30 a.m.

The event is challenging for a couple of reasons. First, it gives the greens crew a chance to set the pins in their most challenging positions and set the greens as fast as possible.

Second, the event is played in a Las Vegas Scramble format. That means that the four players on the team are each assigned a number 1 to 4 and the team rolls a dice before each hole. Whichever number comes up, the team must use that player's drive. If the team rolls a five or six, it can use any of the drives.

Cost for the tournament is \$65 per golfer (\$54 for Crossings passholders) and includes green fee, cart, range balls, a light continental breakfast and lunch following the tournament.

Closest to pin prizes will be awarded for all 18 holes.

For more information, visit www.bandoncrossings.com or call 541-347-3232. Teams have until Friday to sign up.

Casual Fridays

Oct. 9

Stableford
Stableford Points — Gerard Ledoux 37, Wim McSpadden 36, David Kimes 35, Chip England 34, Eric Oberbeck 34, Greg Harless 33, Brian Gibson 33, Phil Bennett 32, Cedric Johnston 32, Bobby Cox 32, Daryl Robison 32, Ray Fabien 32, Richard Stefiuk 32, Jim Wakeman 32, Craig Ford 31, John Miles 29, Luke Thornton 29, Connor Smith 29, Jack Cranmer 28, Val Nemcek 28, Mitch McCullough 28, Jim Sylvestre, John Ohanesian 25, Rick Evans.

Closest to Pin — Jim Sylvestre (No. 6), Bobby Cox (No. 9), Peyton Simonds (No. 11), Jack Cranmer (No. 14), Jackson Simonds (No. 6).

Wacky Wednesdays

Oct. 14

Quota
Quota Total — Cedric Johnston +4, Jack Cranmer +3, Mark Northness +3, James Hanson +2, Chuck Chojnacki +1, Ed Tyner +1, Wim McSpadden +1, Dewey Powers 0, Jim Sylvestre 0, Ken Caughey -1, John Loverin -2, Frank Cronan -3, John Ohanesian -3, Brian Saska -4, Val Nemcek -4, Gerard Ledoux -5, Brian Gibson -5, Mitch McCullough -5, Phillip Shoaf -7, Chip England -7, Barry Bradley -7, Jim Lorenzen -9.
Closest to Pin — Phillip Shoaf (No. 6), John Loverin (No. 9), Jack Cranmer (No. 11), Jack Cranmer (No. 14), Mark Northness (No. 17).

MarLo Dance Studio fundraiser is this weekend

A scholarship fundraiser event bringing the fun back safely

BANDON WESTERN WORLD

BANDON — MarLo Dance Studio is committed to bringing "positivity" back to local families in 2020. In addition to reopening the studio for fall dance classes, MarLo is hosting a movie for the community with Bandon's new movie screen at the Sprague Theater.

The feature will be the 2016 animation, "Leap!" followed by a short live performance by MarLo's own upper-level ballet class. Performers will be Elli Schulz, Halle Minkler, Rachel Maxon, Gracie Slater and Hadassah Slater. Choreography is by Faith Slater.

The event will be held at

3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 17 and Oct. 18, at the Sprague Community Theater, 1202 11th St. SW. Tickets cost \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Online reserved seating tickets are available beginning Oct. 3 at www.marlodance.com.

"Leap!" tells the tale of an orphan girl who dreams about becoming a ballerina in Paris. The combination of the feature and live performance is sure to delight audience of all ages.

Under the direction of Maria Merriam, MarLo Dance Studio is celebrating its 22nd season of serving the greater Bandon area. Students travel from as far as Powers, Brookings and Coos Bay to be part of Bandon's unique program that focuses on a solid ballet foundation with jazz, tap, lyrical, hip hop and ballroom genres.

The heart of the long-standing program has been its sold-out theatrical dance performances which

has also fueled the school's scholarship program. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, MarLo Dance Studio has had to cancel both last spring's production of "Cinderella" and the holiday favorite, "The Nutcracker," which had been scheduled for this coming December.

Merriam said MarLo currently has 87 students, down from 135 last spring before the COVID-19 pandemic, not counting the ballroom dance program that hasn't restarted or the adult fitness classes that are limping. Class sizes are reduced, though there are openings for preschool and new youth beginners in ballet and adult pilates. Some elective courses were cut to allow time to add duplicate younger age classes to compensate for social distancing.

"We've intentionally reopened with a soft start," Merriam said. "We are filling classes with returning

students first. We are ready to accept more students now with the possibility of adding a few more classes.

"Shows are the lifeblood of the performing arts' financial health. It was our sole fundraiser and we've lost two. It's been a heart-break to both the students, their families and the staff. Yet, still, I am optimistic. Nothing makes me happier than to be back in class with the students. Sponsoring 'Leap!' with a small live performance is going to be great fun for the area children and a baby step to bringing the performing arts back."

The concept to host a movie came from Radio City Music Hall in NYC, who historically paired movies with the live performances of the Rockettes.

Sponsors of 'Leap!' with MarLo Dance Studio include Easlon Construction and Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

Runners

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Among the junior high girls, Marley Petrey won the 800 in 2:45.38, a strong time for the seventh-grader. North Bend's Emma Slade was second in 2:51.67, followed by another Harbor Lights seventh-grader, Lilly Iverson, in 3:05.04.

Among the middle school runners, Bandon's Hayden Thompson (2:50.69), Tyler Senn (2:51.18) and Noah Brown (2:52.30) were fourth through sixth for Harbor Lights behind Marshfield's Chase Johnston (2:32.90) and Elijah Cellura

(2:38.78) and Rene Sears of Powers (2:40.34).

Aside from the fast times in the distance races by Garcia-Silver, Hutton and Thompson, the most impressive marks last week came by a pair of Marshfield freshmen in the pole vault. Both Trent Summers and Jonathan Parks cleared 13 feet, 6 inches and another Marshfield freshman, Jack Waddington, got over the bar at 12 feet.

Harbor Lights runner Marley Petrey clears a hurdle at Marshfield High School.
 Photo by Tom Hutton



Southwestern Oregon Preppers meet Oct. 17 in Bandon

THE WORLD

BANDON — The Southwestern Oregon Preppers will hold a meet-

ing at noon on Saturday in the Bandon City Park, 1204 11th St. Southwest in Bandon. The group will meet

under the covered area and people are encouraged to bring something to sit on.

The main topic for the meeting is preparing for after the election. Things may or may not go smoothly, so the group will discuss what could go wrong and how to be prepared.

Southwestern Oregon Preppers meetings always start with a question and answer period before the main topic so all in attendance get a chance to participate.

The meeting is free and provides an opportunity for newcomers to get to know fellow preppers in the area and to exchange information and ideas.

The group feels it is important for individuals to understand that they will be on their own in the event of a disaster and should prepare not to depend on receiving outside help.

People can join the Southwestern Oregon Preppers on Facebook or at meetup.com.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2020

Let go of what's not working for you in preparation for upcoming opportunities. You are heading into a transition period that will be enlightening mentally and emotionally. Trust and believe in yourself, and good things will come your way. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Take a secretive approach to getting things done. Don't let someone intervene and throw your plans into disarray. Collect your thoughts, pay attention to detail and proceed quietly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Stop making excuses and follow through with your plans. Wasting time now will lead to setbacks later. An emotional incident will have a big impact. Take a chance and make a move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Stick close to home and rethink how you want to do things. Refuse to let someone from your past meddle in your affairs. Fix up your space to accommodate your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- How you handle others will determine how much help you receive. Criticism and complaints will not help, while incentives and encouragement will. Make romantic plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Be leery of offers from demanding people or a pushy salesperson. Go directly to the source to find out what's what. A proposal will not be as favorable as someone wants you to believe.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- You can make a difference if you pitch in and help. Your insight, experience and understanding will inspire others. You'll receive information that can help your financial situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Be careful how you handle situations that can affect your reputation, position or status. A reserved approach will keep you out of trouble. Use intelligence and facts to encourage others to make better decisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You've got the right idea, so don't hesitate. An outgoing approach will help you win the support you need. Changes at home or to the way you work will be beneficial.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Back away from questionable situations. Someone will take advantage of you if you buy into their plans. Play it safe, follow the rules and do your best to stay healthy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Do what comes naturally and avoid getting involved in other people's plans. You'll come up with a great idea that will improve your life and an important relationship. Romance is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't lose sight of your goals, regardless of what others do. Channel your energy into preparation. If you challenge yourself, you will make gains that exceed your expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Learning something new will change your life. Personal growth, enlightenment and passion will encourage better relationships with the people who mean the most to you.

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NCAA's next challenge is how to restructure Division I

RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

As the NCAA moves toward landmark changes that will empower athletes more than ever, the next big debate within college sports is on the horizon: How to reform and restructure Division I?

A survey of college sports leaders, including university presidents, conference commissioners and athletic directors, was released earlier this week by the academic watchdog Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The survey results went public the day before the NCAA Division I Council approved two proposals that will lift longstanding restrictions on college athletes.

On Wednesday, the council rubber-stamped proposed legislation that will allow college athletes to earn money off their names, images and likenesses — through things such as personal endorsement deals and appearance fees — as never before.

The council also gave the go-ahead to expanding the one-time transfer exception to all athletes, giving players in revenue-generating sports such as football and basketball the ability to switch schools one time as an undergrad and be immediately eligible to compete. Current rules require athletes in those sports, along with baseball and hockey, to sit out a year after transferring as undergraduates.

Both proposals now go to membership for comment and feedback and could be tweaked before they go back to the Council for a vote in January.

Federal lawmakers still need to weigh in on name, image and likeness rules, but NIL compensation and less restrictive transfer rules should be in place for the 2021-22 school year.

Those issues, which had been debated and argued for years as the NCAA held firm to its old rules,

have now been settled in favor of what college sports leaders now frame as modernization.

The next big project in college sports, especially as institutions deal with the financial fallout of the coronavirus pandemic, could be deciding what Division I should be. Or more precisely, what do the schools that make up D-I want to be?

"I think there is going to be a great deal of interest in 'Where does my institution fit best in this environment?'" said Nancy Zimpher, former chancellor of the State University of New York and a member of the Knight Commission.

Zimpher said university presidents should be willing to ask hard questions about what kind of investments they want to make in football and basketball in the hope the revenue from those sports can fund others.

"I hope that campuses and conferences will open themselves to some new arrangements to solve some of these heavy financial challenges," said Zimpher, chairwoman of the Knight Commission's college sports governance and structure committee.

The survey found strong support for reforming the way Division I is governed (74%) and restructuring D-I altogether (73%).

NCAA Division I is comprised of 351 schools that range from massive Power Five football schools such as Ohio State, Alabama and Texas to small private universities mostly focused on trying to access the lucrative NCAA men's basketball tournament. Athletic budgets range from \$4 million to more than \$200 million, according to data collected by the Knight Commission.

There is far less consensus on what needs to be done to address the problem.

Among respondents at schools without football programs, 65% said they

would likely favor separating the highest level of Division I football (FBS) from the NCAA and creating a new body to manage that sport. There are 130 FBS schools.

But 42% of respondents at FBS schools oppose that type of change.

Among Power Five respondents, 61% said they were very or somewhat likely to support the creation of a separate new division within the NCAA for the Power Five to compete in sports other than men's and women's basketball.

There was broad support for keeping March Madness as is. The men's basketball tournament generates most of the NCAA's revenue, which surpassed \$1 billion in 2019.

But while those in Power Five would like for those wealthy conferences — the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC — to have even more autonomy, nearly 60% of respondents from the other 27 Division I leagues, including the other five in FBS, oppose creating a fourth NCAA Division.

Zimpher said the Knight Commission would like to take a role in creating that consensus by bringing together the ultimate decision-makers: university presidents.

She cited the conference-by-conference approach to staging this major college football season as an example of the NCAA's inability to bring leaders together to find big-picture solutions.

"We don't have one body that really speaks for everybody," she said. "In fact we may have multiple bodies, but we have to create consensus around the principles. And, yes, (NCAA President) Mark Emmert and whoever leads the NCAA is a responsible leader. But the presidents are in charge. This is their organization or set of organizations. And it falls to them to create coherence."

Clippers to hire Lue as new coach

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tyrone Lue has agreed to become the next coach of the Los Angeles Clippers.

A person with knowledge of the situation said final terms were still being worked on. The person spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity because no contract had been signed.

Lue will replace Doc Rivers, who had coached the Clippers for the last seven seasons and is now coaching the Philadelphia 76ers. Lue, 43, was on the 59-year-old Rivers' staff this season when the Clippers wasted a 3-1 lead over Denver and lost in the Western Conference semifinals.

ESPN first reported the agreement between Lue and the Clippers,

saying it was a five-year deal.

It's not the first time Lue has been promoted to head coach in the NBA in the wake of a firing. He was on the Cleveland Cavaliers' staff when he replaced the fired David Blatt during the 2015-16 season. Under Lue's guidance, the Cavs and LeBron James went on to win their first-ever NBA championship that season, making Lue one of the few rookie coaches in the league to ever lead his team to a title.

Lue, who won two NBA championships as a player with the Los Angeles Lakers, went 128-83 in parts of four seasons as Cavs coach. He coached the team to the NBA Finals in 2017 and 2018, but both times they lost to Golden State. He was fired after an

0-6 start to the 2018-19 season.

Lue was in his second stint with the Clippers, having joined them initially in July 2013. The following June, he went to Cleveland.

Lue's hiring means there are now six Black head coaches currently in the NBA as he joins Rivers in Philadelphia, Lloyd Pierce in Atlanta, J.B. Bickerstaff in Cleveland, Monty Williams in Phoenix and Dwane Casey in Detroit.

Lue also was a candidate for other jobs this offseason, including in Houston and New Orleans.

The Clippers — in the first season of Kawhi Leonard and Paul George playing together — went 49-23 this regular season, the fourth-best record in franchise history.

Saban asymptomatic, but sidelined for big game

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nick Saban won't be allowed to coach No. 2 Alabama from home against third-ranked Georgia per NCAA guidelines, and also can't be in the stadium while testing positive for COVID-19.

Saban said on his radio show Thursday night that he hasn't had a fever or any symptoms and has still been able to perform all his normal work duties from home.

"I feel great, I don't have any problems," Saban said. "I've been able to do everything that I would do if I were working from (the office), whether it's being in meetings, watching film with the coaches, watching practice film, have communication on the field that I can still correct players."

He said offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian, a former Southern California and Washington head coach, will handle the head coaching decisions on the sideline during the game. Alabama said earlier that Saban was evaluated by team doctor Jimmy Robinson Thursday "and is doing fine."

"He is continuing to self-isolate and will remain in the SEC testing protocol while being evaluated daily," the school said.

When asked if a coach who remained positive could coach from an isolated room at the stadium, SEC spokesman Herb Vincent cited CDC guidelines saying "people who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others."

Then there are the

NCAA restrictions.

NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn referred to the rules interpretation written by national coordinator of football officials Steve Shaw when asked about Saban coaching. In an earlier response to the prospect of any coach being in quarantine because of COVID-19, Shaw's interpretation was that coaches aren't allowed to use technology to call in plays or communicate with the team in the locker room.

"Rule 1-4-11-b is very specific and allows only voice communications between the press box and the team area, therefore in (a) the coach could not call into the press box or the sideline for anything related to coaching purposes," Shaw wrote.

He also interpreted Rule 1-4-11-a as prohibiting the use of computers or other technology "for coaching purposes," including any virtual communication with the team during a game.

"This prohibition would begin at 90 minutes before the scheduled kickoff when the officiating crew assumes jurisdiction of the game and would include the time between periods until the end of the game when the Referee declares the score final," the interpretation read.

The 68-year-old Saban and athletic director Greg Byrne tested positive for COVID on Wednesday. Robinson said at the time that they were the only positive tests in the program.

He questioned the rule keeping head coaches who test positive from having an in-game role, saying

"there's ways to do this where you wouldn't be putting people in harm's way."

"If you're the head coach, there ought to be a better way to do it," Saban said. "I don't know exactly what that is but there should be a better way to do that."

"You ought to be able to have some kind of communication with the sidelines."

Alabama hasn't disclosed positive tests among players since the pandemic started, but Saban said Wednesday that they "haven't had any indication" of an outbreak among players. The Tide is coming off a game against Mississippi, which this week had an undisclosed number of players test positive.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick, a close friend of Saban, said they spoke recently "about how much we've learned with this situation and some of the challenges that have come with it."

"I know he's been extremely vigilant and put a great deal of thought and effort into the care of his team and players," Belichick said. "He shared that with me. We both talked about things that we've done and have been helpful and so forth. So I just want to wish him the best from all of us here and the organization."

Giants coach Joe Judge is betting on Saban over the virus.

"He'll probably beat COVID," Judge said. "He's got a pretty good record against every other opponent so I am confident coach will come through this."

Mickelson's Masters prep is on new tour

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Phil Mickelson will begin his preparation for the Masters in earnest on Friday at a place, and on a tour, not typically associated with the regimen required to win a major.

The lefthander is making his second start on the PGA Tour Champions in the Dominion Energy Charity Classic at the Country Club of Virginia's somewhat forgiving James River course.

Mickelson will be paired with fellow tour rookie Jim Furyk and defending cham-

pion Miguel Angel Jimenez, who shot a 9-under 63 on a soft course in the final round last year to win on the circuit for the best golfers aged 50 and over.

In choosing to play in Virginia for the first time since 1993, and in a \$2 million event rather than seek an exemption into the \$9 million CJ Cup at Shadow Creek in Las Vegas, Mickelson joked that whatever he managed to do on that course would be "a letdown."

It was at Shadow Creek two years ago that he won a \$9 million, winner-take-

all, made-for-television match against Tiger Woods.

"I made so much more the last time I played that I just didn't see the benefit," Mickelson said.

After this weekend, he plans to return to the PGA side for next week's Zozo Championship in California and, after a week off, the Houston Open the week before the Masters.

Mickelson won his only other start on the Champions tour, taking home \$450,000 at the Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National in late August.

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four straight and is off to its second 1-4 start in Lynn's four seasons.

Turnovers played a major role in the first three losses. Herbert had an interception late in the third quarter against Kansas City that the Chiefs converted into a tying touchdown before they won 23-20 in overtime.

Herbert had a fumble and interception during the first half against Carolina that led to 10 points in a

21-16 loss. Against Tampa Bay, a botched handoff late in the first half allowed the Bucs to score a TD before halftime and gave them momentum that resulted in a 38-31 victory.

Herbert has dealt with numerous lineup changes due to injuries. Right tackle Bryan Bulaga has missed the past two weeks due to back issues and right guard Trai Turner has played in only one game because of a groin injury. Running back Austin Ekeler, who led the AFC in scrimmage yards through the first

three weeks, suffered a hamstring strain Oct. 4 at Tampa Bay and is on injured reserve.

Wide receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams have also missed time. Allen played only one quarter against New Orleans before experiencing back spasms and Williams was out for the Tampa Bay game.

"He's been solid and very aggressive. The moment is not too big for him," Fox Sports analyst Michael Vick said of Herbert. "What I really like is when I see a rookie who

is not afraid to play like a fourth- or fifth-year player. If you turn on the TV, you wouldn't know that Justin is a rookie."

Herbert has shown poise when facing blitzing defenses. He is 22 of 32 for 353 yards with four touchdowns and a 144.9 rating against the blitz. The only rookie to have a better rating over his first four starts since 2007 was Washington's Robert Griffin III in 2012 (155.8).

"I think footwork has been huge, along with being able to pick up on the five- and seven-step

drops along with play-action stuff," Herbert said. "I'm just trying to have fun. Just go out there, play and relax."

The rescheduled bye week comes at a good time for the Chargers, who are reeling with injuries on both sides of the ball. The defense was down to third string on the defensive line during overtime against the Saints along with being down three starters in the secondary and two at linebacker.

And for a team that didn't have a player opt out due to the coronavirus

and hasn't had someone test positive during the season, the Chargers had their schedule disrupted the most.

Five of their next six weeks were rescheduled by the NFL with the bye moving to this week from mid-November. Even with the switches, Los Angeles will have a favorable stretch with four of its next five opponents under .500, beginning on Oct. 25 against Jacksonville.

"We just know that there's going to be change. Just the way it is," Lynn said.

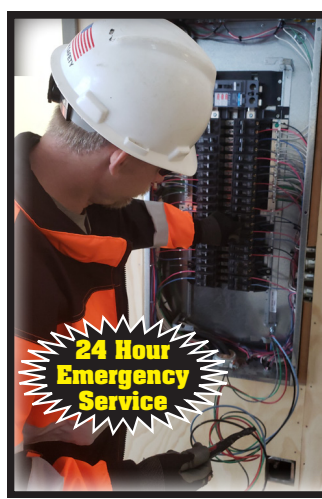
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The league's coaches really aren't looking for postseason normalcy in a year where little is normal.

"I know it's coach speak, but it's truth: We focus on what we can control, preparing ourselves to be ready to play games. Then you get into these

games, you take them one at a time because that's the only way you get to play them. So we haven't approached that topic (of a postseason) with the guys," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "I know, the goals of wanting to play in the postseason are real, and that's an aspiration all of us have. The only way we're going to achieve that is focus on the day to day."



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Marshfield's Cobin Bouska slides into home plate to score a run during Tuesday's game against North Bend.

John Gunther Photos, The World

Baseball players enjoy, improve

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

NORTH BEND — The baseball players from Marshfield and North Bend haven't seen anybody in the other dugout except their traditional rivals this fall, and they are fine with that.

Just the chance to play in the fall season set up by the two schools has been a great experience since the spring and summer seasons were scrapped due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's nice to come back from no season in the spring," said Marshfield's Wyatt Peck after their game on Tuesday this week.

That game, like all the others to that point, ended with Marshfield on top on the scoreboard, courtesy of some timely hitting and the ability to repeatedly get key outs with North Bend runners in scoring position. "It feels good to beat North Bend for once," Peck said.

But that's secondary to just getting a chance to play.

"It's nice getting everyone back together," said Marshfield's Ezra Waterman.

Throw in the nature of the competition and it just makes it better.

"We're playing a good team," Waterman said. "Almost every game has been competitive."

At the start of the series,



North Bend pitcher Bridger Holmes looks to the plate for a sign during Tuesday's game against Marshfield.

the pitching dominated. The hitters have caught up some as their timing has returned.

"The more pitches we see, the more we're hitting," said North Bend's Bridger Holmes, who just missed a home run Tuesday when his ball soared just left of the foul pole as it went over the fence. "We're getting better."

That's the general consensus for both teams, and particularly important given that they missed out on the regular seasons.

"We've got a lot of younger kids," said North Bend's Brylee Anderson. "They're learning."

He can put himself in that category. North Bend coach Brad Horning put

Anderson behind the plate for Tuesday's game to take a look at him as catcher in case he wants to use him there next spring.

"I'm sore," Anderson said. "I haven't caught for four years."

The games aren't like normal ones because there aren't any fans except people helping out with game management.

That's OK, Waterman said.

"It's nice not having fans," he said. "It's almost like sandlot games."

That feeling brings back the pure joy of baseball.

Even if it's the same foe every game out.

"We're way more excited than sick (of playing Marshfield)," Holmes said.

"They're most of your friends out there having fun competing."

Though North Bend and Marshfield have been fielding separate American Legion teams the past few years, they all played together on mixed teams in Babe Ruth before reaching the high school.

"It's fun to play them," Anderson said. "We know them."

The series continues through this week before Marshfield and North Bend transfer from the October schedule of baseball, softball, outdoor volleyball and track and field to boys and girls soccer, seven-on-seven football and basketball skills competitions.

Pro Picks: Browns try for elusive win in Pittsburgh

BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Once the best of NFL rivalries, Cleveland-Pittsburgh fell on hard times as a matchup basically when the Browns left for Baltimore in 1996. The team that replaced them in Cleveland in 1999 never has measured up, and Ravens-Steelers became an AFC biggie.

Maybe now, finally, the Browns are ready for the big time.

They are 4-1 under first-year coach Kevin Stefanski, looking balanced on offense and defense. On Sunday comes their biggest test since an opening-game flop at Baltimore when they head for the short drive southeast to the Steel City, where the Browns haven't won since 2003.

"We are not worried about the past," said quarterback Baker Mayfield, who nursed sore ribs this week. "We are worried about right now. And the next game is the most important one, and we have a very good division opponent we are going up against in their house."

Pittsburgh, ranked fourth in the AP Pro32, is 4-0, but those opponents have a total of three victories combined. Their toughest opposition would have been Tennessee, but that game was moved to Oct. 25 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cleveland, ranked 10th, is a 3 1/2 point underdog at Pittsburgh ... STEELERS, 26-21

KNOCKOUT POOL: Baltimore kept us moving and now Pro Picks turns to the PATRIOTS.

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Dallas, Monday night: This might be the last time we do this all season. We are slow learners ... UPSET SPECIAL: COWBOYS, 26-23

Kansas City (minus 3 1-2) at Buffalo, Monday night: Two very ticked-off teams coming off ugly defeats ... CHIEFS, 30-28

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Washington (plus 2) at New York Giants: Joe Judge gets to celebrate a victory as a head coach, finally ... GIANTS, 20-16

Atlanta (plus 3 1-2) at Minnesota: Raheem Morris does not get his first victory as interim head coach in Atlanta ... VIKINGS, 25-17

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Herbert has done everything for Chargers but win

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Justin Herbert has accomplished plenty during his first four NFL starts. But he still hasn't done the one thing that ultimately defines quarterbacks — lead his team to victory.

The Los Angeles Chargers rookie has a 68.8% completion rate and 107.1 passer rating, which are the highest since the merger for a rookie QB with a minimum of 100 attempts.

Statistically, he has held his own with former MVPs Patrick Mahomes, Tom Brady and Drew Brees on the opposite sideline in three games, only to see them lead comebacks from double-digit deficits.

With Los Angeles' bye moved to this week, Herbert — the Chargers' first rookie starting QB in 22 years — is hoping to rest up while reviewing past games.

"It's a good time for almost all of our guys to get their bodies back," he said.

Coach Anthony Lynn was hoping Tyrod Taylor could serve as the bridge quarterback while Herbert developed, but Herbert quickly asserted himself when he got the chance to start. Taylor was sidelined when a botched injection

caused him to suffer a punctured lung before the Sept. 20 game against Kansas City.

Lynn said last week that Herbert would remain the starter when Taylor returned. Taylor has resumed practicing but remains inactive. Lynn said he has noticed more confidence from Herbert now that he knows the job is his.

"He's not looking over his shoulder. I think he is more vocal and he's the quarterback he has to be," Lynn said. "In time, that leadership and all that will come, but I like I like what he's doing right now."

Herbert is no stranger to making a quick impact, even if his team struggles. As a freshman at Oregon in 2016, he tied the school's single-game record for touchdown passes (six) and then set the Ducks mark for total offense (512) in his third. Oregon, though, was 2-5 in games Herbert started.

So far with the Chargers, he has become the first player in 64 years to rush and pass for a touchdown in the first half of his first start and is the first rookie to pass for four TD's in a Monday night game. Los Angeles, though, has lost

Pac-12 playoff chances are complicated

ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

As the last Power Five conference to jump into the college football season, the chances that a Pac-12 team can reach the national championship, even the playoffs, seem slim.

But never say never. Especially in a season as odd as this one.

"Nobody knows," said Stanford coach David Shaw. "Nobody knows."

The Pac-12's coaches believe there's a possibility a conference team could play for the national title, even though the league has an abbreviated schedule with just seven games per team. But a whole bunch of things would have to fall into place.

"If we have a conference champion that's played well -- I don't think you have to be undefeated but I think you got to play really well and show that you're one of the better teams in America," Shaw said. "And then, however it happens in the other places, not every one is going to play every game as we've seen, some teams are going to falter. So we'll have to see how it all shakes out."

Currently, there are two Pac-12 teams ranked in the AP Top 25: Oregon at No. 12 and USC at No. 25. They are not the only teams who haven't played a down that are in the rankings. The Big Ten's Ohio State (6), Penn State (9), Wisconsin (16), Michigan (19) and Minnesota (24) are also there. The Big Ten start two weeks earlier than the Pac-12 and teams play an eight-game schedule.

Arizona State coach Herm Edwards said he doesn't envy the selection committee this season.

"I know I wouldn't want to be in that seat, trying to figure out who those teams are. It's very difficult," Edwards said. "And it becomes even more difficult now with COVID hovering over football and athletics as well."

Then there's Jimmy Lake's idea.

Washington's new coach believes every Power Five champion should make the College Football Playoff. A sixth "wild card" team could be an independent like Notre Dame, a Group of Five champion or a good second-place Power Five team.

The top two teams would have a bye, Lake said, while No. 3 would play No. 6, and No. 4 would play No. 5 to determine the semifinal matchups.

"I think that way you take all the subjectivity out of it, all the politics, the East Coast (bias), all of that," Lake said on the preseason Pac-12 coaches' teleconference. "Let the champions move on and let's see. Let the teams play, and we'll see who the best team is at the end of the year."

Of course, any Pac-12 representation in the playoffs hinges on whether the league's teams can get all their games in, with COVID-19 cases rising nationwide and college games routinely getting postponed because of outbreaks.

"With the time configuration that we're working with, there's really no opportunity to make up games. And so if we miss a game, that game is just going to be out the window," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "And so we're hoping that we get them all in. Nobody can predict the future, we don't have a

crystal ball, but we'd all be elated if we get the seven games in."

The lack of non-conference games will likely make it harder to determine where the Pac-12 ranks as an overall league, too.

"It's very difficult, I think, without non-league, out-of-conference games to judge other leagues. So it'll be even a more difficult year this year. But we will have a conference champion and (that) will give us an opportunity later on and maybe some crossover games to see where we are," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said.

But Sumlin emphatically answered "yes" when asked if a 7-0 Pac-12 team could be in play for a championship.

It's not just the CFP, the overall postseason picture is somewhat murky, too. The NCAA clarified one issue Wednesday when it waived bowl eligibility criteria for this season. Normally, teams are required to have a .500 record to be eligible, or, in a normal season, have at least six wins.

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Nature Guide Journal: Appreciating millipedes

They've got pinchers and they sure know how to use them

MARTY GILES
Wavecrest Discoveries

Someone mentioned the other day that it was about time to see the millipedes out and about again.

You've probably seen them yourself.

Millipedes are essentially strings of jointed segments, each segment with two pairs of legs. Our local yellow-spotted millipedes (*Harpaphe haydeniana*) are up to two-and-a-half inches long, striking jet black with bright yellow spots along the sides. There's one yellow spot on the outside edges of each segment, where the low, rounded



at least a third of the needles in our wet, regional forests.

Yellow-spotted millipedes to not bite, but when disturbed will curl up and give off a cyanide gas to ward off potential predators. The gas doesn't detour all predators, however, and many other animals dine on millipedes -- other invertebrates, such as centipedes, and a few vertebrates, such as shrews.

Could you be gassed by a millipede? They don't give off enough cyanide gas to hurt people, though people with especially sensitive skin might experience burning when handling a millipede, so it's a good idea to wash your hands if you



Contributed Photo by Ivan Phillipsen

The yellow-spotted millipede (*Harpaphe Haydeniana*).

pick one up. Although "milli" means thousand and "pede" means feet, millipedes never have that many feet. Newborn millipedes have only a handful of segments and the animals add a segment each time they shed their exoskeletons as they grow. The maximum number of legs for any millipede species is 750; ours usually have fewer than 100 legs in multiples of four, two on either side of each segment. (And, yes, millipedes have been observed "tripping over their own feet" when traveling at high speeds!)

Nearly all millipedes feed on dead plant material, primarily fallen leaves. Yellow-spotted millipedes are especially fond of conifer needles, likely recycling

With their jointed exoskeletons, millipedes are clearly arthropods. However, millipedes are not insects, crustaceans, nor spider relatives, but are in a separate class of arthropods: Myriapoda. (Arthropods are grouped primarily by how their bodies are segmented; Myriapoda means countless or many feet.)

Unlike insects, Myriapods don't have a waxy, waterproof cuticle on the surface of their bodies that insects do, so they easily dry out. You may have seen crispy black curlicues in your basement in summer, the corpses of yellow-spotted millipedes that dried out before they could find moisture.

Millipedes are one of four

classes in Myriapoda. Two groups of myriapods are minute, many-legged inhabitants of soil that people rarely see. The fourth group of myriapods are the centipedes. (Sowbugs, the other common segmented-body non-insect in our homes and gardens, are land-dwelling crustaceans.)

Although many people confuse centipedes with millipedes, they are actually quite different. Centipedes have only one pair of legs on each segment (one leg on each side), and they tend to have longer legs and usually sport long posterior appendages. The first set of centipede legs is modified to a formidable set of poisonous jaws -- centipedes are predators. The agile, fast-moving centipedes

hunt down smaller invertebrates, including millipedes, and helpfully reining in populations of cockroaches, silverfish, and other pests.

Although "centi" means a hundred, few centipede species have as many legs as advertised. Unlike millipedes, centipedes are born with their total number of segments and don't add segments as they grow. The maximum number of centipede legs? One species has 354, but most species have about 70.

Apart from their disagreeable smell, our detritus-feeding millipedes merely tickle when they walk over your hand. Centipedes, however, can inflict a painful bite.

Both millipedes and centipedes lay eggs that hatch into miniature

adults. Some species in each group brood or care for their eggs. Throughout their lives, millipedes and centipedes play important roles in soil ecology, converting and mixing organic material.

As dry summer gives way to wet winter, we'll be more likely to encounter these brightly colored forest denizens motoring along.

For information on how you can arrange your own exploration of our fascinating natural history, contact Marty at 541/267-4027, mgiles@wavecrestdiscoveries.com, or www.facebook.com/wavecrestdiscoveries. Questions and comments about local natural history are welcome. www.wavecrestdiscoveries.com

Purses for Nurses fundraiser goes online

THE WORLD

COOS COUNTY — Coos County Friends of Public Health will hold its 11th annual fall fundraiser, Purses for Nurses, virtually this year.

In keeping with the group's fundraising tradition of selling purses for a good cause, CCFoPH is raffling off two good-end, designer purses, two activity bags, plus other fun items.

This year's raffle is online through Oct. 26 and can be viewed by clicking a link on the CCFoPH's website at <https://ccfoph.org/>. The direct raffle link is <https://go.eventgroove-fundraising.com/nursespurse2020>. The drawing will be held Nov. 1.

This year's proceeds will continue to fund the Nurses' Purse project, a fund used by public health nurses at Coos Health & Wellness to help families who are financially disadvantaged and most in need. The money raised by the raffle helps these families overcome challenging circumstances. The Nurses' Purse fund has provided families with food, clothing, infant care, payment of medical bills for the uninsured, and much more.

"We really appreciate your participation in this event," said CCFoPH president Frances Smith. "We hope it is fun and brings you joy knowing that you are helping the most vulnerable in our community in these unprecedented times."

Sponsors and major contributors include Bay Area Hospital, Caddy McKeown, Coos Bay Toyota, Farm and Sea, Bandon, Frances Smith, Juul Insurance Agency and Looking Out Foundation.



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Coos County Friends of Public Health board vice president Tom Orsi and president Frances Smith at the 2019 Purses for Nurses fundraiser.

Coos County Friends of Public Health
The Coos County Friends of Public Health (CCFoPH) is a non-profit 501c3 organization supporting services to people in our community through Coos Health & Wellness. These services include the promotion of healthy

families through programs such as the WIC nutrition program, and Babies First!/Parents As Teachers home visiting services; clinic services such as immunizations, and reproductive health services; and educational projects and activities.

Have a safe, fun Halloween

THE WORLD

The COVID-19 pandemic is reshaping how Oregonians celebrate holidays, and that includes Halloween. But it doesn't mean Halloween this year can't still be spooky and fun!

People in Oregon are creative, they care about their community and they know it's important to celebrate safely. This year, it's more important than ever to put safety first because COVID-19 cases have risen recently and holiday gatherings on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day led to increased case counts. So, this Halloween, be extra mindful of your choices. Choosing low risk Halloween plans can help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 illness, decrease the impact on Oregon's health care system and save lives.

This Halloween, the Oregon Health Authority is recommending that Oregonians avoid traditional door-to-door trick or treating and "Trunk or Treat" events because these

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A Bay Area house is decked out in the holiday spirit for Halloween. Residents are encouraged to show off their holiday spirit this year with the annual Christmas Lights display taking the year off at Shore Acres due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Chamber to hold Scary Sweets Auction Oct. 29

THE WORLD

The “Boo Area” Chamber of Commerce is planning the 2020 Masker-Aid and Scary Sweets Auction.

The event is scheduled for Oct. 29 in The Mill Casino’s Willow-Hwazel-Beargrass Rooms

“You’re already wearing a mask — why not have some fun and support your Chamber of Commerce,” the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce said in a release promoting the event.

Local bakeries will offer Halloween-themed monsterpiece desserts custom-designed for the event.

The schedule includes a Facebook preview of the desserts for auction from 1 to 4 p.m., an informal social hour including an auction preview and

Facebook bidding from 4 to 5 p.m., the Scary Sweets silent auction from 5 to 6 p.m. and the Scary Sweets live auction from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event also includes a no-host bar, with nibbles and networking.

The special Business After Hours event helps replace other 2020 fundraisers canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“So bring your mask, bring your wallet, bring a friend and dig deep.”

People who can’t attend are encouraged to join the auction on Facebook from 4 to 5 p.m. on the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Please note: For security reasons, The Mill cannot allow people to wear full-face masks.

Keep Christmas on the Coast alive

Visitor & Convention Bureau urges residents to sign up by Oct. 30

BY CATHERINE WALWORTH
Special to The World

Remember when you were little and your whole family piled into the car to see the lights? Let’s do that this year.

Shore Acres State Park, our area’s much-loved fix for Christmas light and cheer, will be dark this year. The Bay Area doesn’t have to be.

Christmas at the Coast is a simple idea. Put up a few or a lot of lights at your house, boat and/or business.

“We were disappointed when 2020 caused the cancellation of Holiday Lights at Shore Acres,” said Janice Langlinais, executive director of the Coos Bay-North Bend Visitor & Convention Bureau.

“Christmas at the Coast was created to encourage area residents to go the extra mile to light up their homes and businesses this year,” she said.

And maybe we can delight a few visitors, even without Shore Acres.

The word is already out. Oregon Coast Magazine heard about us, and plans to tell the rest of the world how wonderful the Bay Area will be to visit this holiday season.

Some of our neighbors already have theirs up.

Deryl Beebe of North Bend says she always puts her lights up early “because I don’t like to put them up in the freezing cold and rain.” Besides, she just likes lights. Small trees on her front porch are decorated all year. Red for Valentine’s Day. Red, white and blue for July 4th. Orange for Halloween.

“There are some in the back yard I turn on all year long,” she said. Butterflies, turtles, shrubs and small trees stay decorated. “I like lights.”

“If Christmas on the Coast was today I could turn on the lights and I’d be ready,” Beebe said. She’s even got a lighted Christmas tree in the window with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Over in Empire, Andrew Lamar admits he’s a bit of a lights nut.

“The cool part is that all the lights will stay up from now until New Year’s. I’ll switch from Halloween to



A Bay Area home is lit up with the holiday spirit. This year, homeowners could earn prizes for their holiday spirit.

Thanksgiving then Christmas – the bats will be replaced with snowflakes,” Lamar said.

At Thanksgiving, a 13-minute Disney soundtrack accompanies the lights display.

The lights are on every night, but not yet set to music. “Drive by any time after five,” Lamar said.

Sign up.

• Do that with the form on the Christmas at the Coast Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ChristmasattheCoast>) or on a paper form found at the Coos Bay Visitor’s Center at 50 Central Ave in Down-

town Coos Bay before October 30.

• Give your name, address and promise to turn on your lights Thanksgiving night, and every night till New Year’s Eve, just as Shore Acres usually does.

• Pick up a list of addresses at the Visitor’s Center so you’ll know where to drive around to see the most lights.

Lamar is making trophies for the best home and best business light displays. Judging will take place some time in December. Will you be awarded the traveling trophy this year?

Recent Coos County Marriage License applications

The following couples have filed for marriage licenses at the clerk’s office at the Coos County Courthouse in Coquille:

Sept. 21-24

Connor Williams and Sarah Merritt
Randell Smith and Jarrett Goldstein
Carson Payne and Katelin Roland-Sprague
Kenyon Bauer and Sophia Carman
William Simon and Lori Cossey

Kylee Brewster and Nicholas Klotzbach
Thomas Dehner and Lori Stern
Derek Fletcher and Ashley Barzee
Molly McGarr and Brandyn Taipalus

Sept. 28-30

Randy Seals and Kristin Friesen
Brittany Jansma and Charles Sorensen
Veronica Simpson and Edward Swinson
Alyssa Scott and Emery Sutherland
Nikela Ellefson and Maria Pullen

William Williams and Larry Cook

Oct. 5-9

Melinda Fisher and Casey Epperley
Curtis Hubbell and Tracy Bingham
Kenneth Payne and Sylvia D’Arco
Ted McGrath and Katie Ledbetter
Rick Green and Jamie Platt
Brittney Anderson and Nicholas Mayhew
Christopher Bradshaw and Krystal Gray
Scott Simington and Ashley Rains

Six-week series of free classes for caregivers planned

Area Agency on Aging program starts Nov. 4

THE WORLD

Char Luther will offer free classes for caregivers on six consecutive Wednesdays starting on Nov. 4 through the Area Agency on Aging.

The classes, with the theme Powerful Tools for Caregivers, teach skills to help unpaid caregivers take care of themselves. Valuable information and personal sharing time

benefit anyone who is caring for an older adult — family member, neighbor or friend, whether they are living with you, nearby or across the country.

Because of the current pandemic, the classes will be offered only online. Internet access is required.

Classes will be offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. or 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Class size is limited and registration is required.

For more information, call Luther at 541-297-9256 or email to char-luther@gmail.com with caregiver in the subject line.

Southern Oregon Coast Pride will have virtual meeting Oct. 27

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Public Library, in partnership with Jamar Ruff of Southern Oregon Coast Pride, will co-host “Stay In and Come Out with Southern Oregon Coast Pride” from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, on Zoom (virtual meeting software).

Everyone interested is invited to join virtually to celebrate LGBT+ History Month. This educational program will showcase coming out stories from Pride members paired with a Q-and-A session. The purpose is to engage the community with conver-

sation and awareness, focusing on how to support LGBTQ+ folks faced with coming out.

The first half hour will be dedicated to socializing and connecting. Then, the group will break into smaller discussion groups to discuss the meaning of “coming out” and re-gather to share what was learned with everyone.

This event is free and open to everyone. Register by going to <https://is.gd/JG1j9c>. For more information, phone the Coos Bay Library at 541-269-1101 or visit the library’s website at <http://www.coosbaylibrary.org>.

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State Parks to install additional hiker-biker pods

Program could be expanded to include Sunset Bay in future

HILARY DORSEY
Country Media

OREGON COAST — The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission accepted during a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, a donation of \$39,875 from Oregon Parks Forever for hiker-biker pods.

Oregon Parks Forever had partnered with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to install hiker-biker pods in six state parks along the Oregon coast: Fort Stevens, Nehalem Bay, Cape Lookout, Devil's Lake, Cape Blanco (north of Port Orford) and Harris Beach (on the north end of Brookings).

Robin Wilcox, planning manager for OPRD, said the pods have lockers that have charging stations inside of them. The goal is to have 11 hiker-biker pods with lockers, electronic charging stations and bike fix-it stations at 11 parks along the 362-mile long coastline.

"They're very popular with folks that are hiking and biking along the coast," Wilcox said during the meeting. "I think some folks who have been car camping have asked for some similar things in the tent camping sites."

According to the staff report, Oregon Parks Forever secured \$39,875 for three additional hiker-biker pods to be installed at three of the following five locations along the Oregon coast: Beverly Beach in Newport, Beachside in Waldport, Honeyman in Florence, Sunset Bay in Coos Bay or Humbug Mountain in Port Orford. OPRD will decide which of the three sites are currently the highest priority and most feasible.

Associate Director Chris Havel said OPRD currently has bike pods at Fort Stevens, Devil's Lake, Cape Blanco, Harris Beach, Cape Lookout, Bullards Beach and Nehalem Bay. The lockers and other pod features are all first-come, first-served. The lockers provide a space for bicyclists to store their gear, secured with their own lock.

"The features of a standard pod — lockers,



Hilary Dorsey, Country Media

A hiker-biker pod at Cape Lookout State Park.

a place to charge devices, a tool station — fill in the gaps that many bikers experience since they travel so light," Havel said. "Our standard hiker-biker sites

are just a space to pitch a tent."

These upgrades provide convenience and added safety, Havel added, as keeping cell phones and

GPS devices fully charged for a long trip is important. Having a locker to store some possessions gives hikers and bikers the opportunity to explore the

park or shower without worry of lost or stolen items.

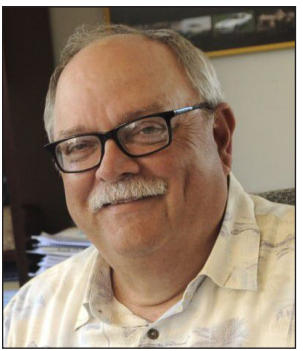
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The Chamber Minute: Economic Outlook Forum



TIMM SLATER
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Our area has been dealing with the impact of a tough economy for a long time. Over 25 years ago, a group of Chamber businesses and the college got together to propose an event that would inform us about the developments on the national, state and regional economic fronts and celebrate local efforts and successes throughout the past year. Through that effort the Economic Outlook Forum was launched.

The 28th annual Economic Outlook Forum is scheduled for Friday December 11th from 6:45 to 11:00 am at the Mill Casino-Hotel, with all COVID-19 protocols in place. South coast residents will

have the opportunity to hear from renowned economists and local leaders about projects of importance to our area.

The conference features Economist John Mitchell (M&H Economic Consultants), who will provide the keynote address on the national and regional pictures. John has the unique talent of making economics both interesting and entertaining. An overview of the Coos County and Coos Bay area economy will be provided, virtually, by Guy Tauer, of the Oregon Employment Department. Areas of focus this year center around the many impacts of both commercial

and recreational fishing in the Coos Bay area. One local update will feature the Port talking about the small boat basin operation, the shipyard and other commercial support services. Another update will stress the economic impact coming from the view of the Salmon Commission. The final session will focus on the impact of recreational fishing and its tourism value. The popular feature "Home Grown Business Successes" will highlight operations who are actively linked into the community as well as being successful entrepreneurs. Additionally, to open the forum, we will have an introduc-

tory joint presentation from John Bacon, Small Business Development Center, and Shaun Gibbs, South Coast Development Council, on the economic present and future of Oregon's South Coast.

So mark it down, December 11th, watch for the registration forms about mid November.

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(Timm Slater is executive director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on your Chamber, email timmslater@oregonsbayarea.org.)



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Coos Bay Police Chief Gary McCullough swears in the department's newest officer, Tristan Smith, on Sept. 21.

Officer joins Coos Bay force

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Police Department welcomed its newest officer, Tristan Smith, on Monday, Sept. 21. Coos Bay Police Chief Gary McCullough swore in the new officer.

Smith comes to the Coos Bay Police Department with three years of experience working in law enforcement for the North Bend Police Department. Smith enjoys spending time with his family and the outdoors.

Smith was set to im-

mediately begin his field training program in which he will be taught the Coos Bay Police Department's policies and procedures, according to the department. This will enable Smith to be assigned to a patrol shift in the future as a solo officer.

Wilson recognized for 35 years

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — Sept. 17 marked the 35-year anniversary of Rhonda Wilson as a 911 dispatcher for the City of Coos Bay.

Wilson began her career as a part-time dispatcher in the Coos Bay Police Department Communications Center in September 1985 and was hired as a full-time dispatcher in May of 1986, according to the City of Coos Bay. During that time, Wilson has seen a lot of change in the department relating to computer technology, radio communications and different policing philosophies which accompanied different police chiefs and supervisors.

Over the years, Wilson has been recognized by her



Rhonda Wilson

supervisors, co-workers, police, the police administration and communication organizations for her dedication to not only the Police Department, but also the City of Coos Bay and the citizens she assisted. She has received numerous department awards and citations, including the "Life

Saving Award" (2014) and the "Distinguished Service Award" (2010) from the Oregon Peace Officers Association.

In 2007, all the Communications Center members were recognized by Chief Eura Washburn as "Employees of the Year" for their dedicated service to the citizens of Coos Bay.

Wilson holds her basic, intermediate, and advanced telecommunicator certifications, as well as an emergency medical dispatcher certification.

"Please join in congratulating and thanking dispatcher Rhonda Wilson for dedicated service to the Coos Bay Police Department, the City of Coos Bay, and the citizens and visitors of Coos Bay," said a city spokesperson.

Safe

From B1

are high risk activities for crowding among people outside your household. This recommendation aligns with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), which also recommends families avoid traditional trick or treating.

Some ideas for safer, low-risk activities include holding an online costume contest, watching a scary

movie online, carving pumpkins with people in your household, decorating your house or apartment, or touring the neighborhood to look at decorated houses with members of your household.

"If you dress up in a costume, be careful to plan a costume that allows you to wear a face covering," said State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger. "Halloween masks will not protect you or others from coronavirus. Wear-

ing a cloth or disposable face mask that fits snugly and covers your mouth and nose is still required while wearing a costume, no matter how scary or silly your costume is."

For more tips to stay safe this holiday, check out OHA infographics about Halloween activities and how to safely visit a pumpkin patch or farm, and then share them with your friends and family on your Facebook and Instagram accounts.

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Fernando" band
 - 5 Bing's road partner
 - 8 Noisy birds
 - 12 Plant anchor
 - 13 Bikini top
 - 14 Yikes! (hyph.)
 - 15 Arrest
 - 16 Panoramic (hyph.)
 - 18 It runs on runners
 - 20 Conquistador's quest
 - 21 Extinct bird
 - 22 Well-stocked
 - 25 Chatty alien
 - 28 Grey or McCre
 - 29 Marathon
 - 33 Rum drink (2 wds.)
 - 35 Lions' quarry
 - 36 Wait awhile
 - 37 Steak orders (hyph.)
 - 39 Crude metals

- DOWN**
- 40 Roof edge
 - 42 Flight dir.
 - 43 Navigator's aid
 - 46 Dawn goddess
 - 49 Have the flu
 - 50 Greenhorn
 - 53 Spherical
 - 56 "Quo Vadis" co-star
 - 58 Paste
 - 59 That, to Juanita
 - 60 Auction site
 - 61 Kind of lock
 - 62 Sault — Marie
 - 63 Garage event

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 7 Speed along
 - 8 Roast beef au —
 - 9 Excuse me!
 - 10 Fluctuate (hyph.)
 - 11 Mets' former ballpark
 - 17 Wee circle
 - 19 — vu
 - 23 Luau fare
 - 24 Syllogism word
 - 25 Lectern
 - 26 Refuge
 - 27 Bona — (genuine)
 - 30 Ms. Bancroft of films
 - 31 Pool hall items
 - 32 To be, to Brutus
 - 34 Hardy's lass
 - 37 Water-power org.
 - 38 Flair
 - 40 Banishes
 - 41 Finally (2 wds.)
 - 44 Water, in Cannes
 - 45 Youngsters
 - 46 Like breakfast dishes
 - 47 Earthen jar
 - 48 Inner core
 - 51 "Fancy" singer
 - 52 Aloud
 - 54 Flower visitor
 - 55 — Dawn Chong
 - 57 Deli loaf

- DOWN**
- 1 Embers, finally
 - 2 Pythons
 - 3 Amount due
 - 4 Modify
 - 5 Consumer org.
 - 6 Black-and-yellow bird

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CLASSIC PEANUTS

FRANK AND ERNEST

MONDAY

DILBERT

CLASSIC PEANUTS

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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6	8	7	1	4	5	3	9	2
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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

ACROSS

- 1 Shade tree
- 4 NBC rival
- 7 Sunrise to sunset
- 10 Uproar
- 11 Cliffside refuge
- 13 Fruit drink
- 14 Previous
- 15 Press agent
- 16 Place (abbr.)
- 17 Every January
- 19 Coffee or stew
- 21 Tigger's pal
- 22 Chromosome material
- 23 Earring sites
- 26 Lagos locale
- 30 Entreaty
- 31 WWII sign
- 32 Referee
- 33 Go right!
- 34 Cash giver
- 35 Makes candles
- 36 Viewpoints
- 39 One of five

DOWN

- 1 Sonnet kin
- 2 Spacious
- 3 Cypress feature
- 4 Orchestral instrument
- 5 Make like a donkey
- 6 Scholarly notation
- 7 "Soft Watches" painter
- 8 Upstairs
- 9 Gross!
- 11 Bushy hairdos
- 12 Making do with
- 18 Type of rug
- 20 Charlotte of "Bananas"
- 22 Carpe —
- 23 Org. for women golfers
- 24 Bullring yells
- 25 Honk
- 26 Takes home
- 27 Total
- 28 Bratty kids
- 29 Domed recess
- 31 Big tubs
- 35 Bug repellent
- 37 Ben & Jerry rival
- 38 White-and-yellow lily
- 39 Kiddie-lit author
- 41 Dazed, with "out"
- 42 Mae West persona
- 43 Mr. Stravinsky
- 44 Memo
- 45 Nostalgic time
- 46 Dangled
- 47 Sp. miss
- 50 Autumn mo.
- 52 Goalie's org.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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This week in Coos County history: October 14-17

100 YEARS — 1920

Duck Hunting starts at sunrise

Sportsmen are ready to begin killing
Said to be more ducks on bay than ever
before at opening of season

Duck hunting season in Coos county begins at sunrise tomorrow morning. Technically speaking, it is at sunrise, but the hunters say that as soon as there is sufficient daylight to see a bird flying it is legal to begin shooting.

The hunters will be out in full force. It is said that there were never more ducks on the Bay than now and the first of the hunters out will probably begin the slaughter on the bay near town and when the ducks are scared away they will move farther back to the sand hills and other favorite hunting spots.

Along the wharf today there is a collection of every kind of duck scow or boat that might be used as such indicating that the hunters are ready to start out early in the morning.

Football game was close one

Excellent contest enjoyed by the crowd
North Bend holds down Marshfield in
good shape — Donald Allen slightly
injured

The football game yesterday between the Marshfield and North Bend high schools was a good game and about the closest the two teams have ever played.

The score was 18 to 13. North Bend made two touchdowns and kicked a goal. Marshfield made three touchdowns. During the last half it looked very much like North Bend might perhaps make another touchdown, in which event the team would have been ahead.

Donald Allen, son of F.E. Allen, was slightly hurt and was taken out of the game in the last half.

He was all right today aside from a stiff back, but he was not seriously hurt.

50 YEARS — 1970

Braves halt Newport league skein

It's been a long time coming, but perhaps Newport's stranglehold on the Coast League football championship has been snapped at last.

There were unmistakable signs in that direction Thursday when the Reedsport Braves rolled to a surprisingly easy, 28-8, victory over the Cubs.

The Tribe can now claim to be the team to hand Newport its last two Coast League losses — although searching back beyond Thursday's game only points out how

A volunteer makes Mother Goose come alive at the Coos Bay Library in 1970



Mrs. William Rosencrantz of Coos Bay, dressed as Mother Goose, is one of the American Association of University Women volunteering to conduct a story hour for children at the Coos Bay Public Library on Wednesdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. The same program is being conducted Wednesdays at the North

Bend Public Library by AAUW with "Mary Pins" telling the stories there. Anyone willing participate in reading to the little folks is asked call Mrs. Robert Mader, 756-6497. Story tellers not be AAUW.—World photo by Helen Ten

clearly the Cubs have dominated league play in the recent years.

Reedsport's previous win was in 1964. With four touchdowns and the Braves' first field goal in 25 years — perhaps only their second three-pointer ever — Reedsport put an abrupt end to a string of 30 straight league decisions for the Cubs over a six-year span.

\$172,000 projects starts soon in NB

Final planning is complete and construction is expected to begin soon on a \$172,000 North Bend private housing project, city councilmen were told at their

meeting Tuesday night.

The project will include one double bedroom 6-plex and a single bedroom 12-plex, both three stories high, on the north end of Hamilton Avenue.

The buildings are part of a three stage housing project by developers Andre P. Toribio, North Bend; Architect Michael Rosenberg, Springfield; and Dr. William Post, Springfield.

A second stage of construction planned for the future calls for a 42-unit housing development. A row housing condominium was listed as a possibility for the third

stage of construction. The developers have acquired 21 lots for the total project.

City Hall included

'Drab' downtown CB due color facelifting

The Coos Bay pedestrian mall will bloom with color this fall, but not from nature's storehouse or blossoms.

Gay abstract or stylized cutouts in bright colors are being planned for the walls of the four concrete kiosks and other

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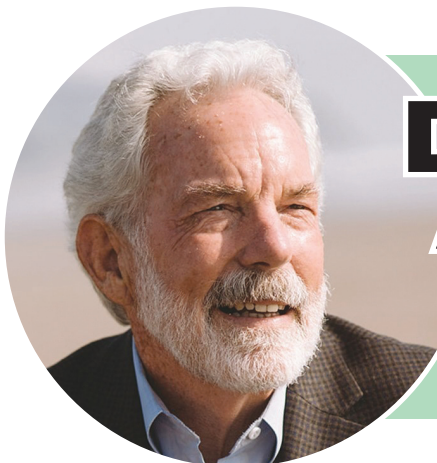
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History

From C6

structures in the mall, often criticized for their “drab” appearance. Some buildings fronting the mall also will be given a face-lifting with new paint, chosen to harmonize and complement the over-all mall design.

Suggestions for brightening the mall area were outlined by Lyle Stewart of Medford, mall designer who met informally with the Coos Bay City Council Thursday noon.

“I’m as concerned about color in the mall as anyone,” he said as he explained recommendations for bright, strong colors to offset the often dismal weather on the coast.

He pointed out that original plans called for decorating kiosks according to the use which they would be rented. Since the council expressed a wish to speed up decorations, he suggested abstract or stylized cutouts that could be attached to the mall structures and easily changed if necessary when the kiosks are rented.

Coquille rips Pacific; scoring records fall

PORT ORFORD — One time when the number 13 can be truly unlucky is when the opposition scores that many touchdowns.

And Pacific’s luck ran the poorest in the history of the Sunset Conference Friday.

Lonnie Gilbert scored three touchdowns and ten of his Coquille teammates crossed the final stripe once each as the Red Devils amassed 567 net yards to overwhelm the Pirates by a record 85-0 score.

Prior to Friday, the worst shellacking administered by one Sunset team upon another was Myrtle Point’s 73-0 romp over Brookings in 1959. It was also the most points ever scored by a Coquille High team, eclipsing a production of 68-0 against Riverton in 1929.

Pirate splashers win handily in double-dual

Marshfield won handily, but North Bend had a tougher time of things with a one-point win and a tie in a double-dual swim meet with Klamath Falls at North Bend Pool Friday.

The Pirate boys scored a 57-27 win over the Pelicans while the girls extended their unblemished record to 6-0 with a 72-21 decision. North Bend boys nipped Klamath 47-46 as the girls settled for a 40-all deadlock.

Bonnie Lyons topped all swimmers by recording a triple for North Bend. John Reissbeck of North Bend and Gary Matson of Marshfield produced double victories.

Marshfield tankers came up with two

new school records and a tie for another in the meet. Vicki Matson, although finishing second to Miss Lyons (1:08.7) in the 100 individual medley established a Pirate girls’ mark of 1:10.3.

Marshfield’s freestyle relay foursome of Steve Matson, Brian Haliski, Tom Newhouse and Lance Baughman swam 3:42.9 for 400 yards for the other new mark. Steve Matson also tied the mark for the 200 freestyle with his 1:59.6 clocking.

20 YEARS — 2000

Red Lion chefs named chowder champs

The chowder was bubbling, the brews were flowing and the blues were blasting at Florence’s recent fifth-annual Chowder, Blues and Brews Festival.

A new event included this year was the Oregon Coast Professional Chowder Championship. In the People’s Choice category, communities from Brookings to Astoria were each invited to submit one entry for consideration by festivalgoers. Competitors were chosen by their local chambers of commerce or won the right to compete in local cook-offs.

After slurping samples of 13 chowders, 360 festivalgoers filled out ballots and a white clam chowder submitted by Coos Bay Red Lion’s Executive Chef Kirk Brook and Culinary Supervisor Isaiah Phillips was named the People’s Choice winner. The duo walked away with a \$150 cash prize and a plaque commemorating the event.

Brooks moved to the Bay Area in May, transferring to the Red Lion from the Double Tree Hotel in Tucson, Ariz., which is owned by the same parent company. Brooks is certified as a chef de cuisine by the American Culinary Federation.

Phillips has worked at the Red Lion for almost five years. He is mostly self-trained. Having learned his trade on the job.

And the wiener is ...

Coquille’s annual daschund races draw 31 short-legged contenders

COQUILLE — Down the track they scampered, their stubby legs propelling their sausage-shaped bodies. Most were lean racing machines, but a few bellies nearly scraped the ground.

These dashing daschunds were vying for the title of the Fastest Wiener Dog in the Coquille Valley during this year’s Oktoberfest celebration. During the third-annual wiener dog race Saturday at the Coquille Community Building, 31 doxies represented seven South Coast cities.

Laura Jo Hofsess, who had taken a break from volunteer kitchen duties, wiped her hands on a well-used apron,

took in the scene and said, “My goodness, I’ve never seen so many doxies in one place. I had to come out to take a peek.”

For two decades, he’s kept kids in school

Coos Bay resident Don Bock feels good about the idea that he has left his mark on this area — twice.

The first legacy he helped leave the community, and the world, is helping get the American long distance running legend and hometown hero Steve Prefontaine memorial built in Coos Bay. The memorial is currently located at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce building on east Central.

But it’s the 76-year-old’s second achievement he is the proudest of — helping establish the CE2 program in 1980 in Coos Bay School District. CE2 stands for Community Experience for Career Education.

“The first students we had were the ‘throwaways’ from the system,” Bock said. “There were no other options available besides going to high school or getting your GED.”

“Now our CE2 kids participate in athletic programs, band and are established part of the education community of Marshfield High School and Coos Bay,” he said.

Football a family affair for Pirate quarterback

Luke Morrow may be one of the most dangerous offensive weapons in the Midwestern League.

The senior quarterback can beat teams with his upright throwing motion or his quick agility in the open field. More importantly, opposing defenses have multiple things to think about when No. 11 gets under center.

He has led Marshfield to a 4-1 league start, a half-game behind Churchill (5-1) for first place. He has had his ups (vs. Churchill) and downs (vs. Sheldon).

He also has the perfect personal coach. Luke’s dad, Gene, coached football at Newport High School for 45 years. Average that out to nine games a season, and the elder Morrow has seen plenty of high

Chowder champions in 2000



World Photo by Lou Sennick

The People’s Choice Award at the first ever Oregon Coast Professional Chowder Championship went to Kirk Brooks, left, and Isaiah Phillips, both with the Red Lion Inn in Coos Bay. Brooks is the executive chef and Phillips is the culinary supervisor for the restaurant. The event was held in conjunction with the fifth-annual Chowder, Blues and Brews festival in Florence.

school football.

And when the younger Morrow needs someone to talk about football, the state’s No. 2 all-time winningest coach is a phone call away.

Plus, it’s his dad.

“It’s really cool,” Luke said. “It is somebody I get to talk to and we have had a good relationship that way talking about football.”

This is the first fall sports season Gene has not been on the sideline in Newport since 1955, but the chance to see his son start for Marshfield was better than any shot at a state coaching record.

“That is mainly why I gave it up, mostly because I wanted to watch Luke,” Gene said. “I try to give him pointers. Coach (Kent) Wigle said if I saw something I thought I should mention then go ahead and mention it to him.”

Luke has talked football with his dad before games, after games and at practice. Gene chats with Wigle after games as well.

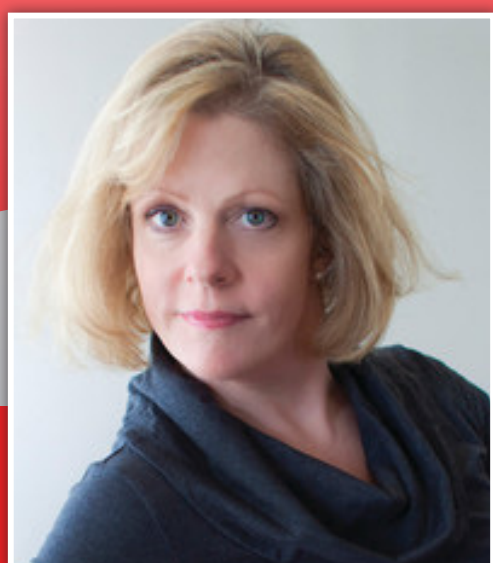
“This is really nice,” Wigle said. “I think Luke feels very comfortable with it. Having (Gene) come to practice every other day and make an effort because he wants to see his son play — that is really nice, a really special thing.”

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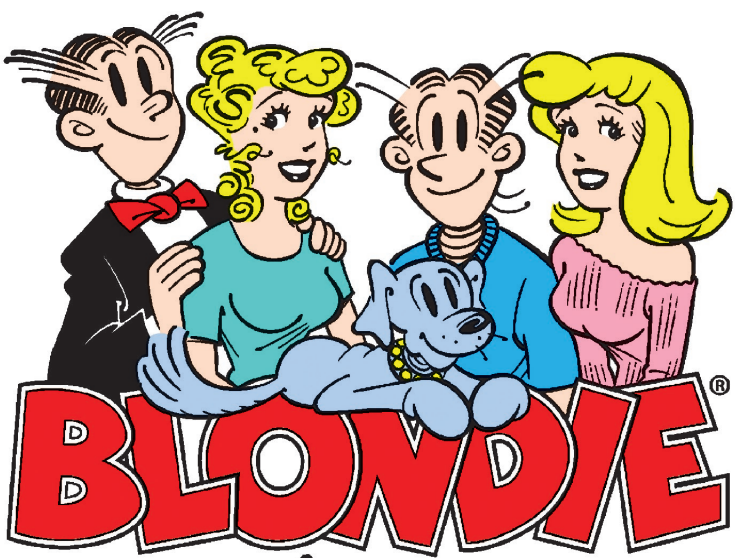
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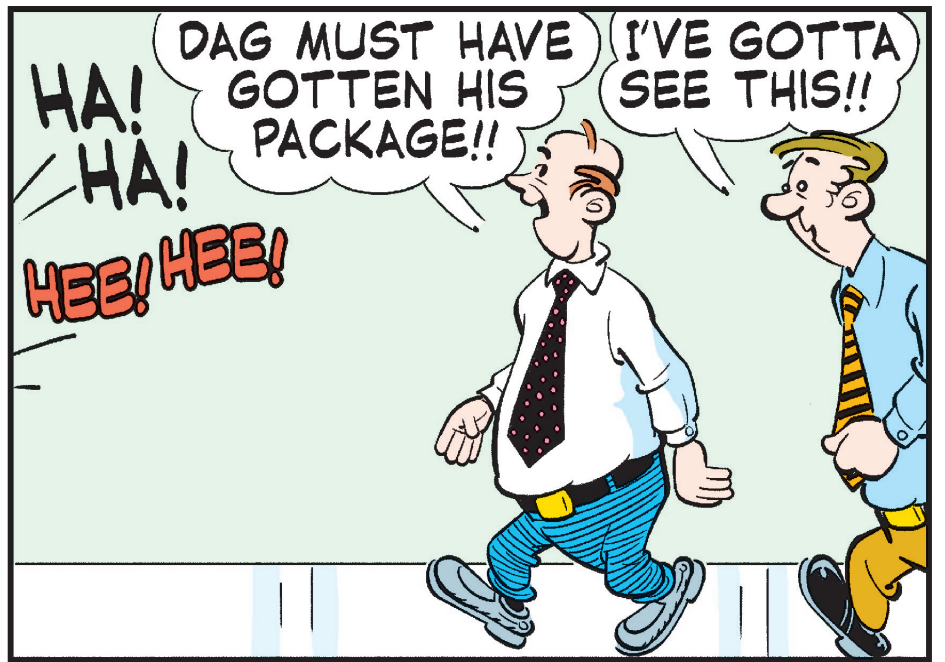
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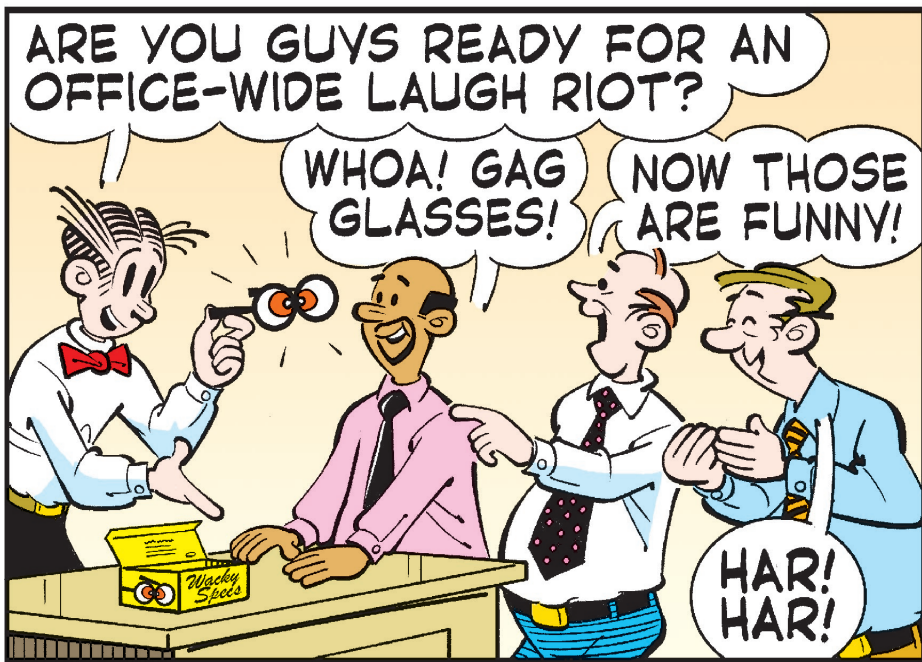
BY DEAN YEUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



HA! HA!
HEE! HEE!

DAG MUST HAVE GOTTEN HIS PACKAGE!!

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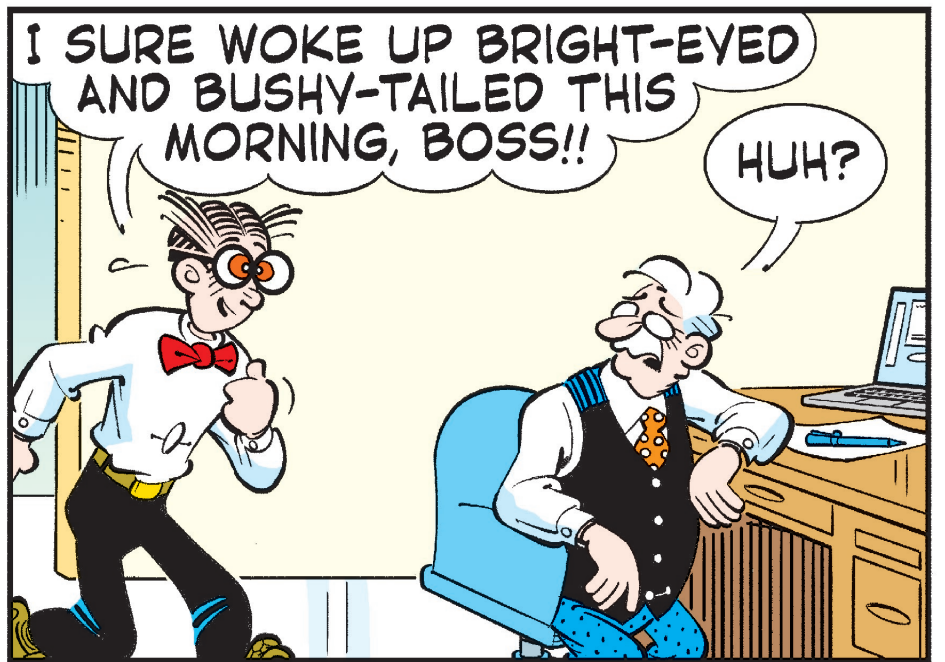


ARE YOU GUYS READY FOR AN OFFICE-WIDE LAUGH RIOT?

WHOA! GAG GLASSES!

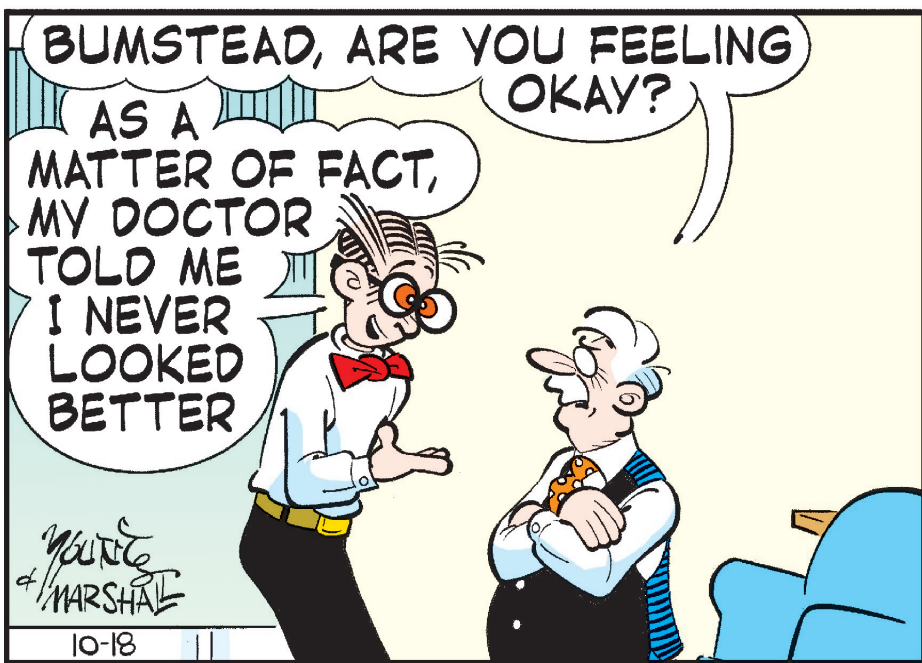
NOW THOSE ARE FUNNY!

HAR! HAR!



I SURE WOKE UP BRIGHT-EYED AND BUSHY-TAILED THIS MORNING, BOSS!!

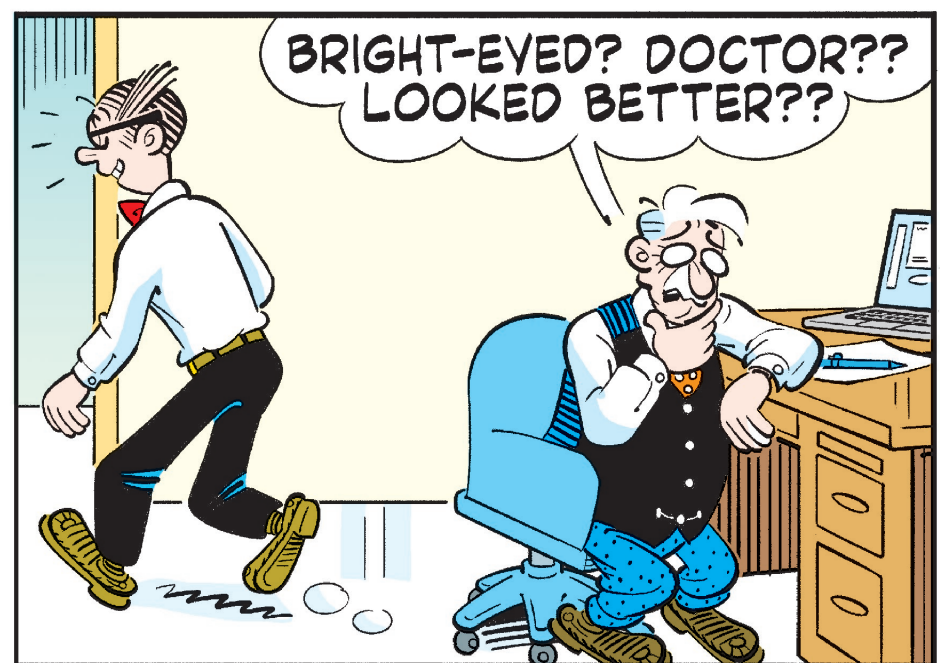
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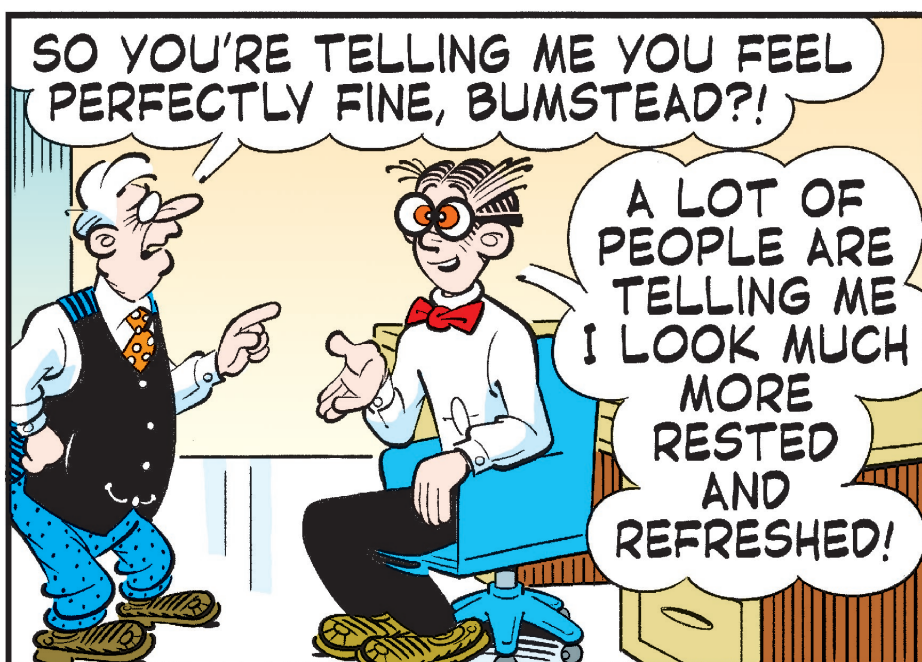
BUMSTEAD, ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY DOCTOR TOLD ME I NEVER LOOKED BETTER

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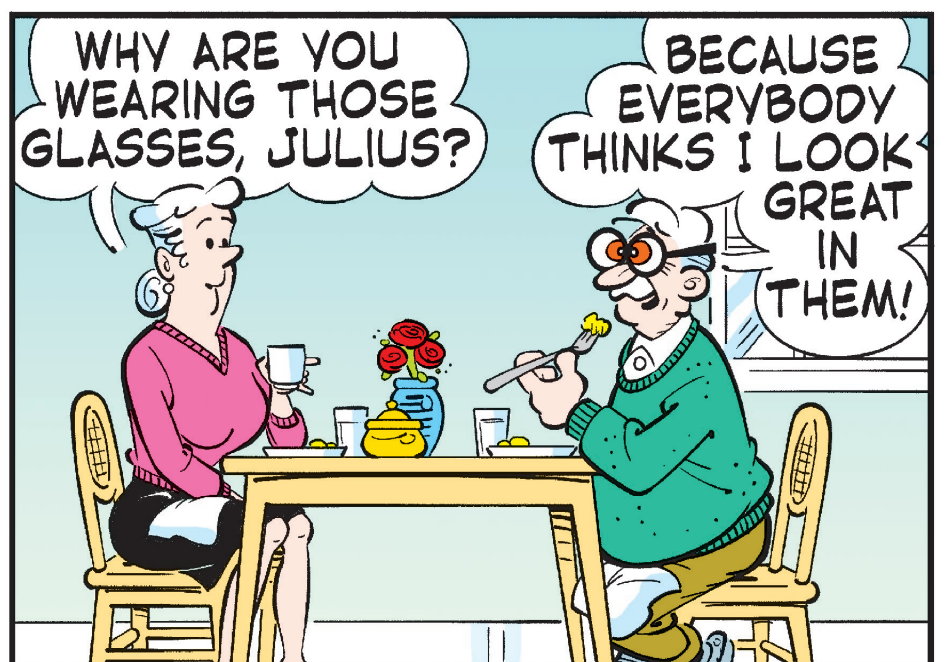


BRIGHT-EYED? DOCTOR?? LOOKED BETTER??



SO YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU FEEL PERFECTLY FINE, BUMSTEAD?!

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TELLING ME I LOOK MUCH MORE RESTED AND REFRESHED!

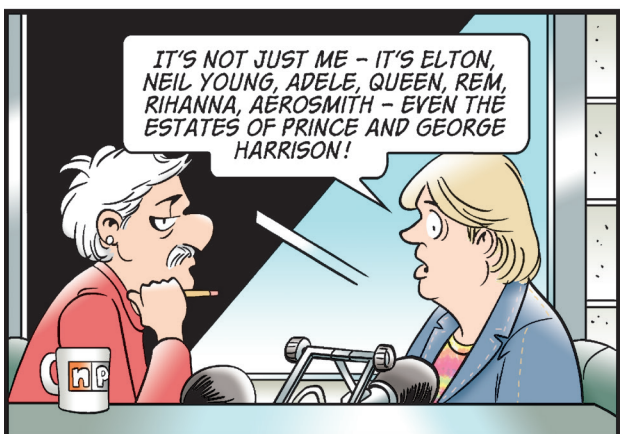


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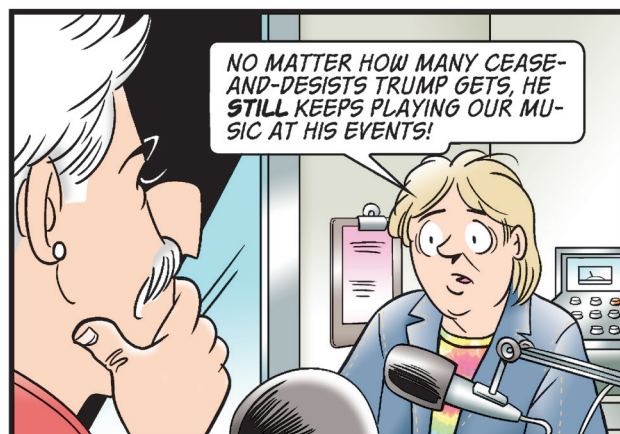
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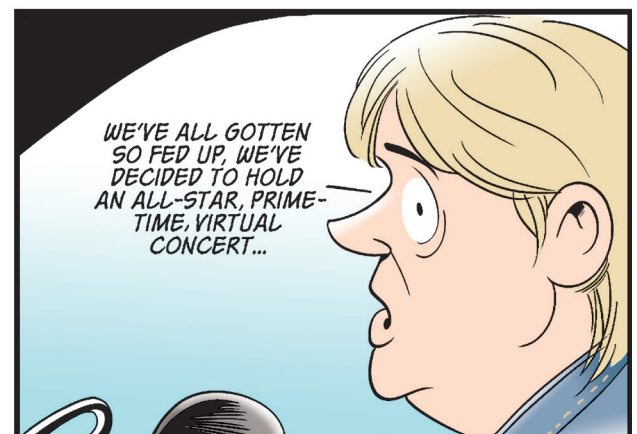
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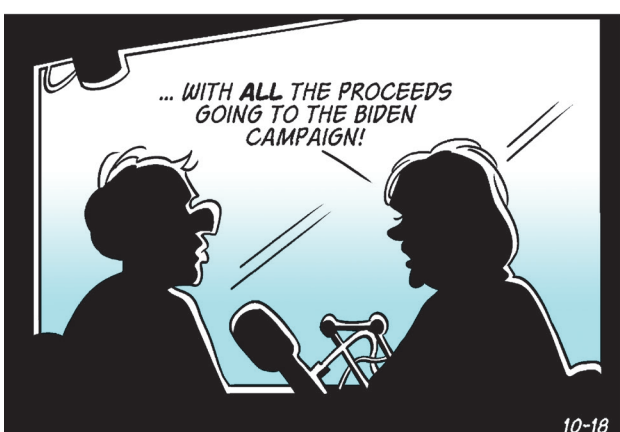
IT'S NOT JUST ME - IT'S ELTON, NEIL YOUNG, ADELE, QUEEN, REM, RIHANNA, AEROSMITH - EVEN THE ESTATES OF PRINCE AND GEORGE HARRISON!



NO MATTER HOW MANY CEASE-AND-DESISTS TRUMP GETS, HE STILL KEEPS PLAYING OUR MUSIC AT HIS EVENTS!

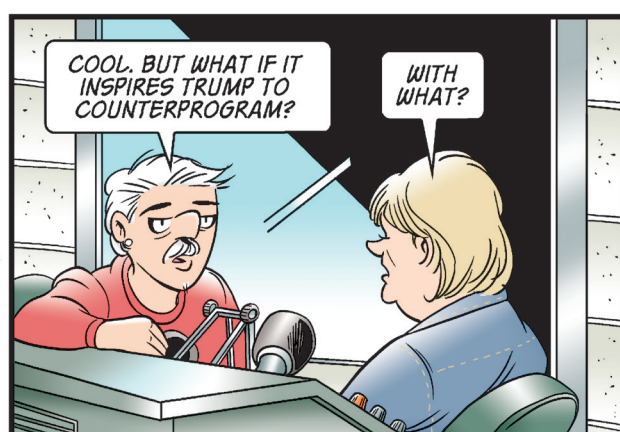


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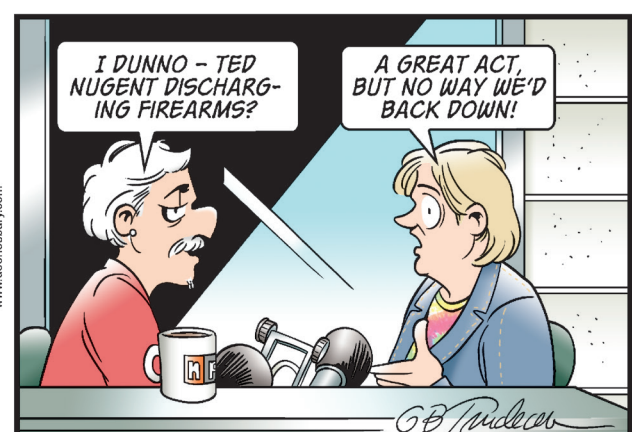
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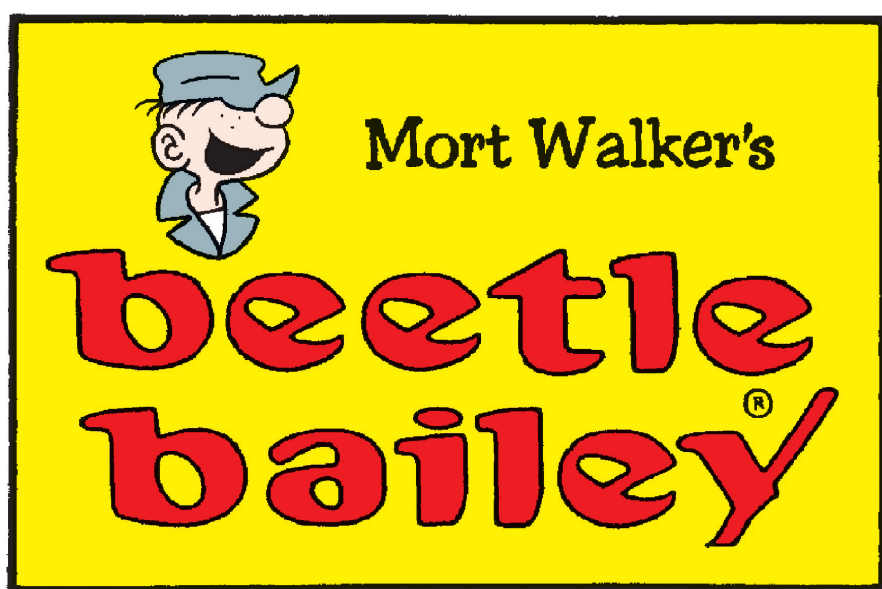
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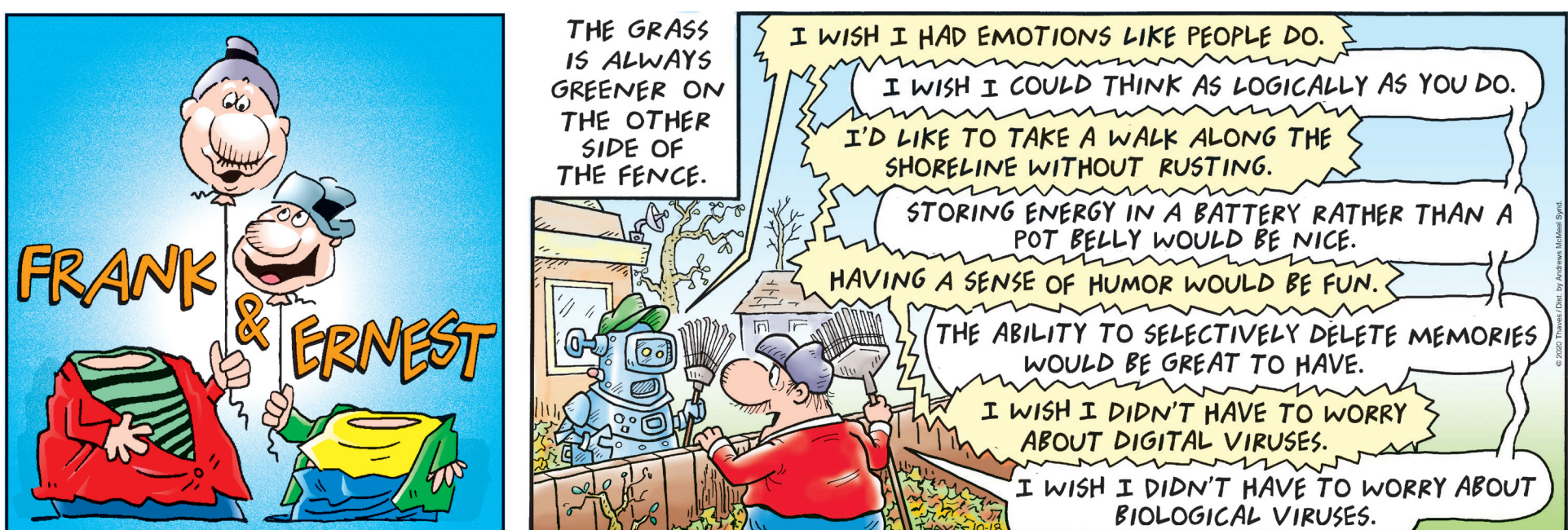
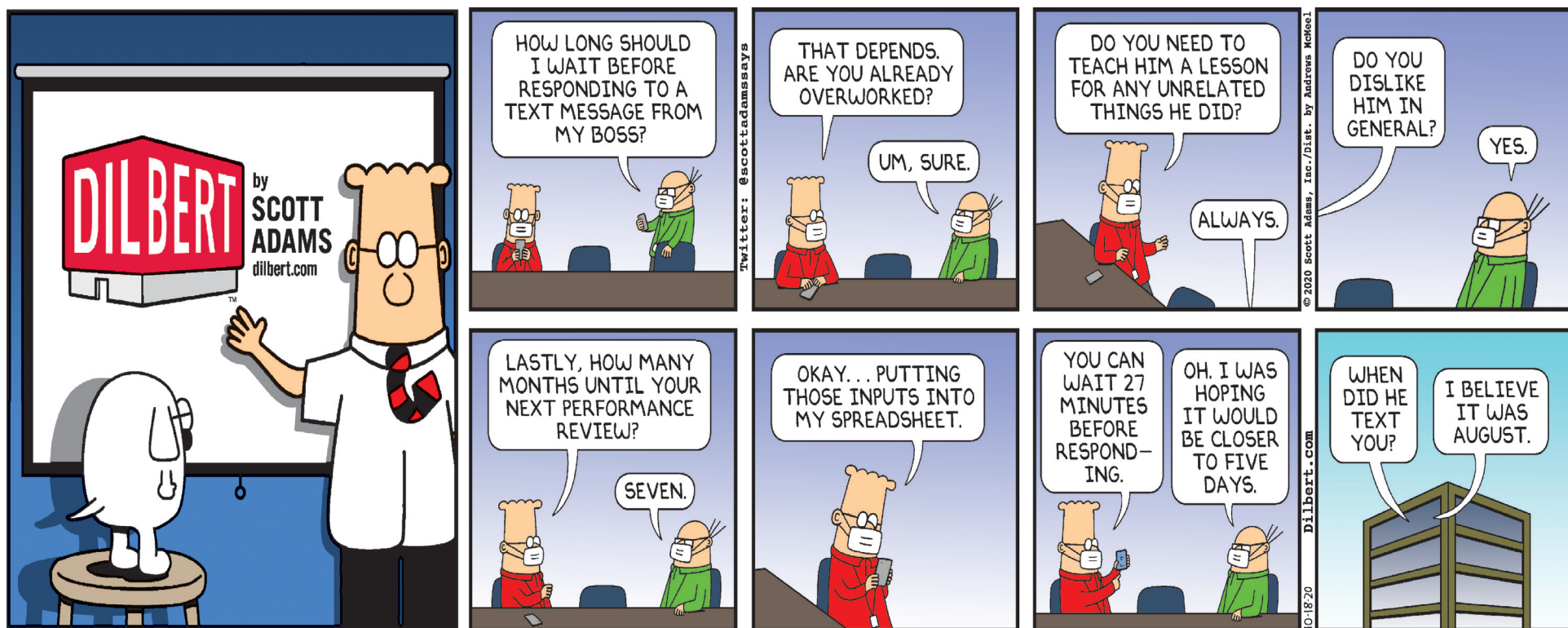
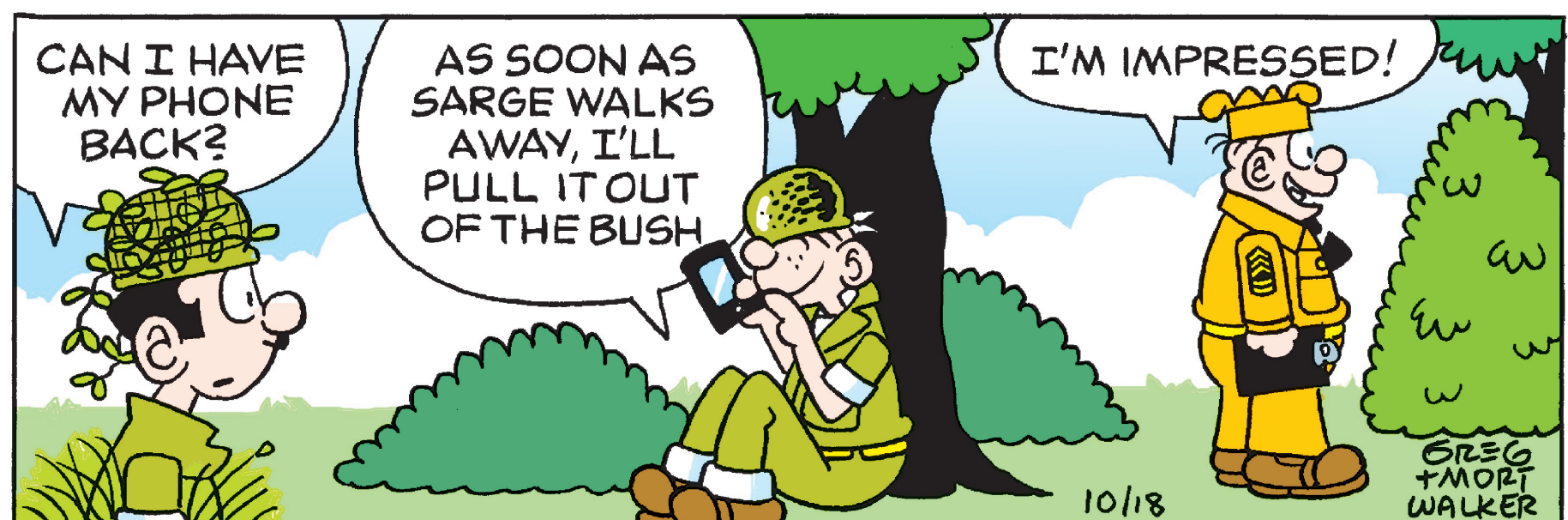
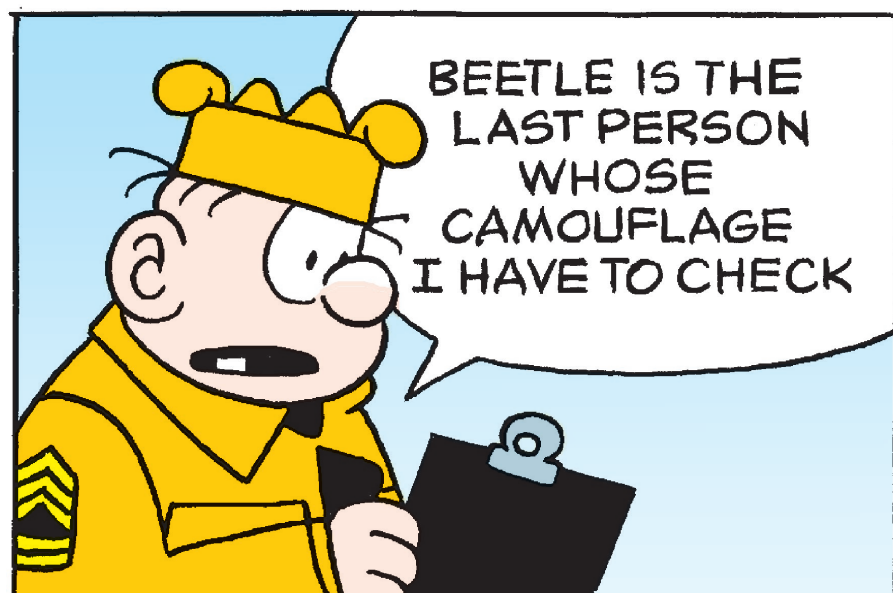


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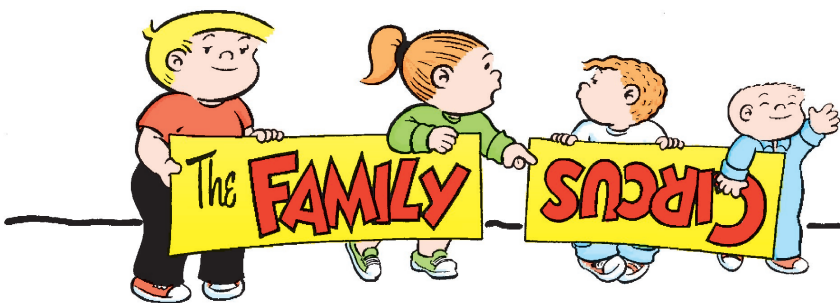
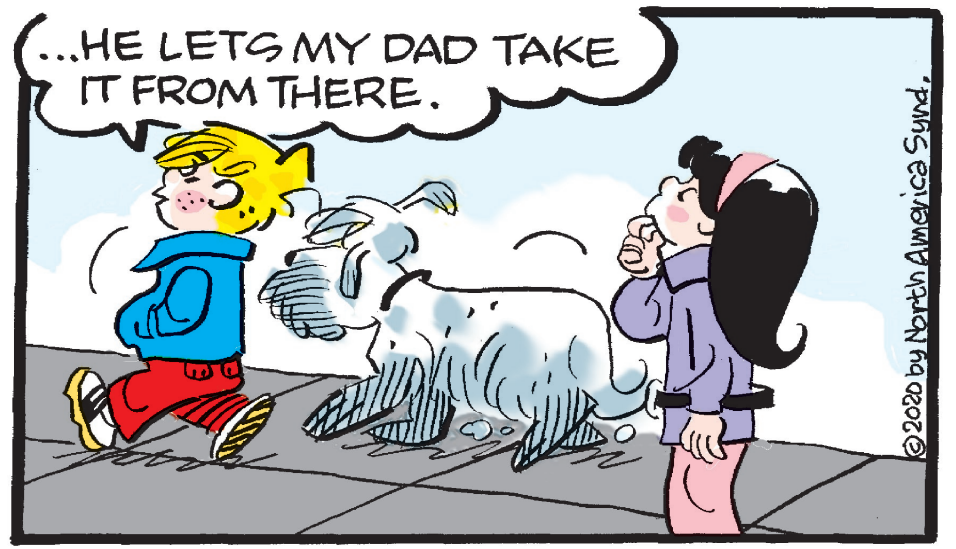
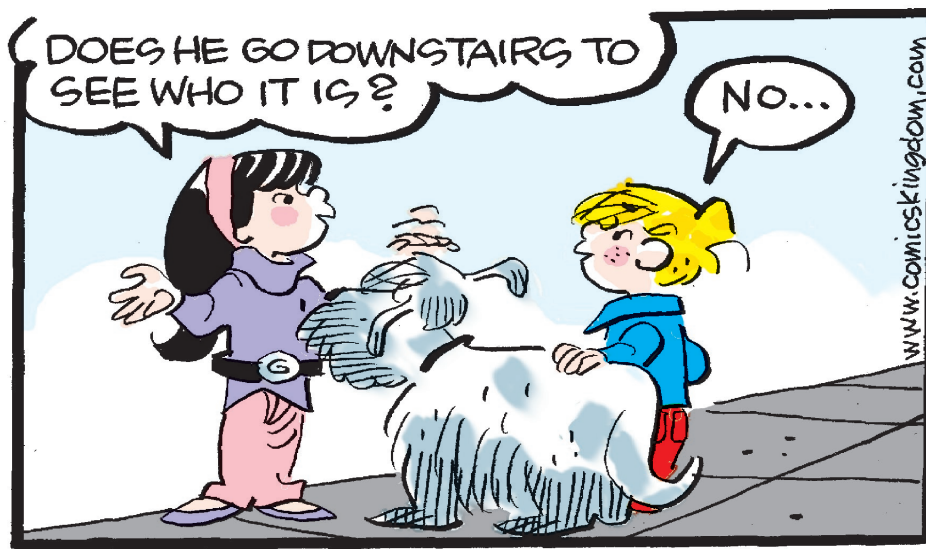
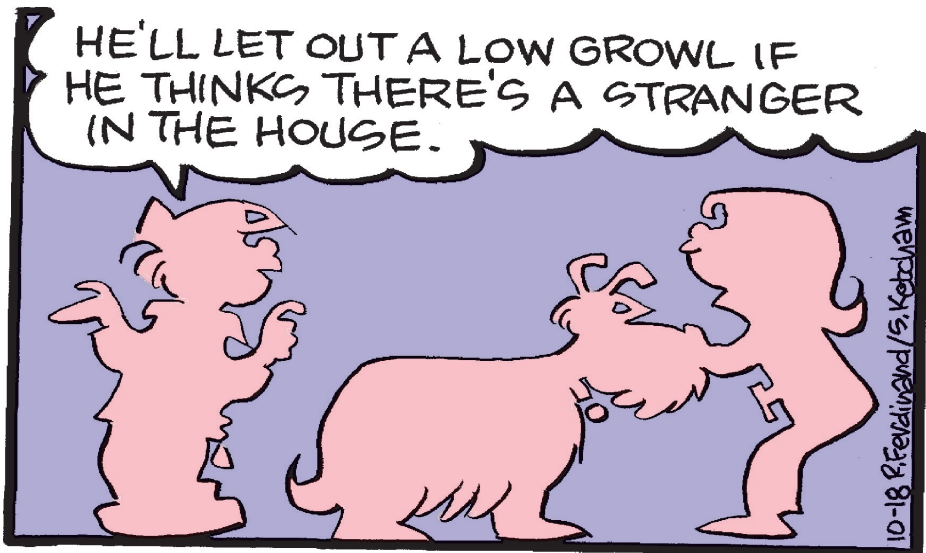
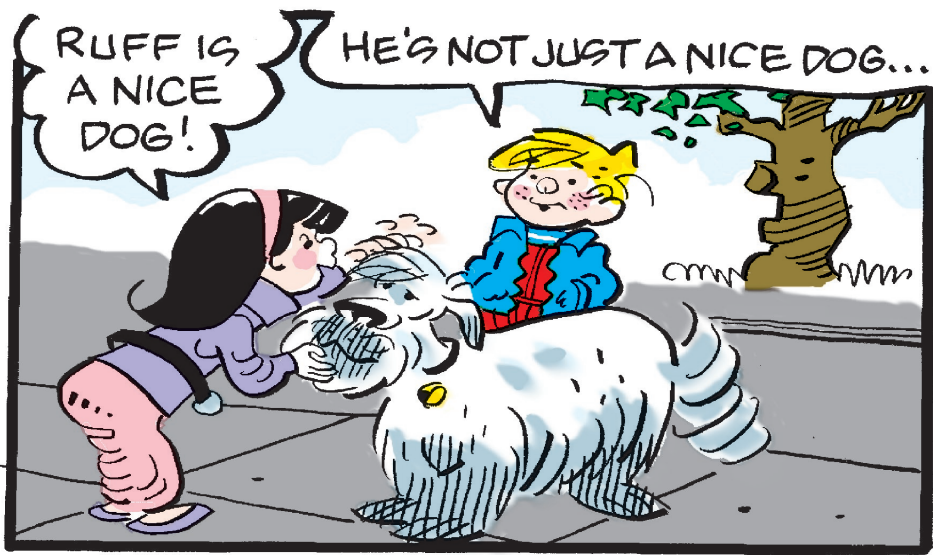


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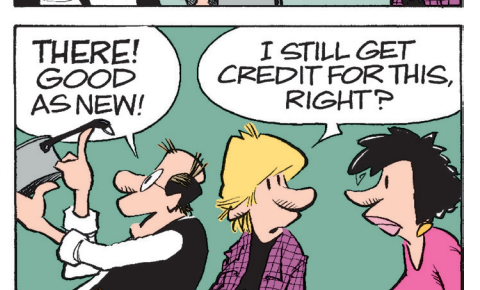
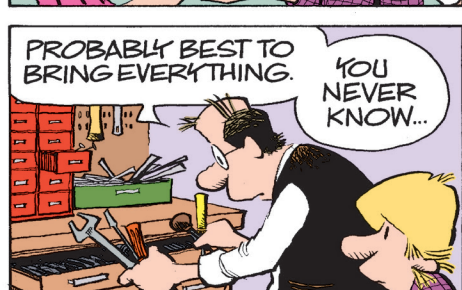
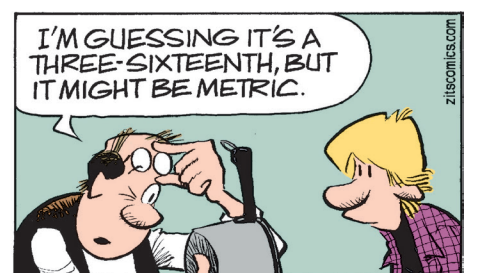
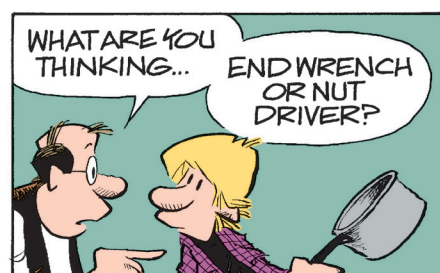
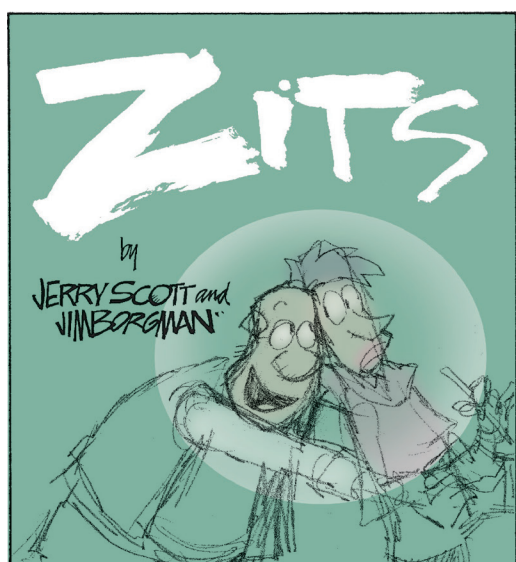
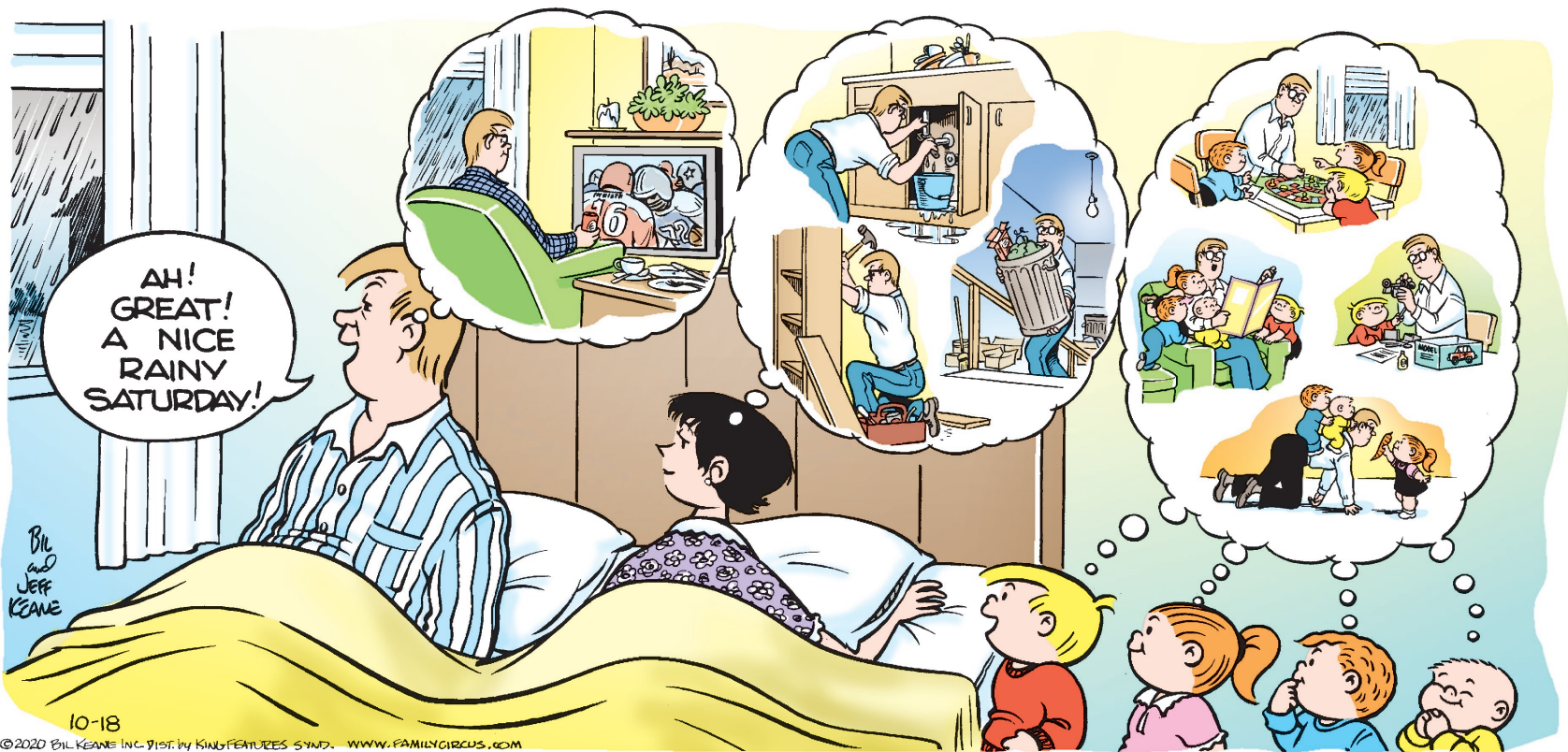


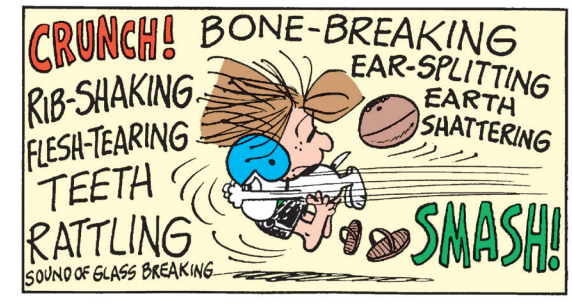
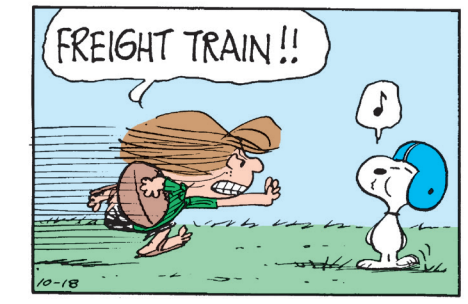
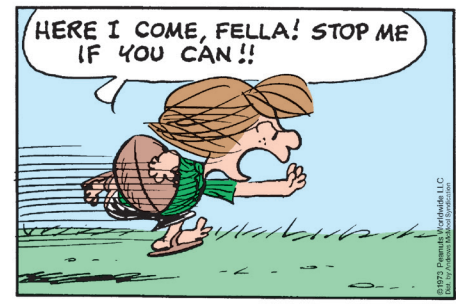
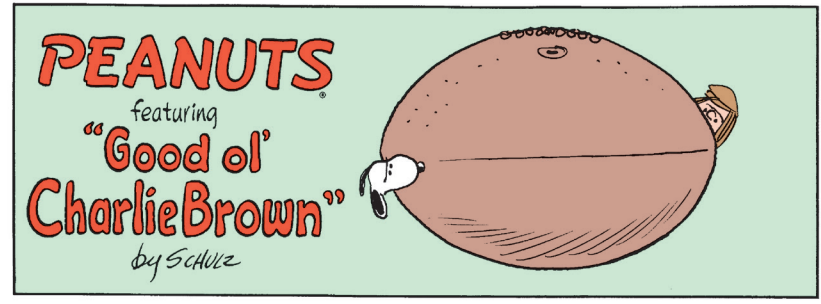
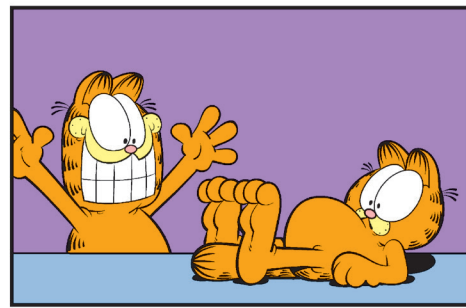
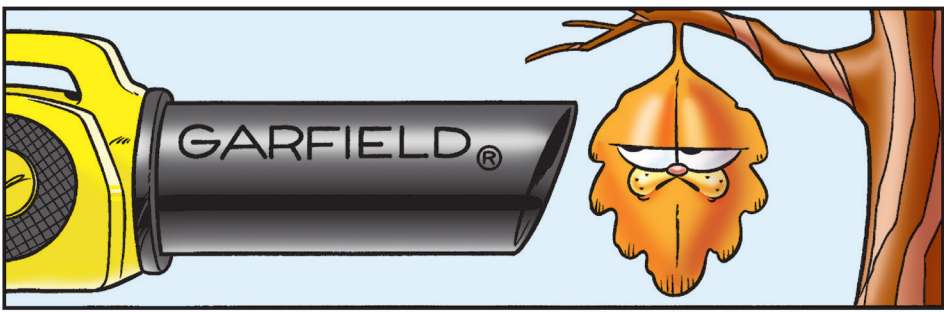
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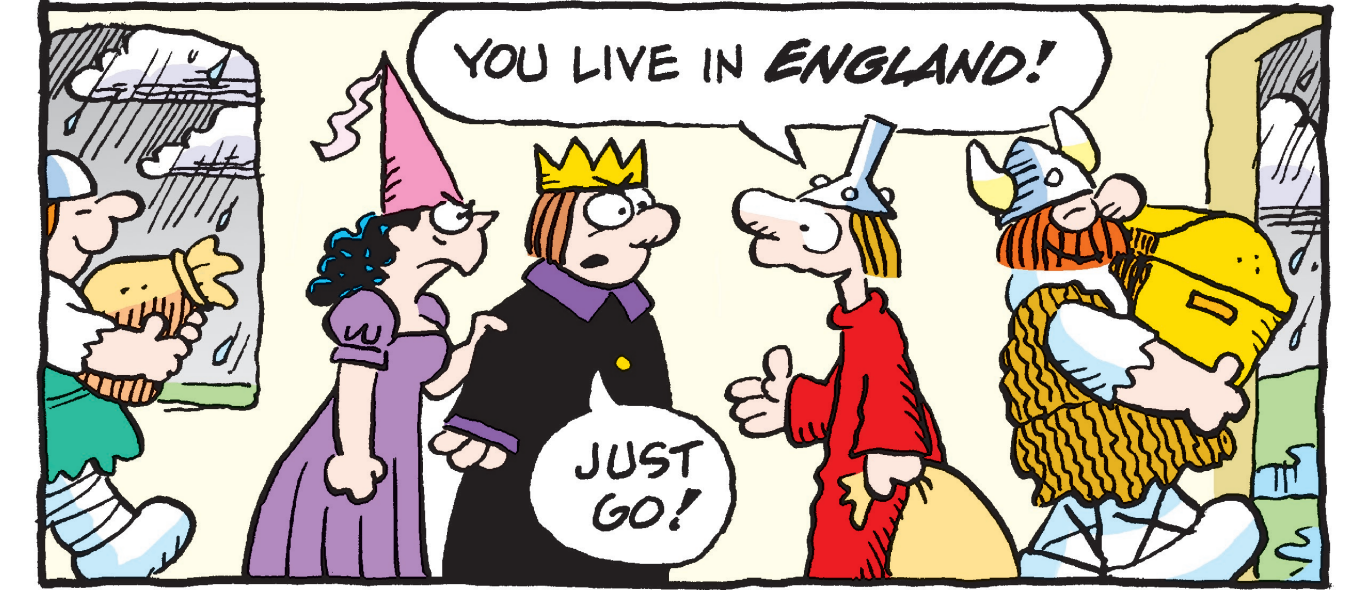
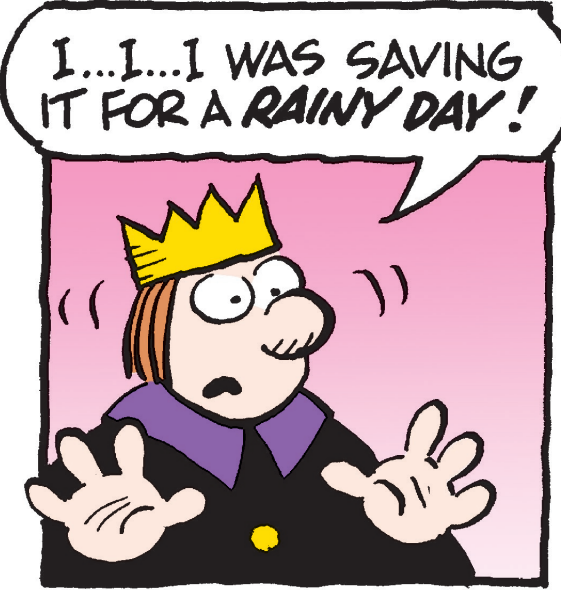
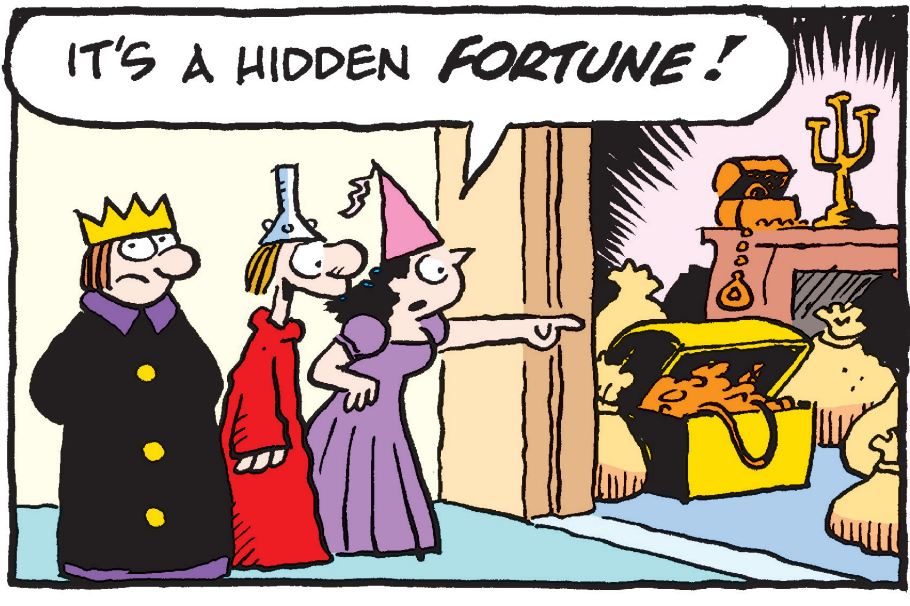
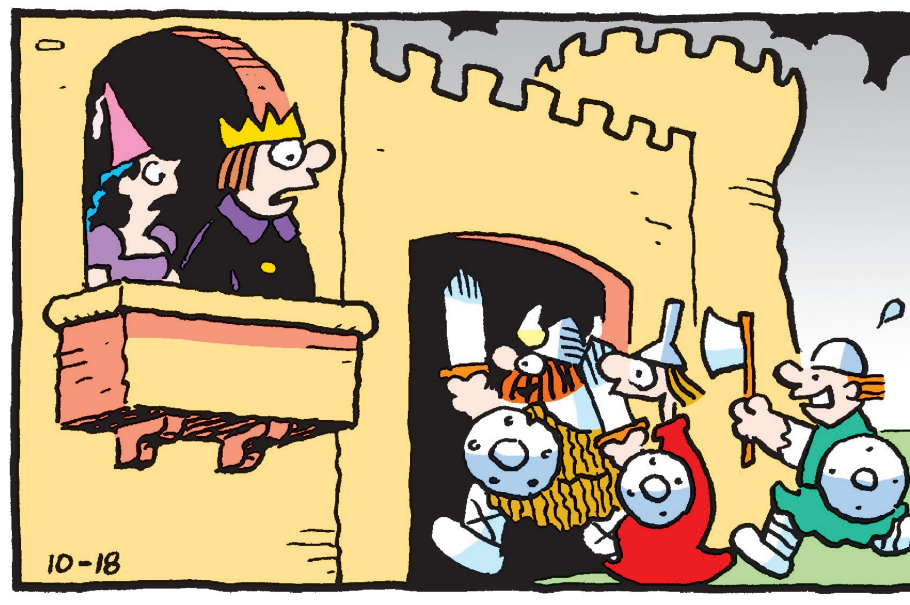
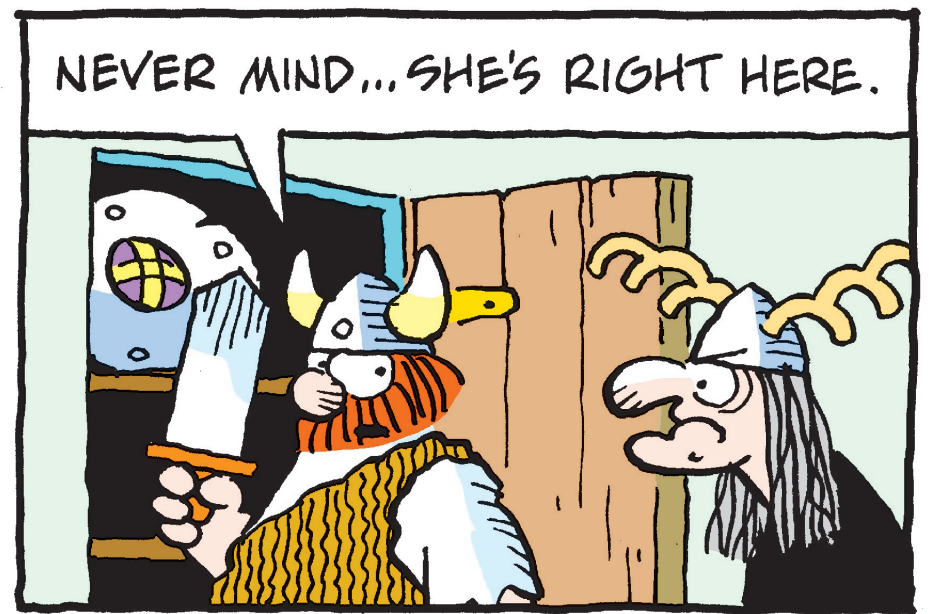
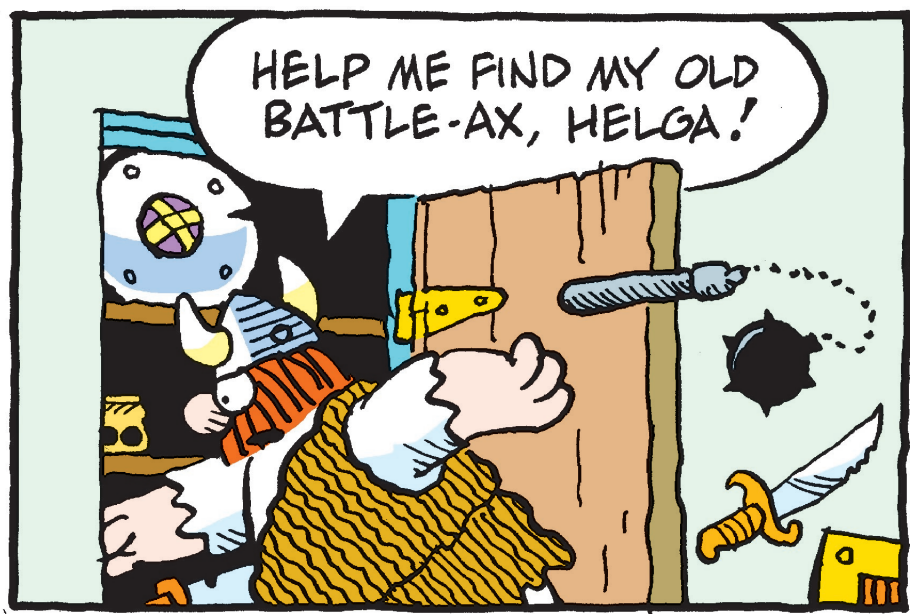
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Meet the candidates: Coos County Commissioner



Robert "Bob" Main
(incumbent)

Age: 71

Years in the area: Born in Coos County, I have lived here almost all of my life

Occupation: Coos County Commissioner

Past political/civic experience: Member/Donor Timber Unity, South Coast Anglers STEP member, Board member Oregon Anglers Alliance, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Board, Vice President of O&C Association representing western Oregon Counties, Eel-Tenmile STEP, Three Rivers Foundation Board, OPAC (Ocean Policy Advisory Commission), BOEM (Federal Bureau Ocean Energy Management), SOORC (Southern Oregon Ocean Resource Council), OCZMA, Rotary of Coquille President 2009/10, OHA Tioga Chapter past president, Past Chairman - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation South Coast Chapter. Past Team Captain of American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Past Courthouse

Labor Council, Trust Lands Board representing Lane, Douglas, Coos, Josephine and Klamath Counties, Coos County Budget Board Chair 2020/2021

What do you feel are the most important issues facing Coos County?

Expanding timber management jobs, protecting fishing industries, and making informed environmental choices.

How would you try to address those issues?

I will continue my work on the Forest Trust Land Board and O&C Board. We have won 2 federal and 1 state of Oregon lawsuits, and after we win the federal and state appeals, timber jobs will return to Coos County. I will continue my work on BOEM, SOORC, and OCZMA to protect our critical fishing industries and make researched, unbiased decisions to benefit our environment.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

Use our resources both human and natural to build a prosperous future, and put people back to work.

How should the Coos County Board of Commissioners address the current COVID-19/ economic crisis? Use all available data to make informed decisions that protect public safety without sacrificing economic well-being.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a Coos County Commissioner and the public? Commissioners serve the public.



Katy Eymann

Age: 68

Years in the area: 41

Occupation: Attorney, Business Coach

Past political/civic experience: Elected to Southwestern Community College Board of Education, served on the Board and Budget Committee; Chair, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots; President and Legal Counsel, Climate Clean, Inc.; President, Citizens for Renewables, Inc., formerly Citizens Against LNG; Project Manager, Oregon Solutions, Portland State University; Executive Director, Oregon Trial Lawyers Association; Executive Coach, Projects Unlimited; Co-Founder Coos County is Colorful and NW Coalition Against Malicious Harassment; Co-Founder of Coos County Women's Crisis Service; Legal Counsel, Southwestern Oregon Community Action; Public Defender, Coos County.

What do you feel are the most important issues facing Coos County? 1. Jobs. Coos County's economic strength comes from our natural resources like fishing, farming, and scenic beauty, which encourages tourism. We need long-term family-wage jobs. 2. Climate change is a looming threat to local farming, fishing, and the timber industry. 3. Housing. Coos County needs more affordable housing. 4. Job Training. We need more programs. 5. County Revenue. Coos County Commissioners have ignored the advice of experts to do long-term financial planning. The County budget is suffering.

How would you try to address those issues? 1. Jobs. I will encourage harvesting wind on the ocean, provided it is done responsibly and does not harm our vital fishing industry. I agree with the goal of Timber Unity to protect natural resource jobs. Harvesting wind energy offers abundant long-term family-wage jobs that will last as long as the wind blows. We should also encourage new COVID-19 "work-at-home" professionals from areas like Silicon Valley to come live here. We offer very high-speed internet, using our big fiber-optic cable, at low prices. These workers seek the richness of living in an uncongested area with abundant natural recreation opportunities. We have it all. 2. Climate change. Coos County can promote a fossil fuel free future by converting to renewable energy using tax and other incentives for homeowners and businesses to use solar and wind to support their energy needs. 3. Housing. Coos County can encourage developers and employers to invest in smaller footprint homes

that are affordable for families. Mike Keizer of Bandon Dunes is doing this already. The Coos County Housing Action Plan recommends using public land in urban growth boundaries to make housing more affordable and increase our tax revenue from new homes. 4. Job training opportunities for youth and adults need expansion. Job training opportunities for youth and adults need expansion. While SWOCC is doing a good job, we need employers to offer internships so prospective employees can learn by doing. I support the local work of AYA, Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board, and other organizations like Oregon Coast Artisan and Trades Education Collective, which are working together to seek federal funding to create skills training for Coos County residents. 5. County Revenue. I will fight for increasing economic activity by encouraging new jobs that use our high-speed internet, natural beauty, and wind resources. This economic activity will provide needed revenue. I will also demand the Commissioners do long-term financial planning like every other responsible business and family.

What would you like to accomplish if elected? Coos County needs an infusion of hope and self-confidence based on how great it is to live in Coos County. We all know we live in an incredibly rich, diverse, and beautiful area. Local elected officials

encourage a self-imposed pity-party that needs to stop. We do not need to depend on Salem for our vitality. I envision a Coos County where everyone has access to job training, jobs, and housing that encourages resilience and self-sufficiency. We have the resources we need to grow our economy if we count our blessings and get to work.

How should the Coos County Board of Commissioners address the current COVID-19/ economic crisis? The Commissioners have done a decent job responding to the COVID-19 health and economic crisis. The threat is not over yet, so we need to care for each other by wearing masks when we are around others and practice social distancing. Businesses can all operate normally if we all follow the simple rules recommended by science.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a Coos County Commissioner and the public? I will encourage Commissioner meetings and hearings to be at times and places that serve the public. As Commissioner, I will listen to your ideas about how to make Coos County better. As I learned in 4-H, I will work to make the best better. I want to hear how you think we can improve our parks, roads, economy, and the quality of life in Coos County for hunting, tourism, education, and more. We are all in this together. Our relationship must be strong and open.

Simms faces challenge from Scheer for treasurer

JOHN GUNTHER

The World

At its core, the race for treasurer in Coos County is about a philosophical question: Is it appropriate for the county finance director also to hold the elected position of treasurer?

Megan Simms has held both roles since she was elected to replace Mary Barton four years ago, the county's first new treasurer in three decades. Simms already was the finance director, a position that was created because over the years Barton had taken on more and more tasks that she wasn't obligated to do in her role as treasurer, but that needed to be done by somebody.

Simms is seeking to keep both jobs for another four years, challenged by longtime budget watchdog Steve Scheer, who feels the two jobs need to be separate.

"I think she's way too close financially and personally to the commissioners because she holds two jobs," said Scheer, a retired software engineer and environmental specialist. "There's just too cozy of a relationship. I don't think the treasurer should be a county employee."



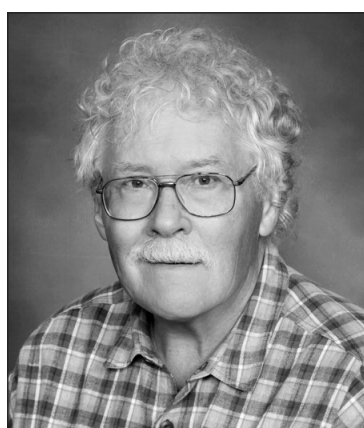
Megan Simms

It's not that Scheer has anything against Simms personally. "I like Megan," he said. "She's a good person."

He feels she's grown into the two jobs a bit over the past four years, too, but he doesn't feel it's appropriate.

"If the people like the current system, they can vote for my opponent," Scheer said. "If they don't like it, they can vote for me."

He added that he'd love to see a citizen-generated petition to create a ballot measure that would lead to voters — he hopes — deciding county employees can't hold elected county offices.



Steve Scheer

Simms points out that the two jobs are different.

As finance director, she is in charge of accounting tasks — auditing, accounts payable, payroll, serving as the budget officer.

As treasurer, she is in charge of making sure the money is where it's supposed to be.

"You don't get to make any decisions on how it's spent," she said. "You just need to make sure it's in the right place."

Simms and Scheer differ philosophically about how active a role the treasurer should take as well.

"As a treasurer, you need to be a watchdog," he said,

adding that the treasurer needs to hold the commissioners accountable.

He also would like the treasurer to take a more active role in promoting economic development, something he feels the county badly needs to provide an opportunity for talented high school graduates to stay in the area.

"I would like to be there to help it, to encourage it, to do whatever we can," he said. "I don't think we're aggressive enough about it."

Simms feels she's shown she is qualified for the job.

"I love numbers," she said. "I love accounting. It's the career path I've chosen because I love it."

She started working in the field when she was 13, helping her step-dad, who was an accountant. She got into government accounting while working for a CPA firm and learned the ropes of the county finances working under Barton before she retired.

"I got lucky being able to be there every day," Simms said. "And it allowed for a smooth transition. I knew how to do the job."

"I continued a lot of what Mary was doing."

But Simms noted she also was able to save the county \$20,000 a year by renegotiating the banking fees.

She figures she also saves the county money holding both positions — she gets a regular salary as finance director and a stipend as treasurer.

Scheer, meanwhile, has served on several budget committees, where he has voiced his opinions, including voting against the budget when he was on the county budget committee and when he was on the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay because of some budget decisions and concerns about pay to the top executives.

He doesn't view the treasurer's position as a longtime goal.

"I don't want the job for more than four years," he said, adding that he would love to see that be a trend, with veteran certified public accountants being elected.

"They could take the knowledge they have had and apply it to the county," Scheer said. "Mary Barton, bless her heart, was treasurer for 30 years. That doesn't bring new ideas."

County to vote on second amendment sanctuary ordinance

ZACK DEMARS

The World

COOS COUNTY — County voters have another chance to express their discontent with state and federal gun laws this November.

A measure, styled as the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance, says it would prohibit county officials from enforcing any city, state or federal laws that restrict the use of firearms. Advocates say it would free gun owners from complicated regulations — but some opposed to the measure say it's confusing and unenforceable.

The measure has a few caveats: County officials could still be able to enforce prohibitions on gun ownership for those convicted of felonies and penalties for other crimes in which the use of a firearm is an aggravating

"When law enforcement stops protecting the people, the people have to pass laws to protect themselves."

Rob Taylor, ballot measure sponsor

factor, and other authorities like city and state police wouldn't be impacted.

Some impacted laws would be those that prohibit carrying a concealed weapon without a license or carrying a sawed-off shotgun or short-barreled rifle — the measure says that county officials would no longer be able to enforce those laws, or they'd face financial penalties.

Coos Bay conservative radio host Rob Taylor is sponsoring the ballot measure, which comes after a similar measure he got

passed in 2015. That measure, which passed with 60% of the vote, gave the county sheriff the authority to determine the legality of state and federal gun laws.

But the 2015 ordinance didn't go far enough, Taylor said — because enforcement would be dependent on the opinions of whoever is the sheriff at the time.

His new measure "gives a directive straight to the county" not to enforce any of those laws, instead of leaving it up to an individual, Taylor said.

"When law enforcement stops protecting the people, the people have to pass laws to protect themselves," Taylor said, referring to citizens' rights to own firearms.

Several other counties have similar measures on their ballots this fall — but what impact the measure might have remains

"In general, we find these Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinances — or as we call them, 'lawless counties' — to be a recipe for chaos."

Hilary Uhlig, measure opponent

somewhat unclear.

Coos County Sheriff Craig Zanni said it had been a while since he read the measure, but he doesn't think it would change how his office operates.

Zanni points to a state law, ORS 166.170, which says in part that "the authority to regulate in any matter whatsoever the sale, acquisition, transfer, ownership, possession, storage, transportation or use of firearms or any element relating to firearms and components thereof, including

ammunition, is vested solely in the Legislative Assembly."

But even though he doesn't think it would change his work, Zanni says the measure still has some value.

"I think it makes a great statement," Zanni said. "It makes a statement that people are tired of the rules and regulations on law abiding citizens."

Zanni also said he hadn't used the 2015 ordinance's provision which gave him the authority to reject regulations, since a case of needing to do so hasn't come up and the state's statutes are strict.

Others worry the measure could do more harm than good. Hilary Uhlig is the leader of the Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a lobbying group that supports public safety gun

Meet the candidates: State Senate District 5



Melissa Cribbins

Age: 48

Years in the area: I grew up here and graduated from Coquille High School and went to SWOCC, then came back 14 years ago.

Occupation: Coos County Commissioner and Attorney
Past political/civic experience: Current Coos County Commissioner, Coos Bay North Bend Water Board; Board President, Energy Trust; Board Chair, Rural Development Initiatives; Land Conservation and Development Commissioner; Association of Oregon Counties First Vice President

What do you feel are the most important issues facing Senate District 5?

The coast has been hit hard over the past few months; some of the highest unemployment, small businesses shutting down, wildfires destroying homes and local governments who haven't been doing enough to help our communities. Outside of wildfires and COVID-19 recovery (two things which have been felt across Oregon), the top concerns I hear from voters around our district is about healthcare and education. There are areas on the coast where people have to drive an hour or more to reach a healthcare provider. Some of our neighbors don't go to the doctor out of fear of going into debt. I personally know what it's like to have a family member be one doctor's visit away from bankruptcy and no one should feel like that. Additionally, young people on the coast frequently feel like they need to leave their homes to seek educational or job opportunities. I support investing in our community colleges and Career Technical Education so that young people can come home and raise their family, just like I did.

How would you try to address those issues?

As a State Senator, I see opportunities in bipartisan work that will help us rebuild our coastal economy by supporting our local industries and making it easier for new businesses to take root here, like by expanding broadband access. We know that the coast has been hit the hardest economically by COVID-19 and that time and time again, the coast has been left behind. We will need a strong leader in Salem to ensure the coast isn't left out of the economic recovery process for COVID and the wildfires. The largest challenge facing us is balancing the budget. This will be especially difficult as our entire nation faces an economic downturn as a result of COVID-19. I know what it's like to work off a tight budget, and to read every line of our budget to ensure that we prioritize the things that keep food on the table for our families and preserve the services that matter the most to our citizens.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

When I'm elected, my first priority is to foster bipartisan communication and work between Democrats and Republicans. This will ensure that we balance our budget in a way that addresses the pressing issues in our State and keeps our working families afloat. Recovery from COVID-19, wildfires and the deep divide we see in our Capitol will be huge tasks that all legislators will need to work towards so that we can pass meaningful legislation for all Oregonians.

How should the state legislature address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

During this pandemic, it has fallen to County Commissioners to implement the day to day COVID-19 and wildfire protections. We have worked hard to protect our citizens and make sure that everyone is protected from these threats.

The State Legislature has the opportunity to review the immediate actions that have been taken and figure out where the gaps still exist in service to our citizens, and who still needs assistance during this economic crisis.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a state senator and the public?

My door is always open to my constituents. State Senators and all elected officials are chosen to represent the people in the district they were elected in. The relationship between elected

officials and the public must be open and transparent and elected officials must be willing to listen to all points of views and make decisions based on what will best serve their constituents. I am proud to be the only candidate in this race who has been nominated by the Independent party. The coast is a very diverse district, split between Democrats, Republicans and Independent/Non-affiliated voters. My record reflects the views of the Coast. I am not afraid to stand up to powerful partisan interests to do what is right for our community and in Salem, I will represent and listen to everyone on the Coast.



Dick Anderson

Age: 70

Years in the area: 15

Occupation: Mayor of Lincoln City

Past political/civic experience: North Lincoln Health District Secretary/Treasurer, Lincoln City City Councilor (2009-2010 and 2015-18)

What do you feel are the most important issues facing Senate District 5?

First would be getting the economy back on track. The State was in a robust economy before the pandemic, but the Coast did not keep up with the rest of the State. Now we are further behind with business closures during the pandemic and during the fires. The state budget relies on people working and businesses open for its revenue. During the pandemic, our unemployment rates went sky high especially in Coos and Lincoln counties. Businesses were shut down. We are still struggling to get everything back open and some businesses are closed permanently. It will be a challenge to get the businesses back open safely and people fully employed, but I am up to the task. There will need to be tough decisions about the State budget. I have seen too many wasteful ideas brought forth from the legislature like the I-5 bridge money, the DMV and Oregon

Healthcare computer fiascos and even the recent unemployment problems that have caused hardships to those needing help. We need leadership on these issues.

How would you try to address those issues?

First we need less taxes, not more taxes to address these issues. That seems to be the answer from my opponent and Democrats; just tax more. We need economic development to expand along the coast but new businesses are not going to look at us seriously until we have more housing for our workforce, improve our schools and improve our infrastructure including broadband access. There are State resources for most of these issues but we haven't received our FAIR share on the Coast.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

Build more affordable housing up and down the Coast.

Bring more living wage jobs to our areas after improving our schools, housing availability and keeping our rural hospitals open.

Work on infrastructure including bridges, roads and more broadband

Child Care tax credit for parents who have to work but still need to use the limited childcare needed because of the pandemic even for school aged kids.

How should the state legislature address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

Open up safely and while protecting the most vulnerable. Get our workforce back to work. Get our kids back in school as soon as possible with all precautions taken. I would stop any new or expanded taxes. With high unemployment and business owners struggling, it is time to stop. Childcare ideas are a huge need because of the pandemic. Childcare has become an economic recovery roadblock for working parents and business owners with children; even school aged kids who are learning from home. I have already invested in legislation that would provide a \$1000 tax credit per child for working families. Actions, not words. To assist in providing more facilities during these recovery times, a relaxing of requirements on childcare facilities is needed and recruiting more childcare workers is essential. I am looking into legislation that would allow temporary rule changes to address this need.

We need to add wildfire relief and help to those who have lost everything in our state wildfires. It

is time for real change in our state forest management policy, I will be pushing hard for this day one.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a state senator and the public?

Most importantly it is to be a representative for the people. I've performed for many years under the pressure of making certain that the residents of Lincoln City are being listened to, and the best form of leadership is to advocate for issues presented by the people. I can't make the changes needed without the people's counsel, and following that is maintaining a relationship with constituents that can be promoted by being transparent and accessible to them. I am elected to make the best choices I can and I believe also, to look at all the options and even being creative in coming up with solutions to problems.

Shaileen Higgins

Editor's note: Attempts to contact Higgins this week were not successful and no picture was available.

Higgins is a third-party candidate for the position, the Lakeside City Council member running as a Pacific Green Party candidate.

In her statement in the voters pamphlet, she lists among her goals blocking the proposed Jordan Cove Liquid natural gas export facility, which she describes as "a scheme that would endanger public health, destroy habitat essential to our economy, and violate the property rights."

She also hopes to protect schools from budget cuts and increase funding for alternative education. She supports reform in government including term limits for state legislators, as well as limits on campaign contributions and non-partisan redistricting

Higgins also hopes to expand Oregon Health Plan eligibility to all Oregonians and to allow local governments to use lottery funds to increase affordable housing on the Oregon coast.

Higgins, who is a small business owner, has been a member of the Lakeside City Council since 2013.

Editor's Note: Senate District 5 is a coastal district that includes the Bay Area (Coos Bay, North Bend and Charleston) at its southern end, stretching north through Reedsport, Florence, Yachats, Waldport, Newport and Lincoln City, reaching almost to Tillamook. It includes parts of Coos, Douglas, Lane, Lincoln, Yamhill and Tillamook counties.

Meet the candidates: State Senate District 1



Dallas Heard

Age: 35

Years in the area: Born and raised in Roseburg

Occupation: Landscape contractor

Past political/civic experience: State Representative 2014-2018, State Senator 2018-Present

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the state?

I have been a business-minded person since I was a small child. I started my own company at 19 years old and still own it to this day. Knowing the ups and downs of starting, maintaining and hopefully growing a small business is a critical life experience that helps me see the coming consequences of reckless legislation that we have become all too familiar with in the Oregon Legislature over the past couple decades. With that in mind, I have seen how overbearing policy and regulation have stifled innovation and success in our state. It starts in our school systems and moves all the way up through to our business community.

How would you try to address those issues?

I want to help improve K-12 education system education outcomes. We need to give parents the full choice to choose where their tax dollars go to educate their children. The government

should never be able to monopolize the tax dollars we as citizens send to Salem for educating our own children. Regardless of what kind of school a parent wants to send their child to, I fundamentally believe the money should follow the child. If we want great results in educating our children, competition for those dollars is the number one quickest and best way to achieve those results.

2. Decrease barriers to entry in regard to state and local regulations that create a wall for lower educated and lower income citizens who want to be self-employed and self-dependent. Small business is the backbone of freedom for the middle class and the hope for the rising lower income class! It must be promoted!

3. Promote policies that increase the success of current and future small business owners and the employees who work for them while reducing the influence of big public labor unions and big business in the state capital. We have a real problem with corrupt legislation that would have never seen the light of day if it were not for the overwhelming influence big labor and big out-of-state corporate business has on our political leaders. Big money from any source corrupts and seeks to destroy the freedom and opportunity of their smaller competition in any arena through the fist of government. They must be exposed and stopped if the middle class and freedom for that matter is to survive.

What would you like to accomplish if re-elected?

Other than the ways previously mentioned, I want to revitalize and diversify our local economy. We should not have to suffer with the insecurity and instability that economically often follows turmoil in our more urban areas of the state. We have the people, we have the resources, and we have the drive to take care of

ourselves and our communities! Promoting policy and law that gives us back that freedom and stability is a top priority for me!

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

COVID-19 is a serious issue, but I fear the politics and those seeking personal gain may have created an even bigger problem. In doing so, people have paid a dear price and lost freedoms that never should have been required. We need to address this problem without the interference of politics! We need to focus on the people, and right now our people are hurting. This "one-size fits all" approach taken by the leadership of this state does not work.

What do you feel the relationship should be between state elected representatives and the public?

I love my community and view myself as their servant. I never stop working for them. Their future success is my sole focus whether I am working in Salem or elsewhere. I love freedom and liberty and have a passion to protect and grow that freedom for all the citizens of Southwest Oregon. If a citizen's rights are being infringed upon, I am their advocate no matter who they are.



Kat Stone RN

Age: 65

Years in the area: 65

Occupation: Oregon Registered Nurse

Past political/civic experience: 2019 - Present Elected Douglas County Transportation Board Commissioner & 2020 Appointed Secretary, 2018 - Present Appointed Green Water District Board, Douglas County Outdoorsmen Association, Democratic Gun Owner's Caucus

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the state?

Firstly, the economic impact of the recent restrictions placed on Oregonians, especially rural Oregonians to perform work due to the State mandates. Secondly, while rural Oregonian's property taxes have skyrocketed, most people don't know that between 1990 - 2012 Oregon's political leadership drastically altered property tax laws for Wall Street Timber corporations. Wall Street Timber had a 90% decrease of property tax, and a 99 percent cut in harvest severance.

Before 1990 this went to fund Public Safety and other rural county services. On real numbers that is a \$50 million loss to rural Oregonians every year

How would you try to address those issues?

We need logical and factual solutions to these issues that are based on the numbers and data, not emotions. The first thing I will do is address this foreign control of rural Oregon by creating legislation that protects the primary and sovereign rights of Oregonians. Oregonian's have the right to work, the right for that work to be profitable, and for that profit not to be stolen and misdirected. Rural Oregon is struggling because they haven't had skilled, hard working, or mature representation.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

When elected I will work hard to represent working Oregon for the first time with solutions based on real economics. We

will no longer have a system that serves the elite agenda.

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

Since Oregonians are being forced to stay home it is crucial that they have access to State Unemployment Reserves. It is my opinion that the current application process is intentionally complicated to keep Oregonians from being able to receive the reserves that they have the right to access. I've spoken to many constituents who say they waited over 3 months in many cases to receive their pay and had been unable to cover rent or utilities. It is unconscionable for the State bureaucrats to break Rural Oregonians in this way, while simultaneously forcing mandates restricting us from working. The process for accessing these reserves should be simple, straightforward, transparent, and timely, because people's homes and families are at stake.

What do you feel the relationship should be between state representatives and the public?

State representatives should have at least visited the towns and areas of the public that they represent. During my time as a Registered Nurse I have worked in nearly every hospital in Oregon. I grew up on the coast, and have lived in Southwestern Oregon my entire life. I believe that elected officials should act in the best interest of the public that they serve, not corporate interest. Most importantly State Representatives should have to prove their worth to the public by the results that they produce, that is leadership.

Editor's Note: Senate District 1 includes all of Curry County, the southern part of Coos County including Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point and Powers, as well as parts of both Josephine and Douglas counties.

Meet the candidates: State House District 9

THE WORLD

Voters from Coos Bay to Yachats will have two options this November for a new state representative: Forestry management consultant Cal Mukumoto and former teacher Boomer Wright. The two are vying to replace Rep. Caddy McKeown, who announced she wouldn't seek re-election to her seat representing House District 9, which she's held since 2012.

McKeown, a Democrat from Coos Bay, won the seat in 2018 with about 54% of the vote in a district split between four counties. Mukumoto hopes to continue Democrats' control of the seat, while Wright hopes to increase Republican representation in the legislature.

Mukumoto, the Democratic party's nominee for the seat, has captured endorsements from McKeown and outgoing State Senator Arnie Roblan, as well as a number of labor unions and the NARAL Pro-Choice Political Action Committee, according to his campaign website.

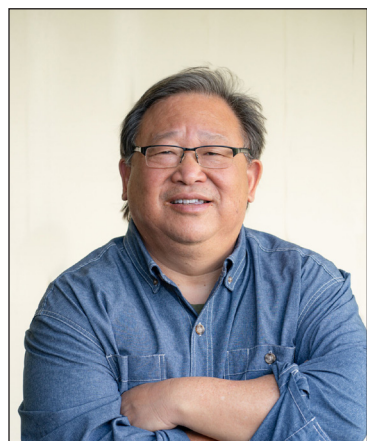
Coos County Commissioner Bob Main has endorsed Wright, as have several statewide law enforcement organizations, the Oregon Small Business Association and the Timber Unity organization, according to Wright's campaign website.

The candidates have wide financial differences, too: Wright has raised about \$300,000 in cash contributions, compared to Mukumoto's \$85,000, according to state campaign finance reports.

Wright's top donors include the Oregon Realtors Political Action Committee, the Oregon Business and Industry Candidate PAC, the Associated General Contractors and Freres Timber, Inc.

Mukumoto's top donors include Caddy McKeown's past campaign, the Joint Council of Teamsters, the Oregon PERS Retirees PAC and the Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC.

The World asked both candidates about their backgrounds, priorities and plans for governing if elected. Some of the answers have been edited for length and clarity, and the full-length questionnaires can be found at www.theworldlink.com.



Cal Mukumoto

Age: 66
Years in the area: 11
Occupation: Business Management Consultant, Forestry
Past political/civic experience:

Chair and Commissioner, Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department; Vice Chair, Oregon State Board of Forestry; Operations Manager, Makah Tribal Council; Field Station Manager, Bureau of Indian Affairs

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the region?

Our district has some of the highest rates for homeless students, veterans, and people with disabilities in the state. As the son of a purple heart veteran, I think it's incredibly important that we work to improve health-care access for veterans. The rising cost of living combined with stagnant wages is causing more and more people economic insecurity and for some to even eventually become homeless.

Our district also has a significant need for mental health and addiction services. We have a lack of providers and programs to support the community's needs. Individuals who seek help in maintaining their mental health or need intervention are left with few options and often only able to get help once there is a medical emergency. This method of providing services is costly, poses risks to the patient and the public, and makes it difficult for people suffering to get help once they identify they are struggling.

How would you try to address those issues?

As a legislator, I will prioritize investment into our communities, improve access to affordable physical and mental health care, expand available treatment to our rural communities, and reduce the cost of prescription drugs. Addressing the root causes of homelessness is the first step and everyone should be able to put a roof over their head, get the medications and treatment they need so they have the opportunity to provide for themselves and their family.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

Supporting our community as it recovers from the pandemic and this wildfire crisis will be my top priority. After helping an Oregon sawmill boost local business through innovation, I spent the last 30 years helping Oregon businesses grow. I understand the vital role small businesses play in our communities, creating critical jobs in a strained economy. Now more than ever, we need leaders to put the needs of people first. I'll collaborate to find the best solutions to keep our economy secure, our families healthy, and our coastal way of life whole. I'll bring opportunity back to our communities.

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

This crisis has brought economic instability to many families & small businesses in our region. I want things to go back to normal so our economy can reopen safely. That means listening to the guidance of medical experts & public health

officials. Legislators should consider emergency investments to stabilize the economy, support workers & small businesses, especially in communities like ours that have been hit hard. As we recover from we need to ensure that no one gets left behind.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a representative and the public?

Too often politicians get elected and forget they were elected to serve their constituents. A representative is a public servant, and as a representative I will always strive to serve our community. I will always listen to all views and interests in our community and work to find the solution which best represents them. The most important aspects of the relationship between a representative and the public is communication and transparency. The community should be aware and involved in every decision a representative makes and that will be the case when I am in Salem.



Boomer Wright

Age: 72
Years in the area: 48 years
Occupation: 31 years as a Teacher, Principal, and Superintendent; 5 years General Manager of Sea Lion Caves; substitute teacher in local high schools

Party Affiliation: Republican

Past political/civic experience:

Ran a mat club for wrestlers age 3rd through 8th grade; Coached little league baseball, girls middle school softball; Cub Scout Den Leader and Boy Scout Troup 777 Chairperson; Helped start Lions Club in Florence and helped get children eyeglasses; Elks and Rotary Member in Florence and worked to provide scholarships for high school students; Member of Commission on Children and Families in Lane County to support human services and women of domestic violence; Chairperson of Oregon Together, a drug education and rehab support group; Chairperson of Siuslaw School District Budget Committee; Volunteer at Peace Harbor Hospital; MC of Rhododendron Pageant in Florence with Amy Clawson, a famous country singer; Honored for Million Minute Reading Program as Rhododendron Principal in Children's Parade during Rhododendron Festival, nationally recognized for this achievement; Donated hundreds of books I have written to school libraries and charities; Read my books

to children on Facebook during COVID-19 shut-down for several weeks. I am children's book author. Have my own business Just Wright Books; After my wife died of an inoperable brain tumor, all donated money went to scholarships for high school students in music education and regular education; Worked and counseled with other couples and spouses who were dealing with cancer and loss; Spent several years a substitute teacher in local high schools.

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the region?

Our coastal economy is based on three important elements: our sustainable natural resource industries (logging, mills, fishing, farming, etc.), tourism and small businesses. Our sustainable natural resource industries must be protected, supported and encouraged to grow. We must open our forests and prioritize better forest management to reduce fire danger and bring jobs back to the coast. ODF&W must reevaluate its management practices to ensure our salmon and steelhead runs continue to be viable. Small businesses must be allowed to reopen, safely. However, if our economy is to survive, we must become much more business friendly. We must fight against new taxes, suffocating regulations, and overly restrictive legislation. With small businesses reopened, tourism dependent dollars will return and continue to provide necessary revenue for our coastal economy.

How would you try to address those issues?

The biggest challenge to addressing our coastal issues will be bringing balance back to the legislature. At present, one party has a super majority, and they want to ram their Portland-one-size-fits-all agenda down our coastal throats. There is no point in sending another member of the Portland super majority to Salem as they will only be emboldened to continue to implement their destructive policies. Their agenda has not worked here on the coast. Once I am elected as the next District 9 State Representative, it will be one important step toward the rebalance of our legislature. Our legislators must compromise and work together to meet the major challenges and solve the problems that now face this state. We will only solve our issues and other challenges, when balance is reinstated, and legislators work together in the best interests of the people—not an agenda.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

The backbone of our coastal economy is our natural resource industries. However, our timber and resource industries are not only important to the local economy, but also to the nation and internationally. Our timber provides the building materials to build affordable housing. Our wood pulp produces our writing paper, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. The industry provides living wage jobs that create revenue

for our schools, city, county and state agencies. The closure of the federal forests and some state lands have caused mills to close, jobs to be lost, declining revenue to schools, cities, counties and public services. With the recent wildfires destroying homes, towns, forests, and lives, we must reevaluate our stance on our present forest management practices. We have the sustainable natural resources to provide jobs, revenue, and exceptional livability for our coastal communities, counties, and state. The wildfires have proven that closures are not the answer. I will champion opening our forests to create living wage jobs, increase revenue to our schools, communities, cities, counties, in an environmentally sound and safe manner.

Returning more control to our schools is also one of my priorities. This will be a slow, incremental process but I believe it is vital to our future and will take an active role in working to make this happen. Parents and teachers need to be part of this important conversation—not just legislators.

Additionally, I would like to help with improving Veteran's access to important meetings, such as health care appointments, by supporting their transportation needs. After listening to the concerns of many coastal veterans they have stories of unreliable transportation. This needs to be addressed.

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

It is time to reopen our state, get our kids back to school, and our economy back on track—safely. We have the knowledge to keep ourselves safe by wearing the mask, washing our hands often, keeping our distance, or we can choose to stay home. Using this knowledge, we should be allowed to choose where we go, when we go, who we go with, or if we go at all. Businesses are using best practices and keeping their customers safe. The major problem with fully opening businesses and schools is not only safety, but the liability problem. The legislature must provide a safety net for our businesses and schools to open without threat of lawsuits concerning contracting COVID.

What do you feel the relationship should be between a representative and the public?

A Representative is the public's conduit conveying the issues important to their district to Salem. I will be charged with always presenting the best interests of our district, in terms of introducing or supporting legislation. I must also be accessible to my neighbors in the district to help navigate issues with government and support them. In addition, I will serve as political spokesperson for the issues that are important to this district and state. I am directly accountable to the people of this district to listen and represent the coastal agenda first and foremost in Salem.

Meet the candidates: State House District 1



David Brock Smith

Age: 43
Years in the area: 3rd Generation
Occupation: State Representative, Southwest Oregon Children's Foundation Development Director, Small Business Owner
Past political/civic experience: State Representative, Legislative Committees-Vice Chair-Economic Development & Trade, Vice Chair-Carbon Reduction, Agriculture & Land Use, Natural Resources, Energy & Environment, Early Childhood & Family Support, Governor appointed Convener-Chetco Bar Fire Recovery Council, Legislative Task Forces-Sudden Oak Death, Opioid, Maritime

Workforce Development, Invasive Species, OCC Chair-Southern Oregon China Connection, Pacific Northwest Economic Region-Board Member, County Commissioner-Chair, County Budget Committee-Chair, Elected-Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) District-4 Chair, representing Curry-Coos-Douglas-Josephine-Jackson Counties, AOC Board of Directors, AOC Legislative Committees-Public Lands & Natural Resources, Energy, Environment and Land Use, Association of O&C Counties Board of Directors, National Association of Counties (NACo) Public Lands Committee, Port Orford City Council President, Port Orford-Langlois School Board-7 years, Port Orford & North Curry County Chamber of Commerce-President/Director-7 years

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the state?

Affordable workforce housing and related state land use restrictions, Childcare related to Covid closures of schools,

Wildfire mitigation and fuels reduction, Public and Mental Health

How would you try to address those issues?

I continue to draft and pass legislation to address the housing crisis in our communities and across the state that helps incentivize the construction of workforce housing, change land use laws to allow for ADU and additional housing and grows job opportunities in the trade related career sectors.

The COVID closures have severely impacted our students and their families. Many parents have been forced to choose staying at home with their children or their job. Childcare funding must be allocated to our rural communities so that these parents can continue to work, knowing their children are well taken care of.

I continue to advocate, draft and pass legislation to address wildfire response, funding and fuels treatment. I worked to draft and pass the Good Neighbor Authority legislation,

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Calla Felicity

Age: 67
Years in the area: 4
Occupation: Retired from 10+ years establishing and running a successful small business in San Francisco. And from a working life that included raising two children; 20+ years of paralegal work in contracts, business support and development, case digest editing, arts and charitable organization support, domestic violence and disability advocacy; as well as stints as a Merchant Marine, teamster, factory worker, and farmer.

Past political/civic experience: Wherever I have lived, I have taken part in the political activity of the community. Here are some highlights: Report

to the Louisiana Governor's Taskforce on the Status of Working Class Women(1976). Litigation against two police forces to compel them to provide equal protection under the law to victims of domestic violence (Louisville, KY, 1989) Appearances and advocacy on behalf of LGBT families to the California Democratic Party Convention (1996) and members of the California legislature (1998-2008). Continuing to advocate for our rights to marriage (1988-2012). Advocacy for appropriate accommodations in public schools and home-based learning for children with learning disabilities (1993-2012).

What do you feel are the most important issues facing the state?

The climate crisis is upon us. Every policy that I may consider and join in crafting will first be viewed through its impact or neutrality in regards to Oregon's response to the climate crisis. The state legislature has not been successful in boldly taking on its climate crisis responsibilities, stymied by the

perception that this single most critical issue of our lifetime is a political issue that can be parsed about between parties and politicians. This is an outmoded and dangerous attitude.

How would you try to address those issues?

The Oregon Green New Deal could be the defining employment change of this century. Just Transition to 100% clean fuels and environmentally sound practices in the remaining extractive industries, environmentally sound enhancement of Oregon's natural resources, redistribution of transportation centers, and impacted and malleable employment involved in all of these policy changes will be a part of our lives, or they won't, depending on how successful we are in making them so.

Many voices will be critical in devising Just Transition strategies, including innovation across all sectors of the economy and state governance. Rural economies, socially constructed through

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Marijuana taxes on three area city ballots

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SOUTH COAST — Voters in three cities will have the option to allow city taxes on recreational marijuana sales on November's general election ballot.

The measures in Reedsport, Myrtle Point and Port Orford all follow a similar pattern: If

passed, the cities would impose a tax of up to 3% on sales of recreational marijuana, a price consumers would pay at the time of the purchase and that would flow back into city coffers.

State law allows the taxes, and caps them at 3%. It also requires that the taxes be submitted to the voters in a general election for approval.

The City of Reedsport attempted to pass a similar measure in 2016, just a few years after marijuana was legalized for recreational use, but that failed by a slim margin.

In each of the cities, the funds raised from the taxes would be returned to the city's general fund for city expenses — though none could predict how much

revenue might come from the taxes. Each of the cities' councils unanimously approved the ordinances to send the measures to the voters.

There are only a few businesses in each city that would be impacted by the taxes; In Reedsport, there are four businesses approved for recreational marijuana licenses, according to

the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's Oct. 9 data. There's only one in Port Orford, and two in Myrtle Point (including one applicant that's new this year).

The taxes would apply to marijuana and products made with marijuana and marijuana extracts. It wouldn't apply to medical marijuana sales, according to ballot information.

Merkley favored in Senate race against Perkins

SALEM (AP) — Democratic U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley will face off against Republican Jo Rae Perkins on November's ballot in Oregon, with the incumbent a heavy favorite against an opponent with political views described by observers as "extreme."

Political experts say that Perkins' belief in QAnon — a wide-ranging and baseless internet conspiracy theory — and "science denialism," will likely clear the path for Merkley and possibly even polarize Oregon Republicans in an already blue state.

"You might say that Perkins is the apotheosis of where the GOP has been and appears to be heading organizationally as it reveals fractures and tensions within and appeals to an ever-increasing base through largely negativistic, rear-guard and limiting policies

-- rather than sweeping and forward-looking visions for change," said Christopher McKnight Nichols, an associate professor at Oregon State University's School of History, Philosophy, and Religion.

Merkley, one of the most liberal members of the Senate, is seeking his third term. The Democrat has been outspoken about topics surrounding climate change and recently criticized Trump for suggesting forest management is to be blamed for wildfires.

Merkley has created legislation that aims to eliminate carbon emissions by 2050. He has also proposed that federal aid be administered to states to recover from natural disasters such as wildfires, tornados and hurricanes.

When it comes to Medicare, Merkley said he wants to eventually extend

it to cover all Americans. Merkley said he believes "that a secure retirement is a key pillar of the American dream," and has pushed back against both Democrats and Republicans to Social Security and Medicare are not weakened.

Merkley is a member of the Appropriations Committee; the Environment and Public Works Committee; the Budget Committee; and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Perkins, a staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, ran for the Senate in 2014 and for the U.S. House in 2016 and 2018. She failed to win primary contests until this year when she won 49% of the Republican vote against three other challengers.

But what really garnered the attention on Election Day was a now-deleted

video where Perkins made references to QAnon, including saying that she stood with "Q" and holding up a QAnon sticker.

QAnon is a conspiracy theory that claims a shadowy cabal of liberal elites who are Satan-worshipping pedophiles runs a global child sex-trafficking. Many supporters of the theory say President Donald Trump is waging a secret campaign against enemies in the "deep state."

The day after Perkins' video was posted, her campaign released a statement saying that she was not a follower of QAnon. Perkins said that she uses QAnon message boards as merely a "source of information" posting articles from various media outlets, tweets and unclassified government documents.

"Under the 1st Amendment I support the right for

whoever the Q-Team or Qanon is to publish their views and opinions along with the articles from any other media source they so choose," Perkins told The Associated Press. "End of story."

Nichols said because Perkins' video that mentioned QAnon was posted on Election Day, it likely came as a surprise to some Republicans and had they known about her embracing the movement earlier on she may not have become the GOP's candidate.

"When you run these more extreme candidates within the two party main-stream system it necessarily divides," Nichols said. "And it divides not in just the single race but also how people think of that party."

Perkins is not the first politician to embrace QAnon.

Through the AP's state-house reporters, the non-profit research group Media Matters for America and Democratic groups involved in state legislative races, the news cooperative identified about two dozen candidates in more than a dozen states who have expressed some level of support or interest in QAnon.

Trump himself has spoken favorably of QAnon's followers but said he knows little about the movement.

Critics have said that QAnon is a dangerous and baseless conspiracy theory that has incited some people to violence.

While critics of QAnon describe the movement as baseless and dangerous, Nichols argued that Perkins' "science denialism" may be more concerning, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tobacco tax, campaign contributions on Oregon's ballot

SALEM (AP) — Two measures the Oregon Legislature placed on the Nov. 3 ballot for Oregonians to vote on include limiting campaign contributions and increasing tax on cigarettes, as well as creating a tax on electronic cigarettes.

Both have received widespread and bipartisan support, which proponents hope will help push the measures to victory.

A vote in favor of ballot Measure 108 would increase Oregon's cigarette tax by \$2 per pack — from \$1.33 to \$3.33 — increases the cap on cigar taxes to \$1 per cigar and add a 65% tax on e-cigarettes and vaping products, which are not currently taxed.

The funds from the tax increase would be used for public health programs including smoking prevention and cessation programs. The projected new annual revenue is about

\$130 million.

Supporters of the bill include Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, state lawmakers and organizations such as the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems.

Brown said not only does she believe the measure would save lives and help people quit smoking, but it will also "ensure Oregonians can continue to access the health care they need to thrive" due to the increased funds.

All Democrats in Oregon's House and Senate, except for one, voted in favor of the tax.

"Ultimately, I'm tired of seeing my patients — too often the working poor who were targeted by big tobacco in their youth — die premature and painful deaths because of the impact of tobacco.

This weighs on me every day," said Rep. Rachel Prusak (D-West Linn), who is a nurse practitioner. "And it also ultimately weighs on the state — currently, the Oregon Health Plan spends roughly \$374 million a year just treating tobacco-related illnesses."

According to the American Cancer Society, in 2020 it is estimated that 1,750 Oregonians will die from lung or bronchus cancer. Cancer, in general, is the leading cause of death in Oregon.

Out of the 22 Republicans in the House, Rep. Cheri Helt and Rep. Greg Smith were the only two who voted in favor of the tax.

During a committee session about the then bill, Smith said he supported it because the people who would receive public assistance for health care will likely end up paying

for a portion of the tax themselves.

According to Oregon Secretary of State campaign finance records, the Yes for a Healthy Future/Oregonians for a Smoke Free Tomorrow political action committee has collected more than \$13.1 million in campaign contributions.

The only political action committees that filed opposition to the measure with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office was the Taxpayers Association of Oregon, whose leaders say the tax would negatively impact low-income consumers and small businesses selling the products.

Among states with the highest cigarette tax rate in 2019 were New York and Connecticut, which both tax \$4.35 per pack.

As of 2019, more than a dozen states including Oregon levied a tax rate ranging from \$1 to \$1.98

per pack. If the measure were to pass, Oregon would sit with at least ten other states, including Washington, whose tax rate for a pack of cigarettes is between \$2 and \$3.10.

Also on November's ballot is Measure 107 which if voted in favor of would amend the Oregon Constitution and allow for state, counties and cities to place limitations on political contributions and expenditures, require disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures and allow rules requiring campaigns to be transparent about who paid for political advertisements.

Currently, there is no limit in contributions to candidates or ballot measures. Other states without limits include Alabama, Nebraska and Utah.

In 1997, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that

the state constitution's section, specifically regarding freedom of speech, prevents the Legislature from limiting campaign finance activity.

The measure has received widespread and bipartisan support, including Brown, state senators and representatives.

"A constitutional amendment must make it clear to voters and the courts that campaign contributions may be regulated and that the greatest transparency in campaigns is permissible," Brown said. "My goal is to see lasting constitutional authority to regulate campaign finance in Oregon and to see reasonable limits put in place."

Kyle Markley, a Libertarian and frequent candidate for political office, filed his opposition to the measure saying that it would weaken Oregon's freedom of speech guarantees.

Smith

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which focuses on forest fuels treatments in the Urban/Wildland interface and successfully advocated for and recently received \$1.8 million dollars towards that effort a few short weeks ago. We were also successful in working with DEQ to increase the needed days allowed for prescribed burns.

Public and mental health are critically important to our communities and their

residents, especially during the pandemic. I continue to work with our health partners to expand services and provide them with the needed resources to do so. I have been a strong advocate for the Curry Health Network (CHN) Emergency Department and recently, even with the economic hardships of the state, was able to secure \$2 million dollars to support CHN Emergency Department operations in Brookings.

What would you like to accomplish if re-elected?

To continue my work on all of the above. Additionally, to continue to help our fishers, farmers and ranchers and their industries as well as better local access to the public for their products. To get our rural region the resources it deserves with regards to state & federal funding, rather than allowing Portland and larger cities to take more than their share.

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

The recent economic forecast projects that the state has an additional \$200 million in revenues over it's pre-covid forecast. This is some

good news, but it is related to the majority party's passage of the Corporate Activities Tax that increase the costs of goods and services to our residents. Further, our rural residents and communities already pay more for these goods and services, and do not see the rebound in economic recovery that the larger populated areas of the state do. We must work to bring more resources to our region, end the regulatory burdens that impact business and job growth to our communities and bring in the economic resources to our residents that others are receiving around the state.

What do you feel the re-

lationship should be between state elected representatives and the public?

First and foremost, I work for the residents and constituents of House District 1 in the Oregon Legislature, and then the other 4.2 million people of Oregon. I have an open-door policy and listen to all opinions on any given issue. As the Chair of the bicameral bipartisan Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus, I strive to work across the aisle on issues that impact our residents. From bipartisan legislation holding big pharma accountable for prescription drug increases, to protecting our coastal waters from oil & gas explora-

tion, to allowing our Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Personnel to fight fires on federal land rather than the Feds "managing of fire", to coming up with sound Oregon solutions to reduce carbon emissions rather than a rural economically devastating Cap & Trade program, I will continue to work with and for the residents of House District 1 to better their families and communities. This bipartisan work and its accomplishments are evident with just the few examples above, in successfully bringing millions in project funding in a post COVID economic environment.

Felicity

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combined efforts of rural Oregonians, are integral to the success of the Just Transition envisioned in the Oregon Green New Deal. I will always keep this in mind.

What would you like to accomplish if elected?

Because it touches on every outcome in every challenge before us, I would like to help fellow legislators focus through a climate responsibility lens that will inform sound political decision making in all areas of our work together on behalf of our districts.

I would like to move Oregon towards well managed, equitable HealthCare for All Oregonians, and to take part in science-based decision-making regarding climate resiliency and upsurging a sustainable economy that we welcome, design, and implement. These are tasks the Gen-X and Mil-

lennials are well equipped to take on, and will surge forward with, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. I will do my part to hold the policy doors open for their strategies to be thoroughly considered, so we can more than begin the forward movement we are allied around.

I will work to dispel the urban-rural-divide myth, by making sure it is not practiced in state decision making. And I will stay and work until each session is finished, for, at maximum, 2 terms, before I retire (again).

How should the state address the current COVID-19/economic crisis?

Legislators should consult with their constituents to find what their needs are, then report that information to the governor's office or other agencies involved in the relief efforts, to be certain the relief to the business community is at its maximum possible impact. They need to be following up in their districts to be certain the promised relief has found its way to the folks it is supposed to go to. Legislators should be

following best healthcare recommendations themselves, for masking when in public, not touching faces, maintaining social distancing guidelines, washing hands often, self-quarantining if they have been exposed to virus, and setting other examples of best practices for members of the public and for businesses in their districts, especially the ones put in place by the governor.

What do you feel the relationship should be between state representa-

tives and the public?

State representatives specifically represent the interests of their districts. Involving local people in the decision-formation process is critical, as is forming alliances with people in surrounding districts that share regional sensibility and geographic proximity. Challenges that seem the same may need very different strategies to reach success in different locations. Local expertise is crucial in making informed policy decisions. I will strive

for successful coalitions between Oregon neighbors, to stretch the idea of "local" into a regional thought process, to better utilize limited rural resources and connect remote, often weather-isolated populations into a thriving grid of such regions in our state.

The public should have access to state representatives through the mail, telephone, email, and in person wherever feasible. Social media and media access is also an important part of establishing

ease and transparency of public access, although representatives should be able to maintain a private life not connected to their public service, which is increasingly challenging given the nature of social media. Representatives should make themselves available in Town Hall meetings with the general public, between every session of the legislature, in person if possible or by video with audience interaction easily accessed if in-person is not possible at the time.

Sanctuary

From D1

laws. She says the group doesn't have a position on the Coos County measure specifically, but has concerns about the ordinance's general theory.

"In general, we find these Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinances — or as we call them,

'lawless counties' — to be a recipe for chaos," Uhlig said.

Her concern is that the ambiguity behind whether or not the ordinance would actually change the law will create confusion among gun owners, retailers and law enforcement. In turn, that could mean skipped background checks and ignored warning signs that result

in guns getting into the wrong hands, she said.

"It does embolden people who say they are safe to engage in any firearm sales or firearm behavior," Uhlig said. "When lawmakers take action to protect our communities, law enforcement agencies have an obligation to carry out the law."

Still, Taylor says the measure would have an

impact, since the state law Zanni referenced deals with "regulating" firearms, while the ordinance deals with how to "enforce" those regulations. Instead, he says the measure sends a message about gun laws that voters feel violate their rights.

"We're not going to uphold something that goes against the constitution," Taylor said.