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Rescue helicopter will return, remain in Newport, Oregon’s US senators say

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The U.S Coast Guard has promised to indefinitely return a life-saving rescue helicopter to its facility at Newport’s Municipal Airport, Oregon’s two U.S. senators said Thursday, Dec. 4, capping weeks of angst in the town ahead of a dangerous crab fishing season.

The U.S. Coast Guard removed the helicopter in late October with no public explanation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for why it was relocated to a North Bend Coast Guard facility nearly 70 miles away.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Val Hoyle and local officials have all previously said they were trying to find out why the helicopter was removed amid speculation that the Trump administration could be repurposing the site for Oregon’s first long-term immigration detention facility.

Wyden told reporters on Nov. 23 that a Coast Guard represen-

tative had given him unsatisfactory answers attributing the change in facility operations to a lack of adequate staffing. On Thursday, he shared on X that the Coast Guard had reversed course.

“This is a big win to keep fishermen as well as Oregonians and tourists visiting the Newport area safe when they are enjoying the Pacific Ocean,” Wyden said in a statement Thursday. “I’ll keep watchdogging this Coast Guard commitment and battling against any move by the Trump administration to site an ICE detention facility in Newport or anywhere else on the Oregon Coast.”

The homeland security department and U.S. Coast Guard did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

The helicopter’s removal quickly sparked opposition from residents. The coastal city of Newport is home to Oregon’s largest commercial fishing industry, with cold and rough waters occupying the Yaquina

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Shaanth Nanguneri / Oregon Capital Chronicle
U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden speaks to reporters in Newport at the city’s municipal airport on Nov. 23.

Another ODOT funding gap looms if enough signatures collected for gas tax petition

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Petitioners say they’ve gathered well more than enough signatures to block planned increases to the state’s gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees and a transit payroll tax until voters have a chance to weigh in next November.

No Tax Oregon petition organizers have until Dec. 30 to collect signatures to refer to the ballot a recently passed suite of transportation tax and fee hikes, and they announced last week that they’ve gathered more than 150,000 signatures, nearly double the 78,116 signatures needed.

The Oregon Secretary of State still must verify the signatures. If they’re valid, then the challenged portions of Oregon’s new transportation funding law

wouldn’t take effect until the election, when voters would vote to approve or reject it.

Petitioners are challenging a transportation funding law Gov. Tina Kotek signed that will raise \$4.3 billion over the next decade to fund road maintenance and operations. Democratic lawmakers during a fall special session passed the policy to fill in an estimated \$350 million deficit within the agency caused by declining gas tax revenue and rising maintenance and construction costs.

“If the secretary of state ultimately certifies that the petitioners have gathered enough signatures, the emergency funding that the legislature provided to keep Oregon’s roads, bridges and transit systems safe and working will be suspended immediately,”

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Mia Maldonado / Oregon Capital Chronicle
Elizabeth Camara, a No Kings rally counter protestor holds a sign protesting against the transportation package Democratic lawmakers passed during a special session earlier this year in Salem, Oregon.



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<div>Monday 12/01:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"></div>	<div>noise</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19:36 607 Pacific Ave, hit & run</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15:08 Railroad and 5th, warrant service• 18:49 Mill Beach, dispute/fight• 21:30 16224 Chapman Ln, dispute/fight</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:57 613 Chetco Ave, hit & run• 9:48 Chetco and Fern, eluding• 14:16 98442 North Bank Chetco River Rd, civil problem• 14:33 640 Old County Rd, disorderly conduct• 16:14 Botanical Garden, criminal trespass• 17:39 Mill Beach, dispute/fight• 20:38 425 Arnold Ln, juvenile problem• 20:59 Mill Beach, loud noise</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23:27 Ransom and Kevin, curfew violation</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:55 704 Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct• 12:23 97865 Shopping Center Ave, criminal trespass• 17:13 20395 Hwy 101 N, dispute/fight• 19:25 335 Memory Ln, fire alarm• 21:28 Mill Beach, loud noise• 23:03 640 Old County Rd, curfew violation</div>
<div>Tuesday 12/02:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"></div>	<div>Thursday 12/04:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4:58 98141 W Benham Ln, unauthorized use of a vehicle• 10:21 521 Fir St, theft• 11:27 1109 Chetco Ave, criminal trespass• 13:24 1210 Chetco Ave, theft• 14:22 1374 Glenwood Dr, hit & run• 15:07 500 5th St, assault</div>	<div>Friday 12/05:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0:02 15577 Hwy 101 S, loud noise• 1:38 15565 Cedar Ln, theft• 3:31 349 Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct• 8:47 Cape Ferrelo near House Rock, traffic crash</div>	<div>Saturday 12/06:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0:30 1123 Chetco Ave, driving while suspended• 0:48 Chetco and Pacific, curfew violation• 1:32 98141 W Benham Ln, dispute/fight• 1:38 Hwy 101 and Hof-feldt, traffic crash• 2:40 1143 Chetco Ave, loud noise• 9:02 17280 Garvin Ct, fire alarm</div>	<div>Sunday 12/07:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"></div>	
<div>Wednesday 12/03:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13:46 95663 Martin Ranch Rd, criminal mischief• 18:09 604 Ransom Ave, dispute/fight• 18:42 15645 Oceanview Dr, traffic crash• 19:09 Heron Ridge, loud</div>					

Submissions for events can be sent by email to: pilotofficemgr@countrymedia.net. The deadline for submission is 4:30 pm Monday, the week prior to publication.

- Daily Meal, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane

- Tai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am and 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.
- Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 11:30-12:00 absolute beginners (new), 12:00 – 1:00 pm improver, 1:00-2:00 pm intermediate
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.
- Afterschool Program, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm. School aged kids are welcome to come by the library for a free snack and to hang out, work on homework, or craft using supplies from the Maker cart.

- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving.
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. A beginners' yoga class that includes standing

positions. For this class it is recommended that participants be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor.

- **Rowdy Creek String Band** (open rehearsal), Chetco Library: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A friendly open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players. Not a string instrument player? Drop in and listen.
- **Checkmate Corner**, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. A weekly chess club for players of all ages and skill levels. Can't bring your own set? Extra game boards are available.
- **Recreational Table Tennis**, 102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Love a good rally? Join us. For intermediate players who enjoy fast, friendly matches and great company. Bring your paddle and hope to see you soon.

- Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. Closed Friday after Thanksgiving.
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

- Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. Prizes, laughs, good food and drink. \$65 annual fee (includes OGA membership). All skill levels welcome. For info call: Bob K. 701-269-7822.
- Saturday Shuffle: Magic the Gathering and more, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Stop by the library every week for Saturday Shuffle, where players can bring their favorite deck and play Magic: The Gathering. Gamers of all kinds are also welcome to bring their favorite card or board games from their own collections, or browse the library's games, and find a crew to play with.
- Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.

- Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 11:30-12:00 absolute beginners (new), 12:00 – 1:00 pm improver, 1:00-2:00 pm intermediate.

- Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Brookings Botanical Garden. Come see how you can help.
- Bridge, 12:15 pm, Chetco Activity Center
- Line Dancing, Brookings

- Elks Lodge, 6 pm – 8 pm
Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.
- Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Youth ages 10-13 are welcome to hang out and explore new interests and activities every week.
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Amateur Radio Net check-ins, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm on 147.18, DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm on 146.88. If you are a licensed Ham Radio operator, join us. You do not have to be a member of the Del Norte Amateur Radio Club. Find out what is happening around the area. Registration recommended, but team signups are allowed the day of if space allows.

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- Brookings Rural Fire District monthly meeting, Brookings Fire Depart-

ment: 9:30 am.

- Craft & Connect with Kim, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This month, join local artist Tory for a step-by-step workshop on making winter and holiday themed book dioramas. Please note, these workshops are designed for crafters 18+. Spots Limited. Registration required. Registration opens December 1.
- Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. A new comics and illustrated-book club for teens and young teens. Meetings include fun, creative activities related to the book of the month. In December the Club members will be reading and discussing *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy* by Tui T. Sutherland.

- Pub Grub Book Club, Misty Mountain Brewing: 5:30 pm. This casual book club is for adult fans of graphic novels. In December, the group will read and discuss *Eight Billion Genies*, by Charles Soule. Space limited. Registration required.

- **Seussical, Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave:** Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. A musical perfect for the whole family, Seussical takes us into the world of Dr. Seuss, where we

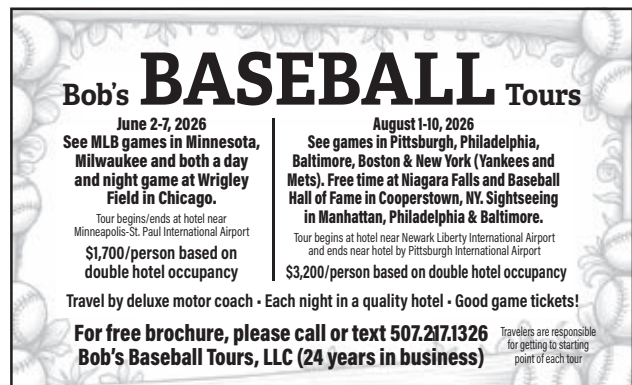
revisit beloved characters including The Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie, and JoJo. Tickets available at <https://chett-copp.booktix.com/>.

- **Escape Room—The Case of the Stolen Jewels, Chetco Library:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Back by popular demand, the library is turning the River Room into an Escape Room! Sign up with your team and see if you can solve this heist-themed puzzle in an hour or less. This approachable puzzle is suitable for the whole family. Spots limited. Call or visit Chetco. libraryvalcalendar.com

- Monthly Potluck, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane, 4:30 pm. Bring your own or enough to share, either way, we share community and friendship.

- Azalea Quilters Guild
monthly meeting, Drift-
wood Estates Club House
16063 Driftwood Lane:
5:30 pm.

- **Movie Afternoon—The Grinch**, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm. Join is for a fun afternoon with crafts, snacks and a movie. We'll be watching *The Grinch* (MPAA Rating: PG).



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Rescue

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Bay. Both the state of Oregon and the local nonprofit Newport Fishermen’s Wives alongside Lincoln County sued for the return of the federal helicopter, arguing that the federal government failed to comply with federal law requiring transparency on such decisions.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken handed the nonprofit and Lincoln County a victory on Nov. 24 with a temporary 14-day restraining order that mandated the helicopter’s return. The next day, John Fuller, a city spokesperson, confirmed that a rescue helicopter had landed for refueling, but he was unable to say whether it was remaining at the Newport airport on a more long-term basis.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley also confirmed the helicopter’s return, adding that he had arranged a meeting with a representative of the U.S. Coast Guard and Wyden. He said a member of the homeland security department in attendance gave “full backup” to the Coast Guard’s statement.

“The acting commandant assured me that they had returned the helicopter because of the court action, but they had intended to return it by the start of crab season anyway, and it was back in Newport to stay,” he said in a video statement posted on X.

The announcement from Wyden and Merkley comes as lawyers for the state of Oregon, Lincoln County and Newport Fishermen’s Wives have filed for a preliminary injunction seeking for a rescue helicopter to stay at Newport’s facility with full operational and staffing support necessary. The two cases have been consolidated, with discovery yielding a June 2025 memorandum and October 2025 extension authorizing removal of the heli-



Courtesy photo
The U.S. Coast Guard helicopter during a training mission at the Newport Airport in June.

copter from Newport by U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Charles E. Fosse.

“There is no question that the Coast Guard’s removal of the Newport helicopter, undertaken in secrecy without any public or congressional vetting whatsoever, is exactly what Congress intended to prevent,” wrote attorneys for the Newport Fishermen’s Wives and Lincoln County in a Thursday court filing.

It’s not the first time Newport residents kicked into action when their helicopter faced removal. When the Obama administration proposed closing the city’s Coast Guard facility in 2014, the Fishermen’s Wives nonprofit sued in federal court. Congress ended up passing a law that requires notice and explanation from the homeland security department should a reduction in Coast Guard facility activity take place.

“The ocean can turn on a person in half a minute,” Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan said in a court declaration. “It is not a matter of if the helicopter will be needed, but when, and whether or not it will arrive in time to save a life.”

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/rescue-helicopter-will-return-remain-in-newport-oregons-us-senators-say/>

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Oregon Community Foundation Awards \$5.1 Million in Grants to Support Education, Housing, Economic Opportunity, Arts and More

From classrooms and concert halls to food banks and housing services, 260 Oregon nonprofits will get a boost this fall. Oregon Community Foundation is awarding \$5.1 million through its Community Grants program to organizations working to expand access to education, health services, economic opportunity, arts and culture and more. Grants awarded in rural towns and urban neighborhoods reflect OCF’s commitment to strengthening communities and tackling urgent needs.

“We are so inspired by the hard work our nonprofits are doing to improve the lives of all Oregonians,” said Marcy Bradley, OCF’s Chief Community Engage-

ment and Equity Officer. “Community Grants is our open door for new ideas and the ‘what if’ dreams of our communities. We are proud to stand with the problem solvers in our state.”

For 28 years, OCF’s Community Grants program has supported nonprofits, Tribal organizations and government agencies in all 36 Oregon counties. The 2025 Fall Cycle prioritized small capital projects (under \$500,000), capacity building and new or expanding programs and projects.

Donors to Oregon Community Foundation make OCF’s Community Grants program possible. Grant applications were reviewed

by regional OCF staff and volunteers in every region of Oregon.

The next cycle of Community Grants from OCF will prioritize general operating support for small rural organizations, culturally specific organizations and culturally responsive organizations. Program applications opened on December 2, 2025, and will close on January 13, 2026, at 5 p.m. PST. Grants will be awarded in May 2026.

Curry County recipients include:

- Curry Health District, Gold Beach: \$20,000 To hire staff positions that will support the work of the Chemotherapy Infusion Center

- South Coast Community Aquatics Inc., Brookings: \$20,000 For infrastructure needs at the Curry County public pool
- Wild Rivers Land Trust, Port Orford: \$40,000 To make ADA accessibility improvements



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Discovery reveals 580,000 years of climate history, OSU researcher says

MICHELLE KLAMPE
Pilot Guest Article

Climate history recorded in a calcite deposit in a southern Nevada cave indicates that the hot, arid southwestern United States experienced significant shifts in temperature and rainfall over the last 580,000 years.

The findings, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, provide new insight into the region’s hydroclimate and how it may evolve in the future, said Kathleen Wendt, an assistant research professor at Oregon State University and the study’s lead author.

“What we see over this time span are glacial periods, when Nevada was cooler and wetter, followed by interglacial periods, when Nevada was hot and dry, like what we’re experiencing today,” Wendt said.

“But midway through those interglacial periods, the available groundwater dropped sharply and vegetation plummeted.”

Wendt is a paleoclimatologist who studies deposits of the mineral calcite, which build up in caves over thousands of years, creating a record of Earth’s climate history.

“While scientists have long used cores of ancient ice collected in Antarctica and Greenland to study climate history, it is difficult to find terrestrial, or land-based, environmental archives that record past climate, especially in places that are dry and arid, like the southwest United States,” Wendt said. “Caves are one place we can look for these records.”

Past research identified the Devils Hole cave system in southwestern Nevada as a likely source for climate records. Devils Hole is more of a fissure than a traditional cave. Groundwater has been flowing through the fissure for hundreds of thousands of years and depositing calcite on the walls of the fissure, much like how hard water deposits inside the pipes of a home, Wendt said.

For her study, Wendt and colleagues descended 20 meters down a narrow shaft and squeezed through a tight opening to reach the deepest part of Devils Hole II. Once there, they drilled a one-meter-long core of calcite from the cave wall. The oxygen isotopes within the calcite vary based on



Courtesy photo from Robbie Shone
Researcher Kathleen Wendt descends into Devils Hole 2.



Courtesy photo from Christoph Spötl / University of Innsbruck
Analysis of the core showed how the region’s hydroclimate changed during the last six ice ages, or global periods of colder temperatures and the interglacials, or warmer periods, that interspersed between them.

climate conditions at a given time, allowing scientists to reconstruct the region’s climate history.

“This meter-long core gives you a record of how climate has changed over

half a million years,” Wendt said. “There aren’t a lot of caves like this in the world.”

Analysis of the core showed how the region’s hydroclimate changed during the last six ice ages, or global periods of colder temperatures and the interglacials, or warmer periods, that interspersed between them.

Researchers also learned about when and where rain fell and how that changed over time, said Christo Buizert, an associate professor in OSU’s College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences and co-author of the study.

“Today, the bulk of the rainstorms coming off

the ocean hit the Pacific Northwest, but during ice age periods, that same belt of rainstorms would land a lot further south,” Buizert said. “That tells us these storm systems can move up and down the coast, and they can shift quickly and dramatically.”

If that rainfall occurs in the winter, it recharges the local aquifer. These changes in the availability of groundwater impact vegetation productivity; when temperatures were hot and groundwater availability was reduced, vegetation also declined, the researchers found.

The records from the calcite deposit provide a sense of timing for those

vegetation changes in relation to climate change and suggest that temperature, availability of water and vegetation are tightly coupled, with changes in one area impacting the others, Buizert said.

“This raises questions about what we might expect in this region in the future as climate continues to change,” he said. “This part of the world is already on the cusp of livability with high summer temperatures and limited water resources.”

Additional co-authors on the paper are Stacy Carolin of the University of Oxford; Simon Steidle; Gina Moseley, Yuri Dublyansky and Christoph Spötl of the

University of Innsbruck; R. Lawrence Edwards and Mellissa Warner of the University of Minnesota; and Hai Cheng of the Chinese Academy of Sciences; and Chengfei He of the University of Miami.

Wendt, who worked on the project while with the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University, recently accepted a new role at the University of Toronto.

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15 Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tom, Onion, Pickle, Fries	16 Chef Salad Crackers Fruit	17 Meatloaf Mac 'N Cheese Roasted Vegetables	18 Fish Sandwich with cheese Vegetable Soup	19 Chile Relleno Spanish Rice Refried Beans
22 Kielbasa & Sauerkraut Beans Peas & Carrots	23 Egg Salad Pasta Salad Fruit Salad Crackers	24 Spaghetti with meatballs Garlic Bread Brussel Sprouts	25 Fish Sticks Baked Beans Chef's Blend	26 Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, gravy, yams
29 Turkey Chile Soup, Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato Sandwich	30 Supreme Pizza Minestrone Soup	Menu is subject to change without notice. Meals include Drinks (Coffee, Tea (hot or iced), Milk, or Water), Salad, and Dessert. Meals Cost \$10 to prepare - Donations requested.		

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CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

XIBU IBQQFOT XIFO UIF SFJOEFFS

XJMM OPU QVMM TBOUB'T TMFE?

JU CFDPNFT B OFJHI SJEF.

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Kill or a-line	___ K ___ _ _	Blouse or tee	___ H ___ _ _
2. Eight musical notes	___ _ _ _ V _	Fuel rating	___ _ _ _ N _
3. Self-serve meal	___ _ _ _ T	Shock absorber	___ _ _ _ R
4. Customer	___ _ _ R _ _	General George	___ _ _ T _ _
5. Culpability	F _ _ _ _	Treasure house	V _ _ _ _
6. Stay behind	___ M _ _ _	Recollect	___ T _ _ _
7. Handmade blanket	___ _ _ T	Feather	___ _ _ L
8. Splinter	_ L _ _ _	Shake from the cold	_ H _ _ _
9. Actress Halle	_ E _ _ _	Musician Manilow	_ A _ _ _
10. Humpback, e.g.	_ _ A _ _	In one piece	_ _ O _ _

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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1. Picture frame is higher. 2. Doorknob is larger. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Collar is missing. 5. Stripe is added to sleeve. 6. Book is smaller.

What happens when the reindeer will not pull Santa's sled? It becomes a neigh ride.

Answers

1. Sift, Shirt 2. Octave, Octane 3. Buffet, Butter 4. Patron, Patton 5. Fault, Vault 6. Remain, Retain 7. Quilt, Quill 8. Silver, Shiver 9. Berry, Barry 10. Whale, Whole

Even Exchange

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HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

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Tom Cruise
(Upcoming in “Judy”)

HOLLYWOOD — Now that **Tom Cruise** has won an Oscar (even if it’s an honorary one), where does he go from here? He received four previous nominations for “Born on the Fourth of July” (1989), “Jerry Maguire” (1996), “Magnolia” (1999), and “Top Gun: Maverick” (2022). Now, at 63, with 50 films behind him, can he still continue making action films, jumping from planes and off buildings (and occasionally injuring himself)?

Cruise’s 51st film will be an untitled **Alejandro G. Inarritu** film (tentatively titled “Judy”) that he’s producing along with Inarritu, who wrote the screenplay. It also stars **Jesse Plemons** and **John Goodman**.

The Academy gave Cruise the Oscar for “his incredible commitment to our filmmaking community, to the theatrical experience, and to the stunts community.” Cruise accepted the award, saying, “Making films is not what I do. It is who I am!”

Leonardo DiCaprio wasn’t even born when “The Wizard of Oz” was made, but his company Appian Way Productions has announced that they’re doing a documentary about the making of “The Wizard of Oz.” They promise that it’ll be a behind-the-scenes look at the classic 1939 film, and it will contain never-before-seen footage.

When I went to the Chinese Theater that was showing “Oz” in IMAX and 3D to commemorate its 75th birthday, I was shocked by something that I’d never seen in the hundreds of times I viewed “Oz!” In the the Enchanted Forest scene where they read a sign that says, “I’d turn back if I were you,” the Lion runs away, but the Scarecrow and Tinman bring him back. The Scarecrow is holding, among other things, a gun. Was this a big blooper, or did they actually have guns in Oz? Hope they can explain this!

It’s the time of year when networks clean house, making room for new shows for January 2026. CBS has canceled “S.W.A.T.,” “FBI: Most Want-

ed,” and “FBI: International.” NBC’s dropped “Night Court” and “Lopez vs Lopez,” while ABC is done with “The Conners.”

Showtime has dropped “Original Sin,” while Netflix has canceled **Arnold Schwarzenegger’s** “FUBAR” and “Cobra Kai.” Finally, Disney+ said goodbye to “Goosebumps.”

Tom Hanks has taken time off from moviemaking to do a play in a small theater in NYC. In “This World of Tomorrow,” he is a man from the future who time travels to the 1939 New York World’s Fair. Broadway star **Kelli O’Hara** (of “The King and I” and “South Pacific”) co-stars in the play.

The show’s adapted from Hanks’ 2017 book of short stories “Uncommon Type.” No doubt that a two-time Oscar-winning star adapting a play from his own book is a way of also taking it to the big screen. The show will run until Dec. 21 and could possibly be extended. The critics liked it, and his fans say, “Hanks for the memories!”

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THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

The tariffs aren’t helping

Ronald Reagan famously said that the most frightening words in the English language are: “I’m from the government, and I’m here to help.” U.S. manufacturers must know exactly what the Gipper meant.

Donald Trump is a wholeheartedly pro-manufacturing president, and he’s definitely here to help — with a dizzying array of tariffs. So far, the evidence is that, on net, his tariff agenda is not helping, and almost certainly hurting, the manufacturing sector he’s out to rejuvenate. The September jobs report was pretty good overall, but manufacturing continues to be a sore point. The U.S. has shed nearly 100,000 manufacturing jobs over the last 12 months, and blue-collar jobs are declining.

The theory of the tariffs is that American manufacturing has been decimated by imports and if the imports are made more expensive by tariffs, people will buy more American-made products and companies will bring manufacturing operations back to the United States.

The problem is that this story is overly simplistic. There’s been a long-term decline in the share of manufacturing employment in the U.S., from roughly 27% in the 1960s to a little above 8% now. As the researchers Gary Clyde Hufbauer and Ye Zhang point out, this is driven, to a large extent, by the fact that as people get richer, they tend to spend more of their income on services, whether health or entertainment. This means that the manufacturing share of the economy inevitably shrinks. The same trend is evident in other advanced economies.

This suggests that seeking a return to a bygone era of manufacturing via tariffs is the economic equivalent of King Canute and the waves (which wouldn’t recede despite his command). Worse, sweeping tariffs make imported materials that are used to manufacture goods in the U.S. — so-called inputs — more expensive. As a result, manu-

facturing becomes less cost-effective. Right now, for instance, the price of heavily tariffed steel has been on the rise. That’s good for steel companies — a small slice of the economy — but bad for all the other firms that use the steel to make stuff.

Then, there’s the downside that U.S. tariffs cause foreign retaliation, harming U.S. manufacturers that export their products. Finally, when uncertainty is layered on top of this — about when and if tariffs will come into effect and for how long — it’s a truly toxic brew.

There’s a reason that the National Association of Manufacturers — a group that one would expect to support any policy designed to assist manufacturing — doesn’t like the tariffs. It has warned “against broad tariffs that could disrupt supply chains, increase costs and undermine the global competitiveness of our member companies.”

All signs point to its prescience. An Institute for Supply Management survey found that in October, the manufacturing sector contracted for the eighth consecutive month. The respondents to the survey, who are executives of manufacturing firms, frequently mention the tariffs as a cause of distress.

“Tariffs continue to be a large impact to our business,” one respondent in the machinery category explained. “The products we import are not readily manufactured in the U.S., so attempts to reshore have been unsuccessful. Overall, prices on all products have gone up, some significantly. We are trying to keep up with the wild fluctuations and pass along what costs we can to our customers.”

A survey of Texas businesses by the Dallas Federal Reserve found the same thing. About half of businesses reported negative effects from the tariffs, and only 2% positive. “The effect is most widespread in manufacturing,” the bank noted, “where more than 70% of firms noted negative impacts.”

The Trump administration has backed off tariffs on coffee and various food items, an implicit concession that they were a mistake and led to higher prices. It’s probably too much to ask that the administration acknowledge the deleterious effect on many manufacturers.

These companies will have to endure the economic drag created by a government that wants to help.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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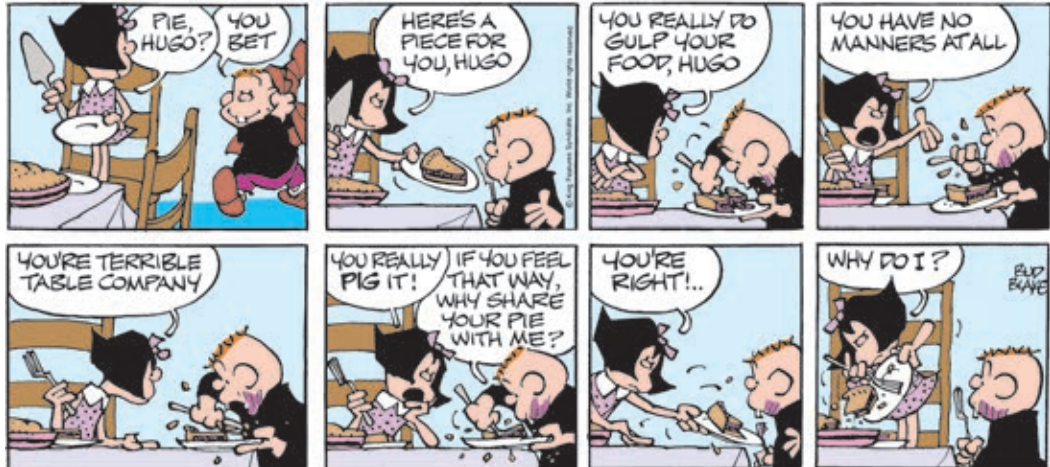
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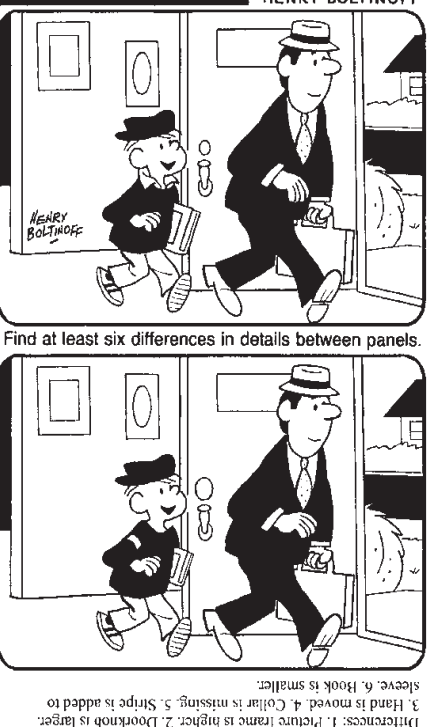
OLIVE & POPEYE

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals B

MAITZOCPGQ OEGSC O
WPZAWTL GZ TOMLESV CJOC
NZAWAZR ORIAQMPQV RSZWOIAR:
PC'R OQ SNJPTT EAACTA.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

God
TIDEY
Fold
PLATE
Rouse
WEAKO
Hint
LIMPY

TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Touse
- 5 Resistance unit
- 8 Prego rival
- 12 Bickering
- 13 Zodiac animal
- 14 Pub orders
- 15 Tabula —
- 16 Sheer fabrics
- 18 Santiago resident
- 20 Playful sea critter
- 21 Mormon church, for short
- 22 Top card
- 23 Army bigwigs
- 26 Scolding
- 30 "Humbug!"
- 31 Cooking fuel
- 32 French pronoun
- 33 Upbeat
- 36 Rose protector
- 38 Weeding tool
- 39 Spanish gold
- 40 Parlor pieces
- 43 Bar exercises
- 47 Trailblazing congresswoman
- 49 Shirley —
- 50 Power co. supply
- 51 Suffix for million
- 52 Poet Teasdale
- 53 Rolling stone's lack
- 54 Lair
- 55 Threaded fastener

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12					13			14		
15					16			17		
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			21			22				
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33			34	35			36	37		
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40	41	42			43			44	45	46
47					48			49		
50					51			52		
53					54			55		

- 52 Poet Teasdale
- 53 Rolling stone's lack
- 54 Lair
- 55 Threaded fastener
- DOWN
- 1 Artist Chagall
- 2 Beehive State
- 3 Spanish ayes
- 4 Stable enclosures
- 5 Killer whales
- 6 Virtuoso violinist Hilary
- 7 2001, to Cato
- 8 Traveled the rapids
- 9 Oodles
- 10 Hereditary unit
- 11 Cold War initials
- 17 Central points
- 19 Asner and Harris
- 22 Sounds of relief
- 23 Telly network
- 24 Fan's cry
- 25 Sashimi fish
- 26 Automobile
- 27 "As I see it," in a text
- 28 Fish-fowl insert
- 29 Tom Collins liquor
- 31 "My word!"
- 34 Stages
- 35 Ritzy
- 36 Part of TNT
- 37 Truthful
- 39 "Holy cow!"
- 40 Con job
- 41 Columbus' home
- 42 Evergreens
- 43 Crossword hint
- 44 — Bator
- 45 Lima's land
- 46 "Shoo!"
- 48 Quirky

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Weekly SUDOKU

6	8	3		1	7		5
				9		8	
					3	1	4
8		1	9				
	3				5	7	
	2	5	7		3	1	6
	4	2	3				7
3		7	1		5	8	
2			6	7	4	9	

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Enthusiasm

S	O	U	N	D

- Large body of water
- Soak
- A nit that was not picked
- What you're trying to do
- Obscures
- Breathing

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the bloodhound featured on the sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies"?
- HISTORY: Which Chinese dynasty mostly built the Great Wall?
- MOVIES: Which 2003 movie is about juveniles who are sentenced to work at a desert camp?
- MUSIC: Which famous song begins with the line, "Hello darkness, my old friend..."?
- ANATOMY: What's another name for the patella?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Chile?
- FOOD & DRINK: Who perfected the Champagne method?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the national flowers of Japan?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Love in the Time of Cholera"?
- SCIENCE: Which wire is usually the main "hot" one in electrical work?

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PAYDAY

Today's Word

- 3. Awake; 4. Imply
- 1. Delir; 2. Pleat

SCRAMBLERS

E	V	I	L	A
S	I	L	A	V
E	L	V	O	S
E	S	U	O	L
E	S	U	O	D
D	N	O	S	O

Solution

2	5	8	6	7	4	9	3	1
3	6	7	1	9	5	8	4	2
1	4	9	2	3	8	6	5	7
4	2	5	7	3	1	6	9	8
9	3	6	4	1	2	5	7	8
8	7	1	6	5	8	4	2	3
5	6	2	8	6	7	3	1	4
7	1	3	5	4	9	2	8	6
6	8	4	3	2	1	7	9	5

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

It's an uphill beetle.

Declaration about a

fretful or ladybug that

answer

CryptoQuip

in two-wire circuits

10. Black, although red also can be hot

9. Gabriel Garcia Marquez

8. The cherry blossom and the chry

7. A Benedictine monk named Dom

6. Santiago

5. Knecap

4. "The Sound of Silence" by Simon &

3. "Holes"

2. The Ming dynasty

1. Duke

Trivia Answers

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

1	+	8	+	4	= 13
+		+		+	
7	-	5	×	3	= 6
÷		×		+	
2	+	6	×	9	= 72
=		=		=	
4		78		16	

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

	+	8	+		= 13			
+		+		+				
	-		×		= 6			
÷		×		+				
	+		×		= 72			
=		=		=				
4		78		16				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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OHA urges vaccinations as flu activity rises, holidays approach

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

As influenza activity increases over the next two months before its expected peak in early spring, health officials urge everyone to get their flu vaccine, particularly as people gather indoors to celebrate the holidays.

So far, hospitalizations remain low. But the percentage of positive flu tests is on the rise.

"The flu season generally continues into the spring, which means flu activity will continue to increase for many months," said , at Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division Medical Director for Communicable Diseases and Immunizations Howard Chiou, M.D., Ph.D., said. "That's why it's never too late to get the flu vaccine."

Chiou added that getting vaccinated now is especially important.

"People will leave Thanksgiving, not only with leftovers, but also with the flu. It's not too late to get your flu shot, especially before the upcoming holidays," he said. "The flu shot is the best way to help make sure you don't miss out on holiday festivities or get other people sick."

Last year's flu season in Oregon was the worst in the state's recent history. OHA releases the latest information on the flu season in its weekly FluBites report. Information on flu activity can also be found on Oregon's Respiratory Virus Data dashboard.

Flu is a contagious, respiratory tract infection caused by the influenza virus.

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, stuffy and runny nose, muscle aches, headache and fatigue. It can result in mild to severe illness, including hospitalization and death.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommend seasonal flu vaccination for everyone ages 6 months or older.

Nearly 1 million people in Oregon have been vaccinated so far this year, which is about 5% lower than at the same time last year. The flu vaccination rate has been in decline for several years.

Certain groups, including older adults, young children, pregnant people and people with certain health conditions, are at higher risk for serious complications from influenza.

The hospitalization rate is highest for people ages 65 and older, but flu seasons are unpredictable and even young and healthy people can develop severe disease.

The best way people can protect themselves and others is by getting a flu vaccine every year.

People can get the COVID-19, influenza and RSV vaccines by contacting their health plan, health care provider, county public health clinic or federally qualified health center. Parents and caregivers of children can also search for a clinic by calling 211 or visiting 211info.org.

This video reminds people not to let influenza take us out of the picture this year.




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Robert J. Arthun

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