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Oregon Senator Merkley elected to fourth term

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley released the following statement after he was elected to a fourth term in the U.S. Senate:

"Tonight, we stand together to stop Trump's authoritarian assault on our nation.

"His goal has been to pursue government by and for the rich and powerful, while caring little about the suffering of ordinary families. It's a 'billionaires win, families lose' strategy. That is not what our nation needs. Tonight, Democrats stand for a government and nation in which families thrive, and the rich and powerful pay their fair share.

"I cannot say enough about the support of my family as we weighed running for a fourth term in the Senate. Mary and I wrestled with that question, and decided that at this moment, with Trump launching the greatest attack on our constitutional republic since the Civil War, we had to be in the fight. She and our children have stood with me time and time again, despite the trials and tribulations of serving in the public spotlight.

"I thank Oregonians across our state for being with me as I fight for a better future.

"For years, I've worked to lift up the voices of ordinary Americans and take on the powerful interests that rig our system, and I thank the Oregon voters for sending me back to the U.S. Senate to fight on behalf of all Oregonians.

"The future of our country in this century depends on investing in our families and infrastructure. We must invest in the four foundations for a family to thrive: health care, affordable housing, quality education, and good-paying jobs. Investments in families will reap rewards many times over for the generations to come. And economic success and security will not come from having the most troops, the most tanks, or the most ships. It will come from investments in research, tech, and a transportation system that supports efficient manufacturing. If we don't make things in America, we won't have a middle class in America.

"This is a dark and dangerous time for our democracy, but as I observe results across the nation tonight, I am optimistic about the future. I'm optimistic because Americans weighed in tonight against Trump's strongman state. Against his grift and corruption; against his vote rigging and manipulation; against his disregard of our constitutional separation of powers; against his war and his secret police; and most of all, against his strategy of enriching the richest among us while pressing families against the wall.

"Throughout this campaign, I've called on Oregonians and Americans to 'Save our Republic.' Tonight, they delivered."

Students get hands-on seed ball experience

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On October 21 and 22nd members of the Brookings-Harbor Garden Club (BHGC) partnered with Julia Bott of the Curry County Master Gardeners at the Kalmiopsis Elementary School Little Bear Patch Garden, in Brookings, OR to offer (110) 4th grade students with a fun and educational project of making seed balls.

Students were asked questions and there was an open discussion about the benefit of seed balls and how the clay would protect the seeds from birds and then break down during rainy season to germinate into plants. A combination of clay, compost and native wildflower seeds were then rolled into balls.

Each student took home two seed balls each. The remainder of seed balls made will be used at BHGC's Chari-tree booth on December 5th at the Grange in Brookings. The funds from the sale of the seed balls will go towards the $1,000 scholarship grant that the BHGC offers annually to high school seniors who will be furthering their education in the fields of Horicultural Science, Landscape Design, Forest Management and Land Stewardship, Environmental Science and/or Restoration, Conservation Biology, Agri-tech or other environmental related fields.



Courtesy photo

Child's hands participating at the Little Bear Patch project.

Both the Master Gardensers and the school were thrilled this project involved the concept that the little kids were helping a bigger kid by contributing their efforts to the scholarship opportunity. While thanking the 4th graders for their efforts, a "seed" of thought was planted about possible career paths they could take and that this scholarship would be available to them in the future…they then ran off to hunt for snails!

This project was generously funded by the Brookings Harbor Education Foundation, Inc.

Kotek takes commanding lead over Drazan in early election returns

By Nigel Jaquiss
Grace Benninghoff

The mood Tuesday night at the Hilton Portland Downtown, where Democrats gathered for their election night party, was giddy as two massive televisions in the basement ballroom flashed result after result confirming a national blue wave.

"People are jubilant," said Chris Pair, a Democratic political strategist.

Oregon Democrats gathered at the Portland hotel, hoping that Gov. Tina Kotek could hitch a ride on that wave, rather than getting dragged under by the litany of woes the city and the state have failed to overcome during her first term.

By 8:45 pm, elections officials said 1.3 million votes, or nearly 42% of the electorate, had been counted and Kotek held a comfortable 7.1% lead over her Republican challenger, state Sen. Christine Drazan (R-Canby).

That early count showed Kotek up by 4 to 1 over Drazan in Multnomah County. Kotek also built an early lead in Drazan's home county of Clackamas, which the Republican nominee won in 2022.

"I'm surprised, given that the polling was so close," said state Sen. Khanh Pham (D-Portland).

The initial release of statewide results was immediately followed by perhaps the biggest national news of the night: "Democrats, we have flipped Texas blue," Democratic Party of Oregon chair Nathan Soltz told the crowd.

In Hillsboro, Drazan gathered a crowd of about 300 supporters, united in the hope that the Canby lawmaker could overcome the tightly disciplined Democratic machine that has won every Oregon governor's race since 1982.

Abba's "Dancing Queen" blared through the cavernous hangar storage space at the Hillsboro Airport, where Drazan's supporters gathered for her election night party. A giant American flag hung behind the stage, and Drazan posed for photos and embraced supporters and fellow lawmakers.



(Top) Gov. Tina Kotek handily won reelection Tuesday night. (Thomas Patterson) (Bottom)State Sen. Christine Drazan fell short in her second run for governor. (Grace Benninghoff)



Dan Mason, a Republican National Committee official for Oregon, was optimistic at first that Drazan could take the governor's mansion.

"Drazan has run a very stable campaign that appeals to independents and soft Democrats that we have been unable to attract in years past," he said. A few minutes later, the first round of results were released.

"Looks like Oregon has followed the national tide in larger numbers than expected," Mason said.

As election coverage continued on the projector screen, supporters alternately booed and cheered as news across the nation unfolded. The Republican crowd seemed undeterred when early results showed Drazan trailing Kotek by 123,000 votes. The crowd cheered when coverage turned to Montana and announced that Republican Troy Downing was expected to win a U.S. House seat there.

But by 8:45, Drazan supporters began trickling out of the party, subdued. Drazan was no longer mingling with the crowd.

At 9:15, the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction" was playing, and the crowd had dwindled significantly. Election coverage was gone from the projector. Instead, a slide show of Drazan campaign images flashed across the screen.

Although many election analysts had predicted a national Democratic wave Tuesday night,

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Curry County midterm election turnout hits 62 percent

Staff

Curry County saw 11,862 voters cast ballots as of Tuesday evening on election night with 62.65 percent of the active registered voters hitting the polls.

Only one contested race was on the ballot this term, Curry county commissioner position 1 has Lynn Coker as the unofficial winner with 5,781 votes, with challenger Jeremy Dumire garnering 4,127 votes.

Retaining their positions and running unopposed were: Brookings Mayor Jim Jollity, Brookings Council pos. 3 John Herzog, and Council pos. 4 Tony bond.

City of Gold Beach Council pos. 1, Cory Southern, pos. 3, Christine Stephenson will serve on the council running unopposed, pos. 5 had no candidate file for the election.

Margot Truini and Sara Lovendahl won spots on the City of Port Orford Council, running unopposed, one spot on the council remains open.

Soil and Water district has an open spot and Jonathan Giska was elected without a challenger to Director at Large.

The Harbor Water Peoples Utility District Director Tom Beene ran unopposed in subdivision 2, subdivision 1 remains open with no-one running in that race.

State Results

Tina Kotek will serve another four-year term. Kotek received, as of Tuesday evening, 795,725 votes to challenger Kristine Drazan who received 699,400 votes. 57 percent of the votes cast for Governor in Curry County were for Drazan.

Federal Results

Jeff Merkley will serve another term in Washington as Oregon's US Senator. Merkley won 56.57 percent of the vote or 864,411 giving the incumbent the knod. Merkley's Republican challenger, David Brock Smith received 619,239 votes or 40.53 percent of the ballots cast.

Susanne Bonamici will remain as the 1st District US Representative for Oregon beating out Barbara J Kohl 154,258 votes to Kahl's 67,166 votes.

Oregon will send a Republican to the US House of Representatives in the 2nd District, Cliff Bentz beat out Chris Beck 185,635 votes to Beck's 115,706 votes.

Mazine Deter will represent the 3ed district as Oregon's Representative beating out Loran Ayles.

US Representative Val Hoyle edged out Monique Despain, 148,193 votes to Despain's 117,593 for Oregon's 4th District. In the 5th District race, Janelle Bynum beat out Republican challenger Patti Adair, 166,185 to 134,477.

In Oregon's US Representative 6th District Andrea Salinas, the Democrat nominee, edged out David Russ with 113,919 an nearly 58 percent of the vote.

All election results are unofficial until certified. For more election information, visit: https://results.oregonvotes.gov/Default.aspx

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Education

Higher education and career path skills

Beginning with students receiving diplomas on or after Jan. 1, 2027, Oregon students earning an Oregon Diploma must complete a half-credit in Higher Education and Career Path Skills.

Created under Senate Bill 3, the new requirement is part of the existing 24 credits required for graduation and does not increase the total number of credits students must earn.

Despite its name, Higher Education and Career Path Skills, commonly referred to as HECPS, is not limited to preparing students for college. The course helps students develop practical skills for education, training and employment.

Students learn how to prepare resumes, complete job applications and participate in interviews. They also explore colleges, financial aid, scholarships, apprenticeships and other training opportunities while developing employability, self-advocacy and workplace skills.

"The course supports students as they research the education their intended career will require, while also developing skills that are necessary in any field," Waldport High School Language Teacher Alexandra Browne said. "It more clearly demonstrates how the skills they learn in class will apply to the workforce."

Before the pandemic, many students completed what was commonly known as a senior project. Formally called the Extended Application, the project required students to research a career and gain firsthand knowledge through activities such as job shadows or interviews with professionals in the field.

Elements of that project are now integrated into the HECPS curriculum. Instead of simply providing students with project requirements, the course supports them throughout the process and helps them connect what they are learning to their plans after graduation.

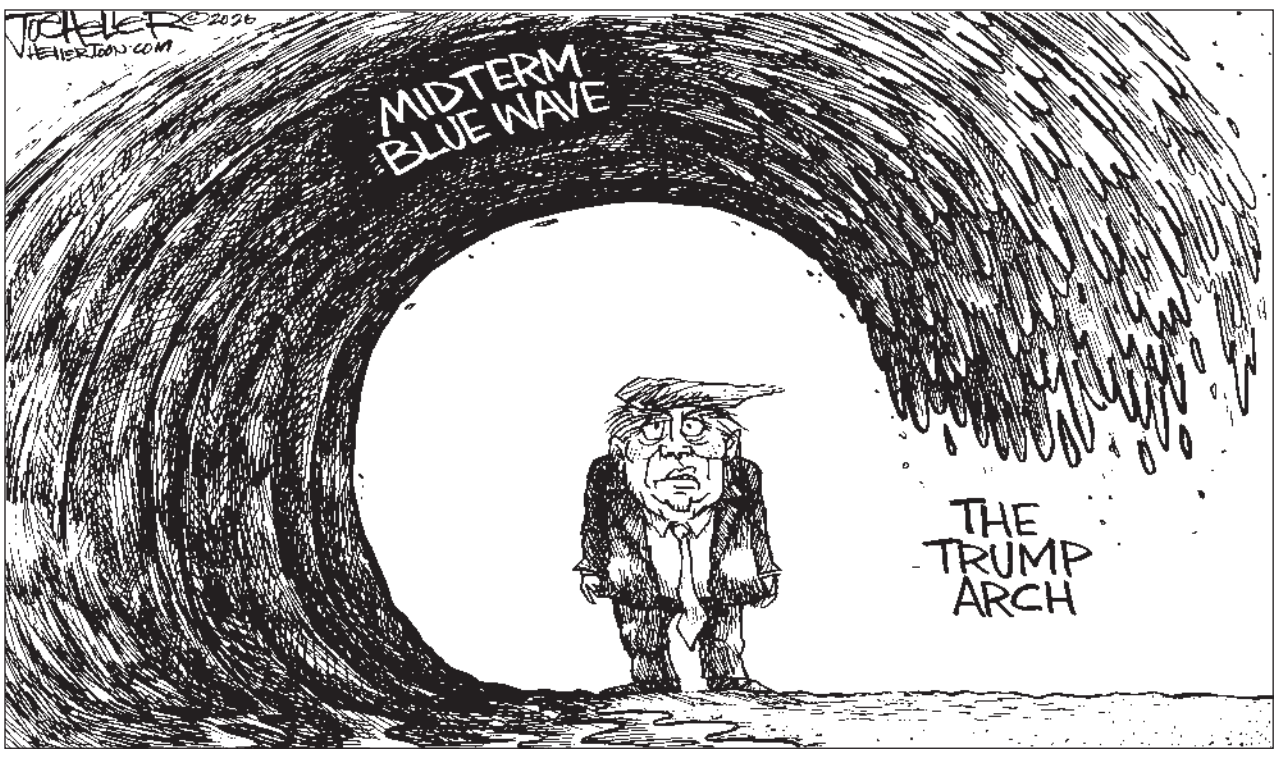
The stand-alone, semester-long course is designed primarily for juniors and seniors and includes four units focused on self-advocacy, career exploration and preparation, postsecondary readiness and workforce readiness.

Students learn how to apply for college, trade school or other training; identify career qualifications; prepare for interviews; demonstrate professionalism; and advocate for themselves in school and the workplace. The course also covers employee rights and how to seek assistance or accommodations.

Although Lincoln County School District schools have long offered college and career preparation programs, HECPS is distinctive because its curriculum is specific to Oregon. Students learn about Oregon employment laws, educational requirements, training programs and apprenticeship opportunities while exploring resources and career pathways available within the state

"Students often have a good idea of what they would like to do after graduation, but this course gives them practical, Oregon-specific information that can help them take the next step," Browne said. "It helps students see their goals as something achievable and understand how they can move from graduation into education, training, employment and future career advancement."

Whether students plan to attend a four-year university, community college or trade school, enter an apprenticeship, join the workforce or pursue another path, the course is intended to help them understand their options and navigate what comes next.



Holy Cow! History

She saw a coward; he was a war hero

By J. Mark Powell
InsideSources.com

They say you can't judge a book by its cover. More than 110 years ago, that proved truer than anyone could have believed.

By 1915, World War I was in its second year. The Great War's ghastliness was marked by trench warfare and disease, plus near-suicide-level attacks into machine-gun emplacements protected by barbed-wire entanglements. Not to mention the poison gas attacks. It was a battlefield nightmare far beyond anything mankind had ever experienced.

Consequently, the number of men stepping forward to serve in the British army was declining sharply. The burst of patriotism that had initially filled British ranks was rapidly fading. September's recruiting



numbers were less than half of January's; by December, they were even lower. Britain was forced to pass legislation implementing a draft in January 1916.

Throughout 1915, patriotic women around the United Kingdom did their part to help the enlistment drive. By then, it was obvious that a certain segment of physically fit, military-age males was perfectly content to ride out the war safely at home.

So they attacked the shirkers where it hurt most: their manhood and masculine pride.

A campaign launched the previous year sent women into public places. Whenever they saw a strapping male in his prime, out of uniform, they presented him with a single white feather.

It was a badge of shame. The association with cowardice came from cockfighting, where a white tail feather supposedly indicated inferior breeding. They were publicly calling him a coward to his face, where others could easily see.

So it was on Oct. 12. As a young Scotsman in a civilian suit walked down a street in the town of Carnoustie, a woman stepped up and placed a shameful white feather in his hand.

However, she had made a terrible mistake that Tuesday morning. The man she meant to mortify with embarrassment wasn't a coward. In fact, he was the exact opposite.

Six months earlier, that same man had spent an agonizing day on floating barges raked by Turkish machine-gun fire. (The Ottoman Empire was fighting alongside Imperial Germany and Austria-Hungary.) The 2,000-man force needed a makeshift bridge to land aboard the SS River Clyde, a coal carrier pressed into service as a troop transport. The boat had been run aground intentionally to provide cover for the soldiers who would plunge out the large doors that had been cut into her hull to attack a fortified castle above them. To reach it, the men first had to cross an impromptu bridge made up of lighters, flat-bottomed cargo barges fastened together.

That day, the lighters weren't cooperating. They refused to stay connected.

George Samson, a 26-year-old seaman in the Royal Naval Reserve, knew what had to be done. He and a handful of fellow sailors went directly into the merciless gunfire, securing the connections and rescuing the injured. Not just for a few minutes, but for several long, agonizing hours, until Samson himself was shot and injured.

While that initial attack at Gallipoli would become one of World War I's costliest disasters, Samson's efforts helped establish an important beachhead.

Samson returned to his home in Scotland. As he recovered, word came that he was receiving an award for his heroism — not just any award, either, but the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest military award for valor, the equivalent of America's Medal of Honor.

The citation noted that Samson "worked on a lighter all day under fire," attending the wounded and securing lines before being dangerously wounded himself. The honor was personally bestowed by King George V during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on Oct. 5.

Then, one week later, he was shamed for his apparent "cowardice" in his own home. And get this — just a few hours later that same day, the village of Carnoustie held a public reception honoring its hometown hero. (It's unknown whether the white feather bestower attended.)

Samson died of pneumonia seven years later at age 34.

So we are reminded again: Appearances can be deceiving. Don't jump to conclusions. And never, ever, judge a book by its cover.

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Weekly Poll

ARE YOU SURPRISED BY THE NOV. 3 ELECTION RESULTS?

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84.6% - NO

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Off the charts:
Heart Attacks, Two Ways: Understanding STEMI and NSTE

DR. GIGI REED
Guest Column



Most people talk about a "heart attack" (or MI for myocardial infarction) as though it means one thing. We in healthcare, however, distinguish between two major types: STEMI and NSTEMI. The names sound technical, but the distinction helps guide lifesaving treatment. Both involve an interruption in the oxygen supply to heart muscle. Both are medical emergencies. What differs is the pattern of injury and how one can restore or improve blood flow.

A STEMI usually occurs when a cholesterol-rich deposit, called plaque, ruptures inside a coronary artery. A blood clot forms at the site and completely blocks the artery, cutting off blood to part of the heart. On an electrocardiogram, or EKG, one can typically see a distinctive change called ST-segment elevation—the finding that gives this heart attack its name: ST elevation MI).

Treatment aims to reopen the artery immediately. Most often, that means emergency angioplasty: a doctor threads a catheter into the blocked artery, opens it with a balloon, and places a stent to help keep it open. When that procedure cannot be provided quickly enough, clot-dissolving medication may be used. The goal is straightforward: restore circulation before more heart muscle dies.

An NSTEMI is also a heart attack, but the EKG does not show that classic ST-segment elevation (NonSTEMI). Blood tests reveal heart muscle injury through increased levels of troponin, a protein released by damaged heart cells. The problem often involves a partially blocked artery, although a severe imbalance between the heart's oxygen supply and its needs can also cause this type of injury.

The absence of ST elevation does not make an NSTEMI harmless. It can cause heart failure, dangerous heart rhythms, and death. Treatment depends on the patient's condition and overall risk. We may prescribe aspirin and other medications to limit clotting, along with cholesterol-lowering statins. Many patients also need early angiography to examine the coronary arteries and determine whether a procedure is necessary. Clot-dissolving drugs are not the standard treatment for NSTEMI.

Behind both conditions, the usual underlying problem is atherosclerosis: plaque accumulating inside arteries over many years before suddenly becoming unstable. Smoking, diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated LDL cholesterol, kidney disease, and advancing age all increase risk. A heart attack may seem to come out of nowhere, but it often reflects a disease process that has been developing quietly for decades.

NSTEMI is now more common than STEMI in many settings, partly because testing detects smaller injuries and partly because populations are older and have more accompanying illnesses. Better treatment has improved outcomes, but neither diagnosis should invite complacency.

The most important knowledge is not their distinctions, but recognizing symptoms such as chest pressure, shortness of breath, sweating, nausea, jaw pain, or/and discomfort spreading into an arm that might deserve urgent attention.

Whether it is STEMI or NSTEMI, early recognition and prompt treatment offer the best chance of protecting the heart—and saving a life.

Leaving Germany after college, Dr. Gudrun (Gigi) Reed spent over 20 years as a scientist in the U.S. She holds four patents in DNA research and was a university professor. Today she is busy as co-medical director for hospice, acute rehabilitation and practices family medicine in Brookings, OR. Gigireedmd@gmail.com

What to know about Oregon's 2026 election results

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Nationally, the electoral blue wave Democrats hoped for turned out to be more of a tsunami, washing away longtime Republican strongholds.

In Oregon, where Democrats have been in the majority for decades, Democratic gains were more modest. The state will send U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley and its six incumbent members of Congress — five Democrats and one Republican — back to Washington, D.C., and give Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek another four years in Mahonia Hall.

And Democrats are on track to start the 2027 legislative session with slightly larger supermajorities in both the House and Senate.

Election officials will continue processing and counting ballots received by 8 p.m. or that were postmarked by Election Day, and some current leads, especially in close races, may change. The Capital Chronicle relies on The Associated Press' race calls to name winners or losers in individual contests.

Here's what we know so far.

Congress

Democrats have flipped both the U.S. House and Senate, securing 228 of 435 House seats and 54 of 100 Senate seats as of 1 a.m. Wednesday.

The Associated Press has yet to call 68 House seats, as well as Senate races in Alaska and Mississippi.

Republican incumbent Sen. Dan Sullivan narrowly leads Democratic U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola in Alaska, which uses ranked-choice voting. If no candidates in the four-way race receive more than 50% of first-preference votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and their voters will move to their second-choice candidate.

In Mississippi, Democrat Scott Colom led Republican incumbent Cindy Hyde-Smith by fewer than 50 votes in a true tossup.

Gov. Tina Kotek will get another four years to continue working on priorities including housing, behavioral health and standing up to the Trump administration.

The Associated Press called Kotek's win over Republican state Sen. Christine Drazan shortly before 1 a.m., a few hours after Kotek declared victory.

"Because of your work and support, I am proud to stand here as your next governor of the beautiful state of Oregon," Kotek told hundreds of supporters at the Hilton Portland Downtown. "I hope it's OK, but we have four more years together."

Drazan, who also lost to Kotek in 2022, declined to concede Tuesday night.

"Now, all the votes haven't been counted, and I am continuing to pray for the victory for us," Drazan told supporters at her Hillsboro watch party. "But as they are hard at work counting every last eligible vote, I wanted to come out and tell you guys that this state continues to be worth fighting for. There is nothing I wouldn't do to serve the people of this state and make life better for all of you and all of your neighbors, and every single person that lives here, because we desperately need it."

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polling of the Oregon governor's race suggested Kotek might be in trouble. One survey placed her approval ratings at about the same as President Donald Trump's.

The Cook Political Report, a respected national publication, put it this way in a final update before Tuesday's election: "Oregon's gubernatorial race is one of the rare races moving in Republicans' direction despite the national climate."

Drazan had hoped to follow in the footsteps of the last member of her party to hold that office. Republican Vic Atiyeh lost to Democrat Bob Straub in the post-Watergate midterms of 1974, only to drub the incumbent Straub in a 1978 rematch by 10 points. Atiyeh then won reelection in 1982.

Drazan focused her campaign on Kotek's record—and the state's lack of progress on housing, mental health and education, the three areas Kotek promised to improve after she won in 2022.

Kotek spent much of the $22 million her campaign raised on ads that tied Drazan to the president.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), who was reelected handily Tuesday night, summed up the evening for the Democratic faithful at the Hilton.

"We are saying 'hell no!' to Trump tonight," Merkley said.

At 9:25, Kotek took the stage, beaming. "I am proud to stand here as your next governor," she said. "We have four more years together."

In a speech that lasted less than 10 minutes, Kotek made it clear she would pursue the same strategy that won her reelection: focusing on Oregonians' intense dislike of the president. If Trump wants to take away Oregonians' health care or their right to abortion or hand out more tax breaks to the wealthy, Kotek said, "we're going to fight back."

At 10 pm, Drazan took to the stage to address supporters in a speech that also lasted less than 10 minutes.

She said although Kotek had declared victory, she was not ready to concede.

"All the votes haven't been counted, and I am continuing to pray for a victory," she added.

The crowd cheered and supporters waved campaign signs.

"We will not go quietly. This place deserves a fight. This place deserves for us to continue to stand up. This place deserves for us to win," Drazan said.

She said Kotek's campaign made the race about national politics while hers was "hopeful and optimistic and visionary."

As the last of Drazan's supporters filtered out and gold and red pom-poms were collected from empty tables, Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" played. (While no local outlet had called the race by 10:25 pm, CNN and CBS News both declared Kotek the winner.)

At the Hilton, Felisa Hagins, executive director of the statewide council for Service Employees International Union, a top Kotek supporter, said she wasn't surprised at the governor's apparent comfortable victory. "It's all about turnout," Hagins said. "And turnout drives the margin."

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

A vacant seat on your Electric Co-op's board is open for Gold Beach.

Board of Directors Seeks Letters of Interest

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is seeking qualified members to fill an upcoming director vacancy representing District 3 (Gold Beach).

Because this vacancy occurs between annual meetings, the Board will appoint a qualified member to serve from January through June 2027. In the upcoming CCEC election, members will elect a District 3 director to a three-year term. The appointed director may run as the incumbent in the 2027 election.

Members are at the center of every decision made by Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative. Directors play a vital role in providing strategic leadership and ensuring the Cooperative remains financially sound while delivering safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

The Role of a Director

Directors are responsible for:

- Establishing policies and providing strategic oversight
- Monitoring the Cooperative's financial performance and long-term direction
- Representing the interests of the entire membership when making decisions
- Participating in regular board meetings, committee work, and continuing education

The electric industry is evolving rapidly. Decisions made by the Board of Directors directly influence the Cooperative's future, including system reliability, infrastructure investments, financial stability, and the rates paid by members. Serving on the board is an opportunity to help guide the future of your Cooperative.

Who May Apply

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a qualified Oregon elector
- Be a CCEC member in good standing
- Have received electric service at their principal residence within District 3for at least one year
- Not have interests that conflict with or are adverse to those of the Cooperative

Additional eligibility requirements are contained in the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Bylaws, which are available on the CCEC website.

How to Express Interest

Interested members should submit a letter of interest including:

- Full name and contact information
- Service address
- Length of Cooperative membership
- Relevant professional, leadership, board, volunteer, and community experience
- A brief statement describing why they are interested in serving on the Board of Directors

How to submit letter of interest

- **By email:** Submit your letter of interest to marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com with the subject line Board Vacancy Interest – [Applicant Name]. PDF format is preferred.
- **By mail:** Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Marie Coleman, P.O. Box 1268, Port Orford, OR 97465
- **In person:** Letters may be delivered to the Brookings CCEC office during normal business hours.

Letters of interest must be received no later than November 25, 2026.

Appointment Process

Following review of submissions, qualified applicants may be invited to meet with the Board of Directors. The Board will then appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws.

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- Marie Coleman, Executive Assistant
  Phone: (541) 661-1394
  Email: marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com

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Clinton Benhart Adams, "Ben"

March 22nd, 1943 – October 29, 2026



A lifelong resident of Gold Beach, Clinton Benhart Adams, known to many as "Ben" and lovingly called "Pa" by his family, passed away peacefully at home on October 29, 2026.

Ben is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Peggy Adams; brothers Fred and Jim Adams; sister June Allen; daughter Tammy Adams & husband Leroy; and son Jeremy Benhart Adams. A cherished Pa to granddaughter Trisha Zepeda & husband Adam; grandson Lucas Hubbard & wife Sarah and three great-grandchildren, Murphie Jo Zepeda, Arlo Benhart Zepeda and Rhyatt Benhart Hubbard.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, Shirley Long, Clinton Johnson and Bob Adams; brothers Verlin Ellingston and Steven Leo Johnson; sister Diane Naber; and son Clinton Benhart Adams Jr.

Jean Marie (Rose) Whaley

December 18, 1948 - October 23, 2026



Jean Marie (Rose) Whaley, a longtime resident of Brookings, passed away on October 23, 2026 at the age of 77.

Jean was born on December 18, 1948, in Taunton, Massachusetts, to Ester and Andrew Rose.

Jean is survived by her daughters, Stephanie (Scott) and Angelique (Chris); her beloved granddaughters, Olivia, Gabrielle, Monet, and Savannah; her siblings, Andrew (Bev) Rose, Christine Ward, and Lorraine Swigert; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jean will be lovingly remembered by her family and all those whose lives she touched.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 14th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at W.J. Ward Memorial Cemetery.

Oregon delegation celebrates federal support

Last week, Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley led Oregon Congressional Delegation members—including Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Val Hoyle (OR-04), Andrea Salinas (OR-06), Maxine Dexter (OR-03), and Janelle Bynum (OR-05)—to announce that after pressure from the delegation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will purchase hazelnuts and Pacific Whiting fillets under the agency's Section 32 purchase program. These purchases will benefit communities and rural economies across Oregon by supporting domestic production and distribution of these agricultural goods during periods of significant market disruption and economic uncertainty.

"Our fisheries and farms deliver incredible products all around the world and are the lifeblood of our communities," said Merkley, who led the Oregon delegation in pressing USDA to include hazelnuts and whiting in its latest food purchase. "This announcement ensures Oregon's harvesters, processors, and producers will receive critical financial assistance needed to continue operating and providing services here in Oregon and beyond. I am elated the USDA has decided to make these purchases—this is a win for communities across our state."

"Iconic state industries like agriculture and fishing count on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do its job and support Oregonians working hard to keep producing their world-class goods," said Wyden. "I'm glad the full-court press from the delegation has unlocked this win for Oregonians fishing Pacific whiting and growing hazelnuts."

"Oregonians know that hazelnuts and seafood are some of the state's most popular and delicious products," said Bonamici. "Our growers and producers work tirelessly and bolster the local economy. I'm glad the USDA is making this investment."

"These investments from the USDA will support the people who harvest, process and bring Pacific Whiting fish and hazelnuts to market," said Hoyle. "By putting Oregon fishermen and farmers first, we're boosting our coastal and rural economies."

"Oregon's specialty crop growers are the backbone of our economy, but too many are struggling with rising costs and uncertain markets," said Salinas. "In the Willamette Valley, generations of farmers have depended on the hazelnut industry for their livelihoods. That's why I joined my colleagues in pushing USDA to purchase Oregon hazelnuts and Pacific whiting. These purchases will provide much-needed support for our growers and fishing communities while putting more Oregon-grown and Oregon-caught food onto kitchen tables. I'm proud we secured this win for Oregon producers, and I'll keep fighting to make sure our specialty crop farmers have the markets and resources they need to succeed."

"Oregon's farmers and fishermen work hard to feed our communities, and they deserve a federal government that stands behind them," said Dexter. "Our delegation pushed USDA to act, and these $34 million in purchases will support Oregon's hazelnut growers and fishermen during a difficult economic stretch. This investment will help sustain local jobs, strengthen rural and coastal economies, and get nutritious food to families who need it."

"Our farmers are putting in the work every day to keep Oregon families fed," said Bynum. "And they're not just helping put food on the table, they're keeping money with our families, creating good jobs close to home, and giving people what they need to put down roots here in Oregon. Money back in our state and with our farmers is a win-win."

Previously, Merkley and the Oregon delegation pressed the USDA to include Pacific whiting and Oregon hazelnuts, which account for 99 percent of hazelnuts produced in the United States, in this year's Section 32 purchases. Following their efforts, the USDA announced it was purchasing $22 million in hazelnuts and $12 million in seafood.



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Oregon House

Democrats are on track to control a record number of state House seats in 2027 if current leads hold.

Democrats are leading in each of the 37 districts they held going into the election, as well as two held by Republicans.

Michael Welsh, an occupational safety professional from Keizer, held a nearly 10-point lead in the 21st House District over Rep. Kevin Mannix, a Salem Republican who has been a consistent fixture in state politics for decades.

And in the open 52nd House District in the Gorge, 25-year-old former journalist Hank Sanders had a nearly 10-point lead over Wasco County Commissioner Scott Hege.

The only close House races are in Linn County, where Republican Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis leads Democrat Joanna Robinson by more than 3 points, and on the North Coast, where Rep. Cyrus Javadi leads Republican Max Sherman by 4 points.

Oregon Senate

Democrats are on track to add one seat to their Senate supermajority, with former Salem City Councilor Virginia Stapleton leading former state Rep. Tracy Cramer in the race to fill Republican Kim Thatcher's 11th Senate District.

If her 10-point lead holds, Stapleton will be the 30-member Senate's 19th Democrat.

In two other open races, Republicans Jeff Helfrich and Courtney Bangs grew their leads as more results became available. Helfrich, a current state representative, now has a 4-point lead in the 26th Senate District in the Gorge and Bangs, a Wasco County commissioner, leads by 5 points in the 16th Senate District on the North Coast.

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Coastal Caucus hosts economic summit

Will Chappell
Country Media

More than 200 local, state and federal elected officials, government agency staffers and businesspeople gathered at the Seaside Convention Center on October 29, for the Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit.

Throughout the day, presenters discussed different aspects of the coast's economy, ranging from tourism to mariculture in keynote speeches, while discussing challenges to and opportunities for future innovation.

Coastal Caucus Vice Chair Senator David Brock Smith welcomed attendees to the summit on behalf of Representative Court Boice, the caucus's chair, who was unable to attend the conference due to illness. Smith read a statement recognizing Senator Suzanne Weber and Representative Boomer Wright, both of whom are leaving the legislature at the end of the year and recognized the dozen or so state legislators who were in attendance, including Senate President Rob Wagner.

Smith then pivoted to the summit's purpose, saying that the coast is not merely a postcard for the state but a meaningful contributor to its economy. The state's fish economy brought in $517 million in household income for more than 10,000 Oregonians statewide last year, Smith said, with total economic activity topping $1 billion, while the tourism economy, to which the coast is a major contributor, generated $14.5 billion in economic activity statewide.

Workforce shortages, infrastructure challenges and other issues particular to the coast face local economies, Smith said, with the summit convened annually to give policy makers and industry leaders a chance to step outside Salem to identify what's working and what isn't when it comes to advancing the coastal economy. Smith said the coastal caucus had a long history of achieving results on a bipartisan basis, pointing to the Pacific Coast intermodal Port project in Coos Bay receiving $205 million in federal funding as an example.

Smith then turned the stage over to Weber, who introduced Travel Oregon Executive Director Kate Sinner to discuss the economic impact of tourism on the coast.

Tourism

Sinner introduced herself, saying that she had grown up in Washington taking trips to explore the Oregon Coast with her family and would be discussing the impact of tourism and the support Travel Oregon provides to local communities.

Travel Oregon is the state's official tourism office, formed in 2003 to establish Oregon as a destination for business and leisure travel. The organization receives funding from the statewide transient lodging tax (TLT) and aims to bring tourists into the state while helping communities be the best they can, Sinner said.

Of the organization's approximately $40 million annual budget, 30% of funding is invested in Oregon communities, with 65% of funding going to other efforts, mostly promotion and asset development, Sinner said. Travel Oregon sends around $1.1 million to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association annually to help with those efforts on the coast.

Since Travel Oregon was founded in 2003, Sinner said that travel spending in the state has more than doubled, with the tax revenue generated nearly tripling, positively impacting the state, with an outsize benefit to the coast.

The $14.5 billion in statewide economic activity generated by visitors last year helped to support 123,000 jobs, with the coast accounting for $2.6 billion in activity and 26,000 jobs. Broken down further, the north coast, consisting of Clatsop and Tillamook Counties saw $941 million in visitor-generated economic activity and 9,800 jobs generated by tourism, the central coast, Lincoln and Lane Counties, saw $1.07 billion and 10,880 jobs, and the south coast, Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties, saw $579 million and 6,070 jobs.

Out of $5 billion in direct travel spending across the state in 2025, Oregonians accounted for 37%, other Americans accounted for 57% and international visitors comprised the remaining 6%. Sinner said the last figure represented a drop from the pre-pandemic era, when international visitors regularly made up 10-12% of spending.

In terms of visitor numbers, the 558,000 international tourists that visited the state last year represented 14% fewer than in 2024 and 25% fewer than in 2019. Canadian visitors, by far the largest cohort, were down 25% from 2024, with coastal Canadian visitor numbers down 43% year over year.

Sinner then broke down visits seasonally, saying that 32% of tourism spending had occurred in the summer, with 25% in the fall, 24% in the spring and 19% in the winter. Sinner said that Travel Oregon was focused on increasing visits in the shoulder seasons, with one example being a focus on promoting king tides that occur in the late fall and winter at the coast.

Travel Oregon uses a destination stewardship approach when considering its spending, working to balance economic benefits, environmental conservation and engaging experiences, Sinner said.

Sinner touted Oregon's recent designation by Wheel the World as the first accessibility verified state in the nation, achieved by working with over 800 businesses across the state to assess their accessibility and create itineraries designed around accommodating specific travelers' needs. Sinner also said the organization focused outreach on improving visitor behavior and shared several spots from a new campaign promoting tourism in the state that she said have driven a 23% increase in traffic to the organization's website.

Opportunities for coastal mariculture

Following Sinner's presentation, the group split into several breakout sessions, with one focused on mariculture moderated by Tyson Rasor, the director of coastal communities and fisheries at Ecotrust.

Rasor introduced the panel by saying that its members worked for organizations that are part of the Oregon Coastal Mariculture Collaborative. Consisting of Ecotrust, the Oregon Aquaculture Association, the Oregon Kelp Alliance, Oregon Sea Grant and the Nature Conservancy. The collaborative focuses on restorative mariculture, which Rasor explained is a subset of aquaculture consisting of the cultivation of marine organisms for food in seawater, with a focus on shellfish and seaweed. Rasor said that mariculture could be used to both restore maritime ecosystems and create economic opportunities.

Tom Calvanese, director of the Oregon Kelp Alliance, said that between 2010 and 2022, the Oregon coast had lost 70% of its kelp forest, consistent with worldwide trends.

Calvanese then discussed a restoration project the alliance undertook at Macklyn Cove near Port Orford, which consisted of removing some 600,000 urchins from a 3.5-acre area, allowing wild kelp to return before releasing more than 100 sunflower sea stars. Calvanese also discussed efforts by his organization to grow kelp spores and remove them from crab gear before using them to reseed areas where kelp has disappeared.

These efforts also provide economic opportunities as some urchins removed from kelp beds can be fattened up in onshore "ranches" and marketed as Uni, popular in Japanese cooking, while farmed kelp generates marketable products and restored forests provide habitat for rockfish.

Alexandra Kaminski, a master's student in marine resource management at (OSU) University, discussed her research into funding mechanisms for mariculture endeavors. Kaminski said that mariculture farms provide quantifiable benefits for biodiversity that could be translated into a dollar figure and used to sell credits to buyers seeking to meet corporate responsibility pledges or support environmental sustainability. Kaminski said that a government agency or nonprofit could create the program and manage the credits, with 87% of growers she had interviewed saying they would be interested in participating in such a program.

Kaminski clarified that such a program would be the first of its type in the country and acknowledged it would create lots of questions but said it was an idea she felt held promise to promote mariculture.

Dick Vander Schaaf, associate conservation director of the Oregon coast and marine program at the Nature Conservancy, discussed opportunities for expanding mariculture on the Oregon coast. Vander Schaaf said that his organization had looked at 15 bays in the state as well as offshore areas and evaluated their

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Police Blotter

The police blotter is an excerpt of a public record of incidents as reported by law-enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. The information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For a list of missing items found in the Brookings area, you can visit the police services page of the city of Brookings website at www.brookings.or.us/134/police-services and follow the link near the bottom of the page.

Tuesday, October 27

12:17 am, North Bank Chetco River Rd, traffic crash.

12:47 am, Highway 101, criminal trespass.

6:33 am, Hwy 101 MP 363, traffic crash.

10:15 am, Hemlock St, fire alarm.

11:35 am, Pioneer Rd, hit & run.

12:04 pm, Ocean Park Ct, dispute/fight.

1:50 pm, Chetco Ave, harassment.

2:49 pm, North Bank Chetco River Rd, assault.

4:14 pm, Elk Dr, criminal trespass.

Sunday, November 1

1:02 am, Hwy 101, juvenile problem.

1:21 am, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.

2:09 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.

4:23 am, 5th St, dispute/fight.

10:23 am, Tuttle Ln, intoxicated subject.

11:19 am, Bayview Dr, juvenile problem.

11:47 am, Chetco Ave, civil problem.

1:34 pm, Pioneer Rd, alarm.

10:06 pm, Chetco Ave, alarm.

Monday, November 2

10:16 am, Ocean Park Ct, civil problem.

10:19 am, Mountain Dr, stalking.

12:15 pm, Mountain Dr, identity theft.

1:40 pm, Hwy 101 N, harassment.

3:14 pm, Whalesshead Beach P-Lot, unlawful entry motor vehicle.

4:06 pm, English Ct, violation restraining order.

5:25 pm, Shopping Center Ave, dispute/fight.

Calendar of Events

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All Year Long

- Beyond 250 Oral History Project, Chetco Library. Anyone who has called Brookings-Harbor home is welcome to share lived experiences for the oral history project. Learn more and sign up at chetcolibrary.org/Beyond250.

Mondays

- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. $2 minimum donation.
- Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

Tuesdays

- Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, Brookings Botanical Garden: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.
- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
- Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Activities for youth ages 10-13.
- Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
- Amateur Radio Net, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm (147.18); DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm (146.88).
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- Ukulele Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.

Wednesdays

- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
- Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 9:30 am. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. $2 minimum donation.
- 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. 541-412-8664.
- Afternoon Creation Station, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop-in activities for school-aged kids.
- Recorder Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.
- Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. All skill levels welcome. Bob K: 701-269-7822.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Thursdays

- Rowdy Creek String Band, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players.
- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Weekly chess club for all ages and skill levels.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class. Participants should be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
- Recreational Table Tennis, 102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Intermediate players welcome; bring your own paddle.
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, impr over 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. $2 donation. Jean: 541-251-8998.

Fridays

- Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.
- 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. 541-412-8664.
- Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
- Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

Wednesday, November 11

- Chetco Library closed in observance of Veterans Day

- Gold Beach Veterans Day Ceremony
Wednesday, November 11 Curry County Veterans Memorial, 54079 Shirley Lane, Gold Beach: 11:00 am. The program will include speakers, an honor guard, a rifle salute and a possible F-15 flyover, weather permitting.
- Brookings Veterans Day Ceremony
- Wednesday, November 11 VFW Post 966, 507 Pacific Ave., Brookings: 11:00 am.
The ceremony will discuss the meaning of Veterans Day and include a flag retirement by Scouts BSA Troop 32, an honor guard and three-gun salute, presentation of the new commemorative brick layout, and a possible F-15 flyover by the 173rd Fighter Wing, subject to weather and flight timing.
- Brookings Elks Lodge Veterans Dinner Wednesday, November 11
Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Dr.: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
Chicken cordon bleu, au gratin potatoes, vegetables and a roll, with desserts by Emblem Club 265. Veterans eat free; guests are $20. RSVP at 541-469-2169.
Comic Quest Book Club
- Thursday, November 12 Chetco Library: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
Tweens and young teens will discuss Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian by Tim Probert in the Forest Room.
- Pub Grub Book Club

Thursday, November 12

Misty Mountain Brewing: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.
Adult fans of comics and graphic novels will discuss issues 1-24 of the Saga Compendium by Brian K. Vaughan. Getting Involved in Oregon's "Micro Space Program"

Thursday, November 12

SWOCC Curry Campus Community Room, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, and online: 6:00 pm.
Free all-ages STEAM Pathways lecture with Portland State University's Andrew Greenberg. Watch online at youtube.com/@southwesternOR/streams.
Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Thursday, November 12 - Sunday, November 15
Chetco Library: hours vary. Browse thousands of used books at bargain prices; proceeds benefit Friends of the Chetco Library. Full schedule at chetcolibrary.org.

Brookings-Harbor Community Bazaar
Saturday, November 14
Azalea Middle School gym and Brookings-Harbor High School cafeteria, corner of Pacific and Pioneer streets: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Free admission, more than 100 craft vendors and food trucks. Free parking is available in both school lots.
Bayberry String Quartet

Sunday, November 15

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brookings: 3:00 pm. The quartet will perform music by Mozart, Erwin Schulhoff, Osvaldo Golijov and Beethoven. Admission is $20 for adults and free for ages 18 and younger. Tickets are available at ppadelnorte.org/events or at the door.
Writers' Club

Wednesday, November 18

Chetco Library: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Local writers gather in the Forest Room for creative writing prompts, sharing and constructive feedback.
Oregon Shakespeare Festival Performances and Workshops

Thursday, November 19

Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
An evening of workshops and two short performances. Seating is limited; registration is required for performances and workshops.
Lego Club

Thursday, November 19

Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.
Build with Legos individually or in teams in the Children's Section; creations will be showcased on library shelves. Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Friday, November 20

Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
International Games Month tournament for teams of two, recommended for adults and puzzlers ages 10 and older. Team registration is required at chetco.librarycalendar.com. Meet the Author: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Paulsen

Saturday, November 21

Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.
The local author, speaker and New Thought minister will discuss her newest book, That's a Good Thought: Daily Wisdom in an Uncertain World.
Craft'n'Connect with Kim

Wednesday, November 25

Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
Free monthly crafting workshop for adults. Registration is required and supplies are limited.
Look-Back Book Club

Wednesday, November 25

Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.
Teens 16 and older and adults revisit a childhood classic in the Annex Conference Room; see library social media or chetcolibrary.org for the November selection.
Monthly Drum Circle

Wednesday, November 25

Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Drop in to play percussion or listen in the Forest Room; all percussion instruments, including hand clapping, are welcome.
Chetco Library closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday

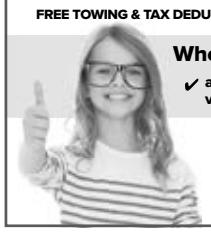
Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27

Book Talk Book Club
Saturday, November 28
Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Discussion of Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman in the Quiet Reading Room.
Pacific Music Guild Holiday Concerts

Wednesday, December 2 - Thursday, December 3

Crescent Elk Middle School Auditorium, 994 G St., Crescent City: 7:00 pm both evenings. North Coast Chorale, Redwood Chamber Singers and North Coast Youth Choir present an evening of holiday music. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for youth and free for children age 5 and younger. Advance tickets are available at Del Norte Office Supply and Wright's Custom Framing, with tickets also available at the door.

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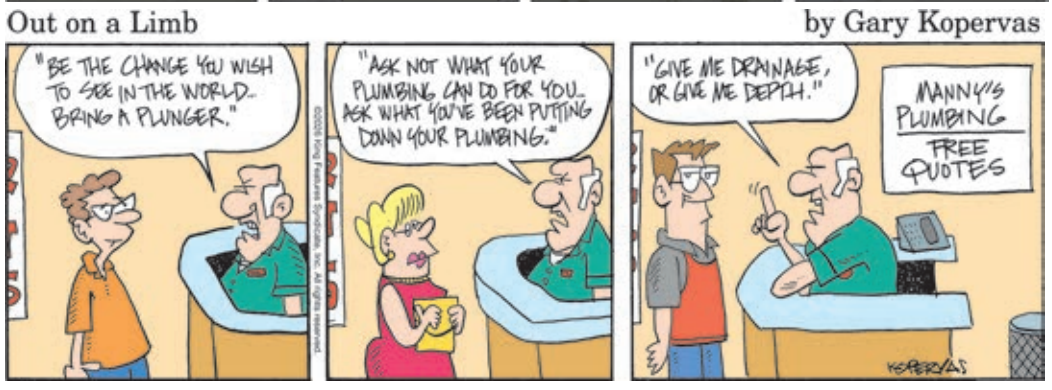
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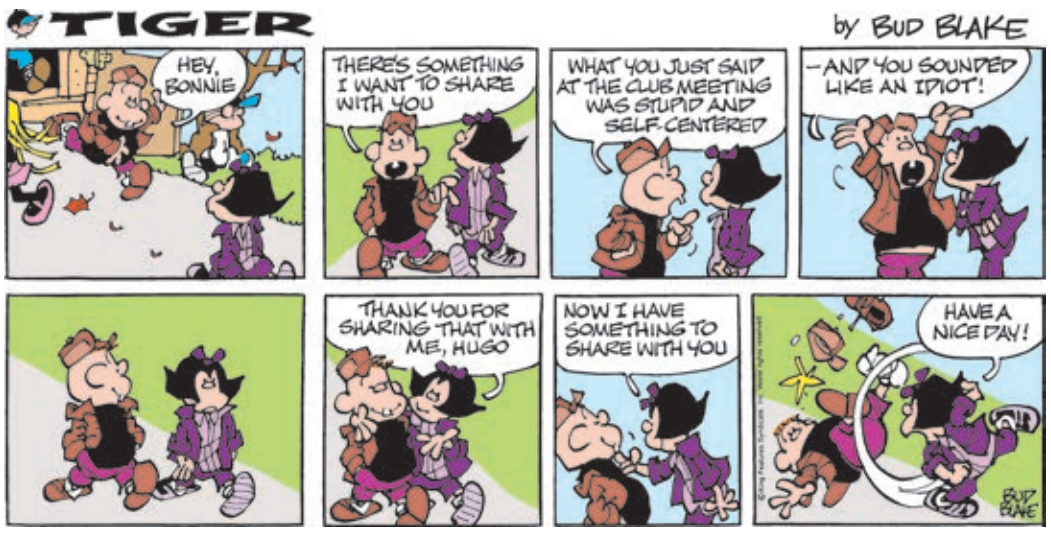
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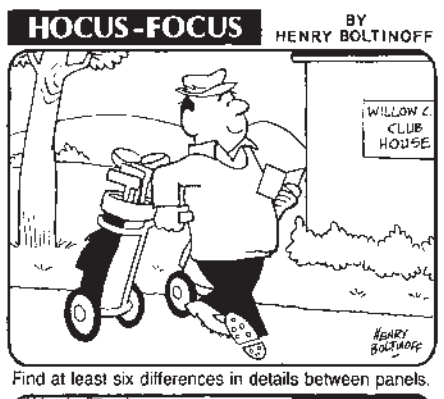
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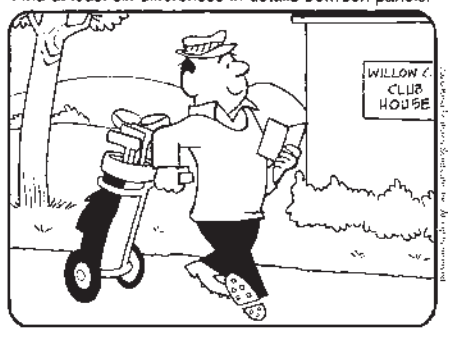


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bushes are taller. 2. Tree trunk is different. 3. Wheel is different. 4. Man is thinner. 5. Scorecard is longer. 6. Hair is different.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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 tria and error.

Clue: **N** equals **H**

YS Y CDYZJ' JLXUQDJ CYZ, L'P SNLXRLXU SND PIJS MIPPIX WLMRKW QLXD TIKQA CD "TNYS'J KZJLXD?"

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SCRAMBLERS

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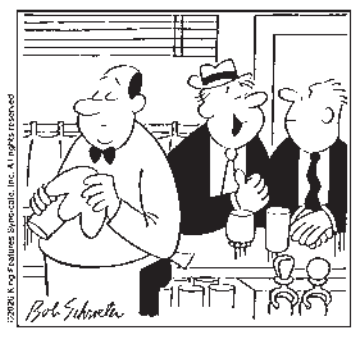
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TODAY'S WORD

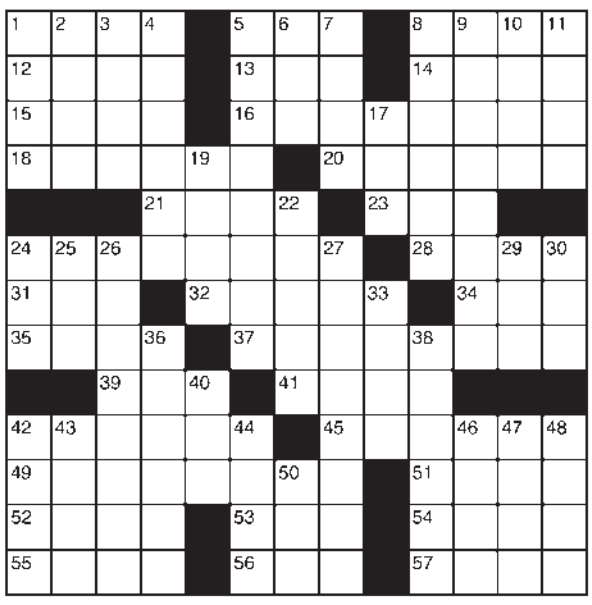


"No, I'm not a lawyer — he calls me '_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _' because I spend so much time at the bar!"

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King Crossword



ACROSS

1 Eye drop
5 Gullet
8 Grime
12 Jazz singer James
13 Financial pro
14 Body sci.
15 Hearty dish
16 Abraham Lincoln's birthplace
18 Arm bones
20 Craig of "Skyfall"
21 Ms. Rowlands
23 Qt. fractions
24 George Washington's birthplace
28 Planted, as seed
31 Anger
32 Bellini opera
34 Steal from
35 Shade of blue
37 Gerald Ford's birthplace
39 Always, in verse
41 Venue
42 Subway line in an Ellington song
45 Saint of Avila
49 Harry S. Truman's birthplace
51 Farm team
52 Worry
53 Ring decision
54 Noggin
55 Disarray
56 Junior
57 Spanish for "this"

DOWN

1 TV/radio host John
2 Words to Brutus
3 "Up and —!"
4 Steak tartare ingredient
5 "Barbie" actress Kate
6 Chest-beating beast
7 Wizard's prop
8 Intimidates
9 Cutting teeth
10 Croupier's tool
11 Texter's sign-off
17 Phone bug
19 Check
22 Buenos —
24 Sportscaster Scully
25 Roth svgs. plan
26 Flip-flops
27 Aspiration
29 Stir-fry vessel
30 Cagers' gp.
33 Prado display
36 Bakery supplies
38 Bacteriologist's study
40 Brazilian city
42 Bands on radios
43 Lose energy
44 Crazy
46 Alimony recipients
47 Bicycle part
48 — Domini
50 Former MGM rival

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Weekly SUDOKU

6		2	4				3	
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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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of South Carolina?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to Mount Kilimanjaro?
3. COMICS: Who is Wonder Woman's mother?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What is kombucha?
5. MOVIES: What is the main family's name in "The Godfather" movies?
6. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the novel "The Martian"?
7. MATH: How many sides does a heptadecagon have?
8. TELEVISION: What is the name of the women's prison in "Orange is the New Black"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are espadrilles?
10. HISTORY: What was the main marketplace in ancient Greece called?

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Cartoonist's set-up

F	I	R	S	T	Having no predecessor
					Loses energy
					Church feature
					Backbone
					Ski mecca
					Section of a wall

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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SCRAMBLERS Solution

1. Troupe; 2. Orient 3. Dosage; 4. Curdle

Today's Word: COUNSELOR

P	A	N	E	L	
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FiveSpot solution

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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CryptoQuip answer

At a bears' singles bar, I'm thinking the most common pickup line would be "What's ursine?"

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Trivia Answers

1. Columbia
2. Tanzania, Africa
3. Queen Hippolyta
4. Fermented tea
5. Corleone
6. Andy Weir
7. 17
8. Litchfield Penitentiary
9. Summer footwear, usually made of canvas
10. The Agora

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suitability for harvesting 11 different species, including six shellfish and five species of seaweed to identify which locations would be best suited to which species. Vander Schaaf focused on Tillamook Bay as an example, saying that Olympia oysters would be a strong candidate for cultivation there.

Oregon Sea Grant Director Karina Nielsen discussed the hurdles in the way of achieving those projects, explaining that farmers are currently allowed to cultivate just two types of oysters, neither Olympia, nor can they cultivate other types of shellfish. Nielsen said that there was also no framework for permitting kelp or seaweed cultivation in seawater and that a legal analysis of administrative rules and statutory requirements would be needed before crafting a leasing framework for mariculture enterprises to make use of state-owned waters. Nielsen said Oregon Sea Grant was looking into that process as well as establishing pilot mariculture programs in the state.

Federal delegation panel

After the breakout sessions ended, the whole group reconvened in the main assembly hall for an update on federal developments impacting the coast, with Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley speaking first, before Representatives Suzanne Bonamici and Val Hoyle addressed the crowd.

In response to a question about healthcare on the coast, Wyden said that healthcare was the most important issue and that rural Oregon had been hit by a wrecking ball in last year's spending bill passed by Republicans. Wyden said that he had recently started an investigation into insurance companies' response with the bill with Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont and was sponsoring a bill to provide support to keep obstetrics departments open in rural hospitals. Wyden said he was also working on a bill to create a long-term care system for elderly adults that would provide homecare and lessen the reliance on nursing homes.

Asked about the economy, Wyden said President Donald Trump's tariffs need to go and touted the $205-million grant to the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port project, encouraging other mayors, city councilors and local elected officials to contact his office with similar ideas.

Merkley agreed with Wyden that the Republican spending package had been devastating to Oregon's healthcare system thanks to its impacts on Medicare and the removal of tax credits for insurance. Merkley pledged that if Democrats retake the majority in the Senate, they will reverse the cuts.

Merkley also highlighted his work with Mississippi Senator Cindy Hyde Smith to form the Office for Rural Healthcare at the Centers for Disease Control, which now receives $6 million annually. Merkley also pointed to an award of $14.5 million to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria for upgrades and the $6 billion in funding received by 19 federally qualified health clinics along the coast each year as major successes.

Merkley mentioned the Coos Bay grant as well as the recently completed work at the south jetty at the mouth of Tillamook Bay and the north jetty in Coos Bay, as well as dredging projects up and down the coast as examples of federally funded projects yielding positive economic impacts. Merkley discussed two programs he was working to help coastal community colleges develop, one for emergency medical technician training and another for a fisherman's academy and said that in addition to focusing on community colleges, he was also seeking ways to reduce the use of plastics.

Addressing educational outcomes, Bonamici said that screen time, social media, stress, isolation and artificial intelligence had created a complicated environment, necessitating a reassessment of how to best meet the needs of today's students. Bonamici said the federal government also needed to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and increase funding for low-income schools through title I.

Additionally, Bonamici said that it was important to recognize that not every student would be successful in school and continue and increase funding for career and technical education programs and initiatives like the job corps center at Tongue Point.

Hoyle agreed with Bonamici about the importance of providing alternate pathways for young people outside of college, voicing support for apprenticeship programs beyond the construction trades to help train professionals like accountants.

On the subject of housing, Hoyle and Bonamici both praised the 21st Century Road to Housing Act, passed on a bipartisan basis in 2025, providing funding for water and sewer infrastructure improvements, expanding rural housing vouchers and barring private equity ownership of single homes, among other measures.

Coastal Caucus

Members of the Coastal Caucus then took the stage to give an update on their work.

Weber said that municipal infrastructure was critical and had been a calling card for her since starting in public service. Weber voiced support for the recent increase in systems development charges in the city of Tillamook and said that she was very concerned about the states of Highways 6, 26 and 30.

Smith touted the formation of the blue economy task force by the legislature this year as a major step for the coast (see separate section for further details) and said that the state needed to invest in water distribution systems and support jobs in the industries that build and maintain them. Federal investments are needed to support fish hatcheries, Smith said, while a reduction in regulations will help support fishing boats, as will making it easier to get locally caught fish into local restaurants, schools and grocery stores.

Senator Dick Anderson stressed the importance of housing and education, while Representative David Gomberg echoed his senate colleagues' sentiments about the importance of investment in water systems and brought up the importance of emergency preparedness.

Blue economies keynote

Ephraim Froelich, a political consultant from Alaska focused on maritime economies and founder and managing principal of the consulting firm AKWA-DC, then gave a keynote address on ocean economic clusters around the country.

Froelich said that over the course of his 20-year career as a policy advisor in Washington D.C. and Alaska, he has seen the conception of ocean-based economic activity to expand from encompassing just fishing and transportation, to technological innovations and coastal resilience and energy projects, among other activities.

Discussing the possibilities presented by ocean economic clusters, Froelich focused in on the example of Iceland, where fish processors, researchers, investors and startups collocated around ports to spur economic innovation. One of the most notable successes of the model has been the move to use 100% of a fish, which Froelich said increases the value of an Atlantic Cod from $12 per fish when 40% is used to a stunning $5,000 per fish when 99% is used.

That ocean cluster model has come to the United States, with clusters in Portland, Maine, and Massachusetts on the east coast as well as clusters in each of the west coast states and around the Gulf of Mexico. Froelich said that each of the clusters had a different focus depending on its local conditions, with a cluster in northern California more focused on tech, clusters in the gulf zeroing in on petroleum and those in Alaska concerned with fishing.

Froelich also said that he was watching the blue economy task force formed by the Oregon legislature this year with anticipation, saying he had been telling people elsewhere to keep an eye on its work.

Blue economy task fore

With the lunch keynote concluded, another round of breakout talks started, with Gomberg and Brock Smith hosting a roundtable session to discuss the blue economy task force and solicit ideas.

The 18-member task force was formed by the Oregon legislature in this year's legislative session and has already met twice, including one meeting day before the summit in Cannon Beach. Oregon State Senator Janene Johnson, who represents western Washington County, said that her interest in blue economies had been piqued when she heard about the Maine cluster at a conference, leading her to propose a bill forming the task force to the Interim Committee on Energy and Environment, which the committee put forward jointly.

Smith said he felt the task force was going great and that the somewhat unusual step had been taken to form five subgroups that will investigate various aspects of the coastal economy for six months before reconvening to discuss policy and legislative changes that could help promote coastal economic growth and presenting a final report to the legislaturenext September. The five subgroups will discuss fisheries, fish processing and ports; tourism hospitality and recreation; environment, ecology, transportation and land use; workforce and education; and science and innovation. Each of the subgroups consists of three or four task force members who are looking for additional representatives to participate.

Universities' impact on coastal economies

Another keynote followed the breakouts, with OSU Associate Vice President of Economic Development and Industry Relations Rebecca Robinson discussing the institution's three coastal locations' $4.4 billion in annual economic impact. Combined, the three locations, the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Port Orford Field Station and Seafood Lab in Astoria, consist of 470,000 square feet spread across 60 acres.

The Hatfield Marine Science Center is the third largest marine lab in the nation, with $59 million in annual research expenditures by OSU and $42 million in expenditures from five collocated state and federal agencies. OSU spends a combined $5.5 million annually on research activities at other locations on the coast.

More than 700 students visit the Hatfield Marine Science Center or are based there on a yearly basis and the center has a fleet of research vessels. Robinson also highlighted the PacWave wave energy test facility, one of just two in the world, located offshore from the center. Over $100 million was invested over the course of more than a decade to bring the center online.

Pacific Coast Intermodal Port update

A group from the Port of Coos Bay then gave an update on the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port project, much discussed throughout the day after its recent federal award.

Melissa Cribbins, executive director for the intermodal port project, said that the public-private partnership was an exciting opportunity to upgrade the port's facilities and rail line, with the recent federal dollars designated to support the latter. Cribbins said the project would not be possible without support from the state and federal government.

Cribbins continued that the project team was working on a request for proposal for designs for the port and rail portions of the process and preparing to start the National Environmental Protection Act process to review the project for compliance with federal statute relating to endangered species and sensitive habitats. Both of those steps are expected to begin next year.

