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Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley.

Oregon officials urge use of ballot boxes while defending mail voting

More Oregonians had their ballots rejected for late postmarks during the May primary than in any prior election.

By JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Top Oregon elected officials on Tuesday urged Oregonians to use ballot drop boxes, not mailboxes, to return ballots in November as newly released data showed thousands of Oregonians missed having their May primary votes counted because of postal delays.

Secretary of State Tobias Read, Gov. Tina Kotek and U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, all Democrats, held a press conference at the state Capitol in Salem to reiterate their commitment to protecting Oregon's decades-long history of mail voting.

Read, the state's top election official, is seeking \$1.25 million from the Legislature's emergency board this week to add 20 drop boxes, expand a ballot tracking system used by five counties and cover other unanticipated election costs.

His funding request and the officials' comments come as the U.S. Supreme Court weighs whether the U.S. Postal Service can implement a rule that would upturn how states run elections weeks before states begin mailing ballots. Oregon is among the states that sued to block the Postal Service rule and President Donald Trump's executive order that preceded it.

Read and others said they're confident the court will block the rule, and that even if it didn't, it's too close to the election for it to practically take effect.

"School's back in session now," Read said. "You could go to any playground and ask kids, 'Does it make sense to change the rules in the middle of the game?' The answer is 'no.' It's not practical. It's not right. And we believe it's not legal."

His funding request, which the Legislature's emergency board will consider Thursday, includes roughly \$150,000 to expand the BallotTrax ballot tracking system to all 36 counties.

Voters in Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Yamhill and Washington counties have been able to sign up for text alerts to follow their ballot from when it's first mailed to them to when election workers have verified the ballot envelope signature and sorted it for counting.

It also includes \$120,000 for 20 new ballot boxes at \$6,000 apiece and \$344,000 for operational support for ballot boxes,

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Riley's Readers celebrates 10 years of helping children find joy in reading

By Barbara Thomas

Gold Beach, Oregon -- For 10 years, students at Riley Creek Elementary School in Gold Beach have had some unusually patient reading partners—ones with four paws, wagging tails and a remarkable ability to listen. Riley's Readers, a therapy-dog reading program at Riley Creek, is celebrating its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of bringing children and therapy dogs together to build reading skills, confidence and a love of books.

The idea behind the program is simple: children read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Unlike reading in front of a classroom or an adult, reading to a dog can feel relaxed and pressure-free. A therapy dog doesn't correct a missed word, become impatient during a difficult sentence or judge a child for reading slowly. The dog simply listens.

That calm companionship can make an important difference, particularly for children who are hesitant to read aloud. At Riley Creek, Riley's Readers has made that concept part of the school community. Therapy dog teams spend time with students as they choose books, settle in beside their canine reading partners and practice reading aloud.

The program is about more than getting every word right.



It is also about helping children discover that reading can be enjoyable.

For Riley's Readers, success can be measured in quiet but meaningful moments: a reluctant reader who volunteers to read another page, a child sounding out a difficult word while a dog rests nearby, or a student who begins

to associate opening a book with something positive.

Over the past decade, countless pages have been turned, stories shared and friendships formed between young readers and their four-legged listeners.

As Riley's Readers celebrates 10 years at Riley Creek Elementary School, its mission remains

wonderfully uncomplicated: give a child a good book, provide a kind and patient listener, and create a place where reading feels safe and fun. Sometimes, the best reading teacher in the room doesn't say a word.

Happy 10th Anniversary, Riley's Readers!

Rogue Watershed wildlife forage seed giveaway Sept. 24 in Central Point, Grants Pass, Gold Beach

ODFW is giving away free wildlife forage seed to Southwest Oregon area landowners on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026. The seed is free to the public from generous donations from the Rogue Valley, Curry, Josephine, and State-level Chapters of the Oregon Hunters Association, matched with federal funds granted to ODFW through the Pittman-Robertson Act's Wildlife Restoration Program.

Interested landowners are eligible for two 15-pound bags of seed which can cover at least one acre of habitat. Seed bags are available first-come, first serve and are often gone before the end of the day. The Denman Wildlife Area location will have the most bags, but the two other locations should have enough for at least 40 landowners to receive seed. This will be the second year that seed will be available in Gold Beach and Grants Pass.

Seed bags can be picked up beginning at 7 a.m. from these locations:

- ODFW Gold Beach Field Office, 29907 Airport Drive, Gold Beach.
- Denman Wildlife Area ODFW Office, 1495 East Grego-



ry Road, Central Point.

- Rogue Valley Secure Storage, 3591 Highland Avenue, Grants Pass.

The forage mix is not suitable for healthy habitats such as woodlands and grasslands dominated by native species and should not be planted on public lands. Other regional partners

including ODFW are working on those lands to improve forage and habitat conditions.

The mix is a blend of species that attract watchable wildlife, game birds, and mammals. It includes native and non-native grasses and herbaceous species that provide critical food sources for animals during fall, winter

and early spring in places where native forage is lacking or has deteriorated.

There will also be a small giveaway of a native grass/wildflower seed mixture. Seeds in this mixture were sourced from the interior Rogue Valley and will benefit native pollinators and birds.

These seeds can grow without irrigation and should be planted soon so they are ready to sprout with fall rains. Some seeds need to overwinter and will sprout in the spring. Instructions for suitable locations and how to sow seeds will also be available.

ODFW says the pasture-adapted forage species can help out-compete invasive non-native plants such as yellow star-thistle which provides very little forage value for wildlife. Understory plants also help stabilize soils and provide ground cover to control dust and reduce erosion.

Productive wildlife habitat on private lands is an essential piece of the puzzle when it comes to ODFW's mission of protecting and enhancing Oregon's native wildlife populations.

Curry Infusion Center opens, bringing cancer care closer to home

New center will provide chemotherapy, full-time oncology care and coordinated support on the Curry General Hospital campus in Gold Beach

For the Pilot

Beginning Sept. 14, Curry County residents will be able to receive chemotherapy and coordinated cancer care locally with the opening of the new Curry Infusion Center

and Oncology Clinic on the Curry General Hospital campus in Gold Beach.

For patients facing cancer, access to care close to home can make a significant difference. Until now, Curry County residents

needing chemotherapy have had to travel outside the county for treatment, adding

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Opinion & Letters

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Letter to the Editor

Why I Started Asking

I voted for Sheriff John Ward.

I later became a skeptic, not over any allegation, and I was not in office when it happened. Throughout 2023-24 I was a volunteer sitting in a chair watching Commissioner meetings, watching Curry County head toward bankruptcy — I had no vote, no office, nothing at stake but the place I live.

Fixing that revenue shortfall required nearly everyone to give up something. Department heads slashed budgets. Employees and their families absorbed them, too. Many employees lost county jobs. One office declined to help. Our own Sheriff, John Ward. Instead, Sheriff Ward and supporters twice asked taxpayers to massively raise property taxes. Though the budget crisis was real, it seemed Ward was saying “... everyone else will need to cut back to solve the problem.” For the CCSO, the status quo would be protected.

I had spent decades in

organizations large and small before any of this. A leader who exempts his own house from the sacrifice he asks of every other house has told you something about his character, and it’s never only about the budget. That is when I began asking questions — two years before I was sworn in, and three years before an investigator wrote a word. Everything since has been about answering those questions, not the reason for them.

I would rather have been wrong.

Some neighbors are not where I am yet, and I understand why. Loyalty is not a character flaw. Many people defending Ward are decent people, being decent in the wrong direction. I was one of them.

But the Curry County Sheriff’s Office was here before John Ward and will be here after him. The CCSO belongs to taxpayers and our deputies. It deserves our protection.

Lynn Coker
Curry County Commissioner



Holy Cow! History

Unsinkable Sam, the world's luckiest cat (maybe)

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

You’ve heard about the Unsinkable Molly Brown, the brassy, nouveau riche millionaire miner’s wife who made it safely off the sinking Titanic. As incredible as that was, she had nothing on a remarkably feisty feline. Because he survived not one, but three separate ship sinkings ... and in wartime, too, no less.

At least, that’s the story. Listen to it and then decide for yourself.

With that, get ready to meet Unsinkable Sam, the luckiest cat in the world.

It would be all too easy to make a lame reference to a cat having nine lives. Sam must have had at least twice that many.

Very little is known about his early life. He was



likely born in Germany because he wound up on a German battleship in World War II. For centuries, sailors kept cats with them on the high seas, partly for the companionship, partly to go after mice and rat stowaways on board.

And he wasn’t on just any old battleship, either. It was one of the biggest, most ferocious, and potentially deadliest of all: the mighty Bismarck. She was such a grave threat that even the dauntless and determined Winston Churchill was deeply worried.

So when she steamed out of port in May 1941, the British made destroying her Priority 1, 2, and 3.

Bismarck quickly sank the battleship HMS Hood, causing the Brits to dispatch dozens of warships to hunt her down. When she finally went to the bottom of the Atlantic on May

26, almost 2,100 crewmen went with her. British and German vessels picked up around 115 survivors.

One of them, the destroyer HMS Cossack, spotted something clinging to a piece of debris floating in the water. On closer look, they found it was a “tuxedo cat.” black with white markings on its mouth and chest. (Think of Sylvester in the old Looney Tunes cartoons.) He was the only survivor the Cossack found.

The cat switched sides that day, going over from the Axis to the Allies. Since the Cossack’s crew didn’t know his name, they called him Oscar. It’s theorized that they called him that because in the International Code of Signals, “O” means “man overboard.

Although his allegiance had changed, his luck hadn’t.

That fall, the Cossack was torpedoed by a Nazi U-boat west of Gibraltar. She sank on October 27, almost exactly five months after the Bismarck went down.

Once again, a drenched cat was seen clinging to a piece of debris and was once more hauled aboard a British warship, the HMS Ark Royal. In a neat twist of fate, that aircraft carrier had played a key role in

disabling the Bismarck the previous spring.

As word of the cat’s repeated ability to cheat death on the high seas spread, folks stopped calling him Oscar and gave him a new name: Unsinkable Sam. But the plucky feline had yet another rendezvous with Fate waiting right around the corner.

This time, it was the Ark Royal that was dispatched to Davy Jones’ Locker. Barely two weeks after the Cossack’s loss, another U-boat torpedoed the mighty carrier, also off Gibraltar.

A motor launch plucked a “quite angry but otherwise unharmed” Sam from the sea. He must have been thinking, “This is getting really old!”

That was the end of Sam’s adventures. The rest of his wartime serve was quietly passed as a mouser in the Governor General’s building on Gibraltar. He eventually wound up a “Home for Sailors” in Belfast, Northern Ireland, peacefully passing away at a ripe old age in 1955.

Historians are quick to pooh-pooh the story. They claim it’s riddled with more factual holes than a piece of Swiss cheese. Serious students of World War II lump it in the “tall tales” category.

Yet, it was so widely circulated around the British Isles during the war years that it seems something involving a cat at sea must have happened.

Perhaps we’ll never

Americanisms



“When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I’ll know I’m growing old.”
— Lady Bird Johnson

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Off the charts: Cataracts

By Dr. GiGi Reed, MD

Cataracts are widely recognized by name, yet many people don't truly grasp what they are—until they start noticing changes in their own vision.

In simple terms, a cataract occurs when the eye's natural lens becomes cloudy. Rather than looking through a clear window, it's more like viewing the world through a foggy or smudged pane of glass.

From a medical standpoint, cataracts usually develop gradually and painlessly as part of aging. However, certain factors—such as diabetes, smoking, steroid medications, previous eye surgery, or trauma—can speed up the process.



Patients tend to describe the experience in similar ways. Colors appear less vivid. Lights seem to have halos around them. Driving at night grows challenging. Reading demands brighter illumination. And perhaps most frustrating of all, new glasses no longer seem to make a difference. That's because the issue isn't simply the prescription—it's the lens itself. As

I often tell patients: "The lens has become cloudy, so light can't focus as sharply."

Cataracts are not only common—they represent a major global health concern.

Worldwide, more than 12 million people are reported to be blind due to cataracts, with broader estimates suggesting tens of millions more live with significant vision impairment from the condition. Age is the primary risk factor. One U.S.-based study found cataracts in about 8% of people in their 40s and early 50s, but in more than 70% of those over age 75. Put simply, if we live long enough, most of us will develop them.

The good news is that cataracts are also among the most treatable causes

of vision loss. Cataract surgery remains one of the most frequently performed—and most successful—procedures in medicine. Clinical summaries consistently report that up to 95% of patients experience improved vision afterward.

The surgery itself is often simpler than patients anticipate. Typically performed on an outpatient basis with local anesthesia, the cloudy natural lens is removed and replaced with a clear artificial lens, known as an intraocular lens (IOL). The procedure is usually quick, and many patients are surprised by how routine it feels.

Recovery is generally straightforward. Most people go home the same day and notice better vision within a day or two,

though some fluctuation is normal as the eye heals. Prescription eye drops help reduce inflammation and prevent infection, and temporary precautions—such as avoiding eye rubbing and heavy lifting—are important. Mild symptoms like dryness, light sensitivity, or slight blurriness may occur early on, but severe pain or a sudden drop in vision should always prompt urgent evaluation.

A helpful way to think about cataracts is this: they are a common, age-related clouding of the lens that gradually diminishes sharpness, contrast, and night vision. And the treatment isn't a medication or a stronger pair of glasses—it's a brief lens-replacement procedure that restores clarity in the vast majority of patients.

In a world where many causes of vision loss are difficult to reverse, cataracts stand out as a condition where modern medicine can make a dramatic and reliable difference. For patients noticing gradual visual decline, understanding that distinction can turn uncertainty into reassurance—and often, into clearer sight.

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. Ggireed-md@gmail.com

OSU's Newport gray whale symposium misses the point-gray whales must be federally listed as endangered

By Rick Steiner
Marine Conservation Biologist

The "Range-Wide Gray Whale Science Symposium" sponsored by OSU and the Marine Mammal Commission this week at OSU's Marine Science Center in Newport, intentionally avoids the critical policy question before us all – what can we do to help gray whales survive?

As some of the best of the best marine scientists convene in Newport to present their research findings on gray whale biology, astonishingly there is not one item on the agenda directly addressing this critically important policy question. Symposium organizers concede this is an intentional omission.

Gray whales barely survived

extermination from commercial whaling in the 19th and 20th centuries, and now they face another human-caused calamity, climate change. In addition, they face new risks from ship strikes, oil spills, seabed mining, undersea noise, continued direct killing, entanglement, harmful algal blooms, pollution, and disturbance in nursery lagoons.

At this point in our environmental history, science has to do more than simply observe and report – it has to propose and advocate solutions. And that is where the Newport symposium falls short – it doesn't directly address necessary policy responses.

A year ago, we petitioned the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to relist the Eastern North Pacific

gray whale population on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) list.

Calf numbers have remained at historic lows for years, hundreds of adult whales have stranded ashore dead in the past two years (likely thousands more have died offshore), and the future prognosis for the whales is grim indeed. Arctic sea ice decline reduces the organic matter reaching the seabed, reducing the available gray whale food on the seafloor, amphipods.

The science on this is perfectly clear: as goes Arctic sea ice, so goes the gray whale. And Arctic sea ice will continue its decline throughout this century. The gray whale population should never have been delisted in 1994, and it now needs to be relisted.

Yet this singularly important issue is nowhere on the agenda at the Newport science meeting.

In response to our Aug. 2025 petition, NOAA acknowledged its statutory obligations, and then simply ignored them. The agency ignored its 90-day deadline to issue a preliminary response, as well as its 12-month deadline to publish a final determination. No explanation, just silence. They know they are breaking the law, but this seems to be the administration's playbook these days.

For the first time in the 60-year history of the ESA, the Trump II administration has added no species to the ESA list. Zero. And it has gutted the very tools used to implement the Act.

On Aug. 25, several conservation organizations (ours

included) sent NOAA a Notice of Intent to file suit to force a required response to our 2025 listing petition. As the administration has failed to follow the law, we now have to rely on the courts.

Many scientists have remained conspicuously silent regarding the proposed ESA listing for gray whales. Perhaps they fear retribution from funders, peer pressure, political pushback, reputational risks, whatever. Regardless, the silence of scientists on critical policy questions is not helpful. As Al Gore once said: "science in lieu of action is

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as well as 5 cents per voter, or about \$153,000, for county election support.

And Read is seeking \$480,000 to reimburse

counties that have to mail notices to inactive voters, mostly people who moved without updating their addresses and who had their ballots returned as undeliverable. Inactive voters don't receive ballots but officials must notify voters

they're inactive before removing them from voter rolls.

An official May primary election turnout report the Secretary of State's Office released earlier on Tuesday showed a steep increase in the number of uncounted ballots over prior years. Since 2022, Oregon has allowed the counting of ballots postmarked by Election Day that arrive within the next week.

But changes at the Postal Service that require all mail to be taken first to a Portland processing center mean that in most of the state, mail doesn't receive postmarks until at least the day after an Oregonian

mails it.

Of the more than 55,000 ballots that arrived at county election offices during the seven-day grace period after the May primary, more than 7,300 couldn't be counted because they had a postmark after Election Day. That's a rate of 13.1%, higher than any prior election.

Merkley, Oregon's junior U.S. senator, said mail voting is safer and more trustworthy than other systems.

"On Election Day, it is easy to manipulate the outcome," he said. "You simply move the locations where people vote, so they get confused. You put the

locations where there's no parking. You put out misinformation about the election day. You put out misinformation about the location. You put in machines that don't work and slow things down, so people have eight-hour waits to vote, like they did in Georgia. None of that can be done with vote by mail."

Kotek said Oregon has spent decades building a voting system that works — the state routinely boasts the highest or near-highest turnout rates in the country — and will defend it.

"Vote by mail means a parent doesn't have to choose between getting somewhere to vote or taking care of their child," she said. "Vote by mail means a worker who can't afford to take time off work can sit down at their kitchen table after work and participate in our democracy, and it means an older Ore-

gonian, or a person with a disability, or someone who would live far away from a polling place can make their voice heard in an easier fashion. These are not abstract benefits."

And Wyden, the first U.S. senator elected in an all-mail election in 1996, said constituents he spoke to in rural Oregon have been especially worried about maintaining mail elections. Some voters would face driving an hour to a ballot box or their county election office if they can't rely on their mail, he said.

"To borrow a phrase from our wonderful letter carriers, I've got a special delivery message for Donald Trump: Keep the hell away from Oregon's vote by mail," he said.

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hours on the road to an already difficult experience for patients and their families.

The need for improved access is particularly significant in Curry County. Although the county has a lower incidence of new cancer diagnoses than state and national averages, cancer mortality is approximately 21% higher than the Oregon average and 22% higher than the national average.

“A cancer diagnosis is difficult enough without having to travel hours from home for treatment,” said Virginia Williams, CEO of Curry Health Network. “The Curry Infusion Center gives our community access to oncology care that simply has not been available locally. Patients will be able to receive treatment close to home, surrounded by their families and the community that supports them.”

The Curry Infusion Center is CHN’s response to this rural healthcare challenge, bringing oncology expertise, treatment and coordinated support services closer to the people who need them.

Two oncologists
join CHN

Two hematologist-oncologists have joined CHN to provide full-time

oncology care through the new program: Vijay P. Rao, MD, and Matthew D. Tipping, MD.

Dr. Rao brings more than two decades of hematology and oncology experience. Most recently, he practiced at Prairie Lakes Cancer Center in Watertown, South Dakota. His previous leadership roles include serving as Director of Hematology/Oncology at Cambridge Medical Center in Minnesota and Chairman of the Department of Hematology/Oncology at Mid Dakota Clinic in North Dakota. He completed his hematology/oncology fellowship and internal medicine residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and is currently board-certified in hematology and medical oncology.

Dr. Tipping most recently practiced as a hematologist-oncologist with Northwest Permanente and completed his hematology and oncology fellowship at Oregon Health & Science University. He earned his medical degree and completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Tipping is triple board-certified in internal medicine, hematology and medical oncology.

A team approach to
cancer care

The oncology program has been designed around a team approach to sup-



Dr. Matthew D. Tipping MD

port patients throughout their cancer journey.

Certified oncology nurses will work side by side with patients and their physicians throughout treatment, supported by a chemotherapy-certified pharmacist who will help provide the most appropriate and effective treatment for each patient.

A full-time oncology-certified nurse navigator will serve as an important resource for patients and caregivers, providing education about treatment and the overall care plan and helping patients navigate the many appointments, services and decisions that can accompany a cancer diagnosis.

The program will also be supported by social workers, registered dietitians, physical, occupational and speech therapists, and volunteers.

Together, these services will give Curry County residents access not only to cancer treatment,



Dr. Vijay P Rao MD

but also to the clinical expertise, information and support they need to make informed decisions about their diagnosis and care.

Designed for treatment
close to home

The new center includes an oncology clinic where CHN’s oncologists will see patients, a dedicated chemotherapy-mixing pharmacy and an infusion center with seven treatment chairs and one private treatment room, all overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The center will serve patients who are newly diagnosed as well as those who may already be seeing an oncologist outside of CHN. Patients currently receiving oncology care elsewhere may be able to receive some or all of their cancer treatment locally while continuing to coordinate care with their existing providers.

Patients are invited to ask their referring provider or current oncologist to send a referral to the Cur-

ry Infusion Center through Epic, CHN’s electronic medical record system, or by fax to 541-247-3111. The CHN oncology team will work collaboratively with patients and their providers to coordinate high-quality cancer care closer to home.

Nearly \$10 million investment in local cancer care

The Curry Infusion Center represents an investment of approximately \$10 million. The project is being funded largely through CHN operational revenue, with approximately \$2.6 million in federal grant funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Rural Health Transformation Program.

CHN also partnered with the Curry Health Foundation on a \$2 million capital campaign to help support the project.

“The response from this community has been extraordinary,” said Eleanor Foskett, President, Curry Health Foundation. “Foundations, businesses, families and individuals have helped bring this campaign to 96% of its goal. With just \$69,000 remaining, we hope the community will help us close that final gap and complete this investment in local cancer care.”

Those interested in learning more about the Curry Infusion Center

or contributing to the campaign can visit CurryHealthNetwork.com and select the red Infusion Campaign link.

Community invited to
celebrate Oct. 10

Community members are invited to celebrate the opening of the Curry Infusion Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, on the Curry General Hospital campus in Gold Beach.

Following the ceremony, community members will have an opportunity to tour the new center and meet Dr. Vijay Rao and other members of the oncology team who will be caring for patients through the new program. A community reception with refreshments will follow at Bethany Lutheran Church, 94190 5th St., Gold Beach.

The opening marks the culmination of years of planning, construction, program development, physician and staff recruitment, grant funding, fundraising and community support.

Most importantly, it marks a fundamental change in cancer care for Curry County: residents facing cancer will now have the opportunity to receive oncology care and chemotherapy in their own community, closer to their homes, their families and the people who support them.

Oregon drivers urged to watch for wildlife

STAFF REPORT
Country Media, Inc.

As deer, elk, and other wildlife begin their fall migration, the Oregon Wildlife Foundation reminds drivers to stay alert, helping prevent collisions.

Each year, an estimated 5,000 large animals are struck and killed on Oregon roads, with accidents peaking in October and November as deer and elk migrate to their lower elevation habitat. Collisions not only threaten wildlife but also endan-

ger the safety of motorists. “Fall is a wonderful time of year in Oregon and a great excuse to slow down, take in the scenery, and look around for wildlife”, said Tim Greseth, Executive Director of Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Drivers can reduce the risk of a collision by slowing down at dawn and dusk, particularly in areas with wildlife crossing signs, and by avoiding sudden swerves. When an animal is seen trying to cross a road, chances are high that others will follow.

Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the Watch for Wildlife specialty license plate support

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unconscionable.”

Just last week, the U.N. admitted what we have long feared-- human civilization is not going to restrain its carbon emissions enough to limit global temperatures to the agreed danger threshold of +1.5 degree C above

the pre-industrial. In fact, their “best case” scenario is that global temps hit at +1.8 degree C by the end of the century, and then slowly decline sometime later. Again, that’s the “best case,” which is still catastrophic.

But if current energy/emissions policies continue, we are headed toward a +2.8 degree C world that would be apocalyptic

for gray whales, millions of other species, and even H. sapiens itself.

Given this, what then are we to do to help gray whales survive the human-caused climate bottleneck this century?

First, we need to do everything possible to decarbonize the global economy. Every carbon atom left in the ground instead of emitted in the

air and ocean will help in the long run.

Beyond this, we need to list the gray whale population as endangered on the federal ESA list, slow ship traffic in whale habitat, reduce coastal pollution, reduce risk of entanglement, prohibit offshore oil drilling and seabed mining, reduce undersea noise, end the gray whale hunt in Russia, and

protect the whales from other identified risks.

But these fundamental policy questions are not on the agenda of the Newport symposium this week.

To many, the success of the symposium will ultimately be judged by whether participants are able to venture into the policy arena, and collectively advocate ESA

listing for gray whales. Absent that, the meeting will go down as just another dry academic exercise.

We’ll be watching.

Rick Steiner is a marine conservation biologist in Anchorage Alaska, retired professor with the University of Alaska School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, station in the Arctic, Prince William Sound, and Anchorage. He is founder/director of Oasis Earth (www.oasis-earth.com); advises governments, the U.N. and other stakeholders on marine conservation issues; and did his graduate research in the 1970s at OSU, operating a research vessel out of Depoe Bay studying reef fish ecology. And he served on the 2005 IUCN Independent Scientific Review Panel for the Western Gray Whale in the Sea of Okhotsk.

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know for sure. Maybe this is just one of those stories that should have been true, even if it wasn’t.

O. Henry and Rod Serling never wrote a better twist ending than that.

J. Mark Powell is a former television journalist. His nonfiction book “Witness to War: The Story of the Civil War Told by Those Living Through It” is available at jmarkpowell.com. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.





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Congresswoman Hoyle speaks on the port, upcoming race during stop in Coos Bay

By NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

Congresswoman Val Hoyle was in town to meet with stakeholders and introduce her Washington D.C. staff to the Southern Oregon way in late august. She was kind enough to spare a half-an-hour or so and speak to the World newspaper on the latest for the federally supported Pacific Coast Intermodal Port Project, the Bay Are Hospital turnaround and the upcoming November Midterms.

In the Port of Coos Bay’s conference room, she explained the itinerary for the latest visit to her constituent district.

“I have my D.C. staff out this week, so we’re having our staff go out and meet people. Basically, having everyone go through the district, because it’s one thing to be in D.C. to make policy. But, especially if you’re not from here, we want everyone to be on the ground and get a sense of what’s happening. And anytime we’re in Coos Bay, we visit our tribal nations, we visit the port, we go to hospital and check in where we can.”

Starting with the port, Hoyle spoke on the latest developments with the PCIP project, which is awaiting responses to a request for proposals (RFP) for the initial environmental review process.

“There’s an RFP that went out for the NEPA process and the environmental review of the rail. Union Pacific has come in and worked with the port. They understand that we need this rail line to be financially feasible because there are very big plans. I’m excited to see what happens and who bids on doing the NEPA and environmental review; its and important part of the project...”

“I have to say, this is a major project that had both the Biden and the Trump administration fully in support. Talking with some off the people at the department of transportation, they are looking at resilience. What if something happened to the Port of Long Beach, which is a major target in a war? We look at Prince Ru-

pert Sound and all of the cargo that’s going in there, especially with our trade issues with Canada, that’s a lot more money. There is opportunity, but right now we’re just looking at the planning phase.”

Local environmental groups have raised concerns that a Trump-era federal environmental review might not be as robust, or as concerned about environmental protection, as it would be under a different administration. Hoyle stated that the delegation and the Port share those concerns.

“We made it abundantly clear that this NEPA process could not be sidelined, could not be bypassed, and needed to be done in the right way because that’s what Oregon demands. So, from a Port perspective managing that, I trust that they understand how important that is. We have been clear that we can’t support something going forward without those environmental reviews. And we’ll see who responds to the RFP, who made the proposal and who’s going to do the work. I expect that the Port will select a reputable company.”

The next stop for the Congresswoman would be Bay Area Hospital. She shared her thoughts on the hospital’s new leadership, major turnaround and recent legislative victory.

“I think that the new team that’s come in for the C-Suite officers are experienced, focused and know what needs to happen. I certainly spoke to the governor and a number of legislators about the issues with the loan repayment, and what would happen if we downgraded this hospital here. We can’t afford that. This is one of our greatest opportunities in our entire state for economic development. We downgrade the hospital and people live really far away, and would have to go to Eugene or Corvallis to get that level of care. That’s just not possible; People need a hospital.

“So, we’ve been able to get a lot of support and I think that has helped, and again, I feel really confident in the team that’s leading the hospital. I’m really glad to see it, in Oregon we have 11 out of

our 33 rural and frontier hospitals that are on the verge of bankruptcy. And with the republican budget bill gutting Medicare, gutting Medicaid, under the guise of giving it back to the states, the places that suffer the most are rural communities. So we’re just having to make that argument. Again, housing and medical care are our two biggest constraints to expanding economic prosperity back here again.”

Conversation would pivot to the upcoming midterm elections. While every election seems to be the newest “most important election of our lifetime”, the stakes claimed for this November seem justified, at least to Hoyle:

“This is the most important election of my lifetime, and I think that our democracy and our constitution in on the ballot. We have a president that wants to make vote-by-mail illegal, when the constitution clearly states that time, place, and manner of conducting elections belongs to the states. A president who votes-by-mail himself, but wants to say that we can’t do that. We have rural and frontier areas where people getting to a place to drop their ballot after 26 years of vote-by-mail, that’s just not possible.

“So, they’re trying to drag it out, to cause chaos. We’ve got letter carriers that are being threatened to be arrested if they delivery a ballot to someone who’s not registered. There’s a proactive effort to undermine faith in our election system... What I want to make sure is in 2026 we have free and fair elections. Period. That all eligible votes are counted, that people who can’t legally vote don’t vote. Which, they don’t.

“I’ve had somebody say, ‘We’ll what about the illegals that are voting?’ They’re afraid to pick up their kids at school. They’re afraid to go to grocery store, afraid to go to mass because we have ICE coming in and literally killing people. Picking up people who are here legally but happen to be immigrants. They’re not voting, that’s ridiculous. But, we need to have free and fair elections. I want to make



Congresswoman Val Hoyle.

sure every vote is counted and I want to make sure we follow the constitution. So, my concerns are that votes get counted. That we don’t have ICE, and this has been threatened, going to polling places to threaten and intimidate voters.

“That we don’t have state unfairly take people off the voting roles. Because if I’m a woman who changed my last name when I got married, if under the SAVE act and some state rules, I would have to have my birth certificate, my marriage certificate then another form of ID. My REAL-ID would not prove citizenship. Why wouldn’t my REAL-ID work? Because it isn’t about voter ID, it’s about making American citizens jump through hoops, which in itself is a barrier to vote. Once we got through that we’re going to have to make sure that our congressional elections are certified, and I know that will be challenging as well. There isn’t anything more fundamental to our democracy than for citizens to be able to cast a vote, and nothing should stand in the way of that.

“I’ll tell you what. They wouldn’t be fighting to stop votes if they didn’t think democrats we’re going to win. The war in Iran is so unpopular right now, the rising costs in everything you purchase because of the war. And then, what the president just did in undermining our ranchers and our farmers by bringing in beef from Argentina... A lot of my neighbors (I live in a rural community) are conservative. They feel betrayed, especially with the war and with affordability. With the

president just not seeming to care about the things that matter to them.

“It’ll be a challenge and we’re going to have to fight to vote. But especially my colleagues from southern black communities, where they have been redistricted to not have power, they are so motivated. Their communities are coming out like never before because when you have a right taken away from you, all of a sudden, it makes it all the more worth fighting for.”

Zooming in, Hoyle spoke on her team’s confidence in their campaign and her thoughts on now-familiar opponent, Monique DeSpain among other things.

“I’m feeling very confident about my race. We have really focused on addressing the needs of constituents throughout the district. There is no polling or forecasting anywhere that is credible that has me under a 95% chance of winning. All of our polling shows us far enough ahead.

And I’m glad [DeSpain] is running, I’m glad my green party opponent, Justin Phillips, is running. I believe in democracy, I think we should have more choices. But the fact of the matter is, I’ve done this job. I’ve done it well. I’ve delivered for the community. She’ll win in conservative areas, and I’m glad republicans have someone to vote for but she supports things that fundamentally this district doesn’t support.”

When pushed for some examples:

“She supported the president and defended him going into Iran. That’s

a pretty big one. This is a pro choice district... This is a libertarian district where people believe that healthcare choices should be between a doctor and the patient. As much as she’ll say otherwise, saying it should be up to the states as to whether or not abortion is legal, what we’re seeing now is women dying because they can’t get care for their miscarriages. They’re getting put in prison and forced to prove that they didn’t have an abortion when they have a miscarriage... Women are going to die because politicians and people like Monique DeSpain, who want to say it’s a state’s rights issue, are trying to have it both ways...

“The fact is, I have had a lot of people come up to me and say, ‘Yea, she comes up and complains about you but what plans does she have? You work really hard and deliver for our community.’ The relationships I have, and the support I’ve earned, I don’t take for granted. I also think I have one of the best constituent response staffs in the capital, in fact we just won an award for that.

“I’m helping other people in districts we need to flip get elected, and I am specifically focused on supporting union members to get into congress. We need more people who actually come from a place where they know how to organize and they know how to stand up for working people. Not as a theory, not as something they learned about in their Ivy League school, but actually have done the work with their hands.”

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projects that help animals move between habitat patches, including across Oregon’s highways and roads. Wildlife passage projects have included dedicated undercrossings and overcrossings, as well as modifications to existing bridges and culverts.

“There are almost 80,000 miles of public roads and highways in Oregon. That, coupled with the basic needs all animals have, puts them and us in harm’s way. That’s doubly true during migration season as deer, elk, and other species are moving in

greater numbers from their higher elevation summer habitat to lower elevations where they’ll spend the winter,” said Greseth.

Oregonians can order the Watch for Wildlife plate through the DMV or visitmyowf.org/watch-forwildlife to learn more about how plate sales fund habitat connectivity projects, including wildlife passage efforts across Oregon.

Happy with your current plate but still want to support habitat connectivity and wildlife passage projects? Consider a donation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation’s Wildlife Migration and Movement Fund (formerly known as the

Watch for Wildlife Fund) via Donate Now – Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Oregon Wildlife Foundation

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For more information, visit www.myowf.org.

For more information about wildlife movement in Oregon, visit myowf.org/wildlifemoves.



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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, September 1
4:39 am, Gerlach Ln, fire alarm.
11:26 am, Hassett St, illegal burn.
7:29 pm, Oceanview Dr, dispute/fight.

Wednesday, September 2
9:23 am, Toner Ln, theft.
9:46 am, Highway 101 and S Bank Chetco, traffic crash.
1:00 pm, Highway 101, dispute/fight.
2:13 pm, 5th St, threats.

3:11 pm, Hwy 101 MP 347, tree down.
4:27 pm, 6th St, hit & run.
8:59 pm, Chetco Ave, alarm.

Thursday, September 3
9:37 am, Redwood Spur, fire.
9:40 am, Pioneer Rd, alarm.
10:17 am, Pioneer Rd, disorderly conduct.
12:49 pm, 5th St, disorderly conduct.
5:53 pm, 5th St,

criminal trespass.
6:38 pm, Wharf St, criminal trespass.

Saturday, September 5
1:48 am, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
10:08 am, Northbank Chetco River Rd, dispute/fight.
4:27 pm, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.
7:24 pm, Smith Dr, criminal trespass.
7:39 pm, Chetco Ave, fire alarm.
8:07 pm, Hwy 101 S, illegal burn.

8:58 pm, Pioneer Rd, dispute/fight.
9:14 pm, Marina Hts, harassment.

Sunday, September 6
6:47 am, Ransom Ave, disorderly conduct.
9:56 am, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.
12:39 pm, Park Ave, traffic crash.
1:20 pm, Northbank, criminal trespass.
2:15 pm, Pioneer Rd, civil problem.
8:18 pm, W Benham Ln, fire.

8:23 pm, Hwy 101 MP 347, traffic crash.
10:21 pm, Boat Basin Rd, fire.

Monday, September 7
1:14 am, Hub St, dispute/fight.
3:53 am, 1 Mile Up S Bank, loud noise.
4:53 am, Moore St, loud noise.
5:31 am, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
11:51 am, Moore St, violation of restraining order.
3:52 pm, Cove Rd,

fire.
4:18 pm, Hwy 101 MP 347, traffic crash.
5:43 pm, Alder St, criminal trespass.
5:46 pm, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.
6:04 pm, Chetco Ave, contempt of court.
6:15 pm, 3rd St, fire alarm.
8:16 pm, Hwy 101 S, illegal burn.
9:17 pm, Fir St, DUll.
10:05 pm, Mill Beach, loud noise.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAILY

•Daily Meal, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm.

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. Member-

ship 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.

brary: 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).
•Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 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.

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, improver 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.

Saturdays

•Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
•Saturday Shuffle: Pokemon, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Play and trade Pokemon cards with guidance from an experienced player.

Wednesday, September 16

•Time Management, SWOCC Curry Campus: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Community education class in the Essential Skills for Life and Work Series with instructor Gayle Goldstone. Cost \$40. Register at socc.edu/community; course WKFC 0513 99.

Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20

•Ride the Cyclone: Teen Edition, The Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave., Brookings: Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm; Sunday at 2:00 pm. Chetco Pelican Players present the musical. Adults \$15, students

\$7. Reservations: 541-469-1857.

•Wild Rivers Symphony Chamber Concert Series: Friday, Sept. 18 at 6:00 pm, United Methodist Church, 664 H St., Crescent City; Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St., Brookings; Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3:00 pm, Curry Public Library, 94341 3rd St., Gold Beach. Tickets \$20 at the door, \$15 pre-sale; K-12 free. wildriverssymphony.org.

Friday, September 18

•Brookings-Harbor High School football, at St. Mary's Crusaders.

Saturday, September 19

•Garage Sale Saturday, Chetco Grange #765, 97895 Shopping Center Ave., Brookings: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Vendor sale and live music by Ukelele John, with artisan handcrafted, new and gently used items, plus cookies and coffee available for donation. Call or text Rita at 541-226-4559 for rental information.

Friday, September 25 - Sunday, September 27

•Ride the Cyclone: Teen Edition, The Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave., Brookings: Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm; Sunday at 2:00 pm. Adults \$15, students \$7. Reservations: 541-469-1857.

Friday, September 25

•Brookings-Harbor High School football, at Klamath Union Pelicans.

Friday, October 2 - Sunday, October 4

•Ride the Cyclone: Teen Edition, The Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave., Brookings: Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm; Sunday at 2:00 pm. Adults \$15, students \$7. Reservations: 541-469-1857.

Wednesday, October 7

•Time Management, SWOCC Curry Campus: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Community education class in the Essential Skills for Life and Work Series with instructor Gayle Goldstone. Cost \$40. Register at socc.edu/community; course WKFC 0513 99.

Friday, October 9

•Brookings-Harbor High School football, Elmer Bankus Field, SOCOMI Sports Complex: vs. Sutherlin

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Wednesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Friday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass...6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.
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Christian Science Church
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Ft. Dick

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15138 McVay Lane

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541-659-9352

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102 Park Ave., Brookings
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Saturday Worship.....11:15am

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Smith River

Smith River Baptist Church

340 Highland Avenue, Smith River

Just off Hwy. 101
(707) 487-5275
Pastor Steve Alexander
Worship Service.....10:30am

SolidRock Christian Fellowship
Pastor Pat Henderson
(707) 460-1696

3180 S Fred D Haight Drive
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Sun 10:00am • Wed 6:30pm
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Announcements

Smith River CSD is requesting proposals from qualified contractors for the Pre-Engineering Study. Inquire at SmithRiverCSD.com or 241 West First St, Smith River

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Help Wanted

McLennan Excavation has a full-time working foreman position to fill. The working foreman will have full understanding of underground utilities and grading. Foreman will have full working knowledge of the use of heavy equipment needed for all excavation projects. Leadership, critical thinking, and problem solving under pressure will be essential in this position. The ability to successfully manage projects and use project management plans and can set grades and elevations. McLennan Excavation offers health & dental benefits as well as 401K opportunities. Email your resume to: lily@pipeandrock.com or drop off your resume & apply directly at 98109 N. Bank Chetco River Road; Brookings, OR. Open hours are Monday through Friday from 7aqm to 5pm. Please be prepared for a prospective interview.

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Garage Sales

Chetco Grange #765 - 97895 Shopping Center Ave. Multiple vendors, inside and outside. Saturday only 8:30 - 3:00. No Early Birds!

Large storage containers. Men's clothing. 9'6" surfboard. Camping tents. Large ice chests. Many hand tools. Much more, all must go! 99187 Oceanview Dr, #29. Sat 9/19, 9am-3pm.

Parkwide Yard Sale! 9am-4pm 9/18 - 9/20. 98126 W Benham Ln. No early-birds (gate opens at 9 am).

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Commercial Space

Commercial space in town. 840sf - one room + bathroom. Clean. \$900/mo (includes sew., wtr. & trash). 1st/last + \$500 security. Call 541-661-2824

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OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION v. JEREMY D. PETRIE, also known as JEREMY DAVID PETRIE
SUMMONS – CASE NO. 26CV16327
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS
TO: JEREMY D. PETRIE, also known as JEREMY DAVID PETRIE, the above-named defendant.
You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit:
A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF:
1. For the principal sum of \$40,036.22, plus late fees in the amount of \$99.35, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$2,054.87 through December 29, 2025 (the amount owing may be reduced by the net proceeds, if any, following repossession and sale of the RV described below);
2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and
3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs A1 and A2 above at the statutory rate of 9.00 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered until paid in full.
B. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF:
1. For recovery of the 2023 KYRV Springdale CT, YIN: 4YDTSGK27PG102795 (the "RV"), by seizure and sale of the property through replevin; and, alternatively, for value of the RV if Defendant fails to surrender it;
2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and
3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs B1 and B2, at the statutory rate of 9.00 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full.
C. ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF:
1. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE

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WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Circuit Court Pro Tem Judge Jason R Thomas of the above-entitled Court made on the 12th day of June, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Curry County, Oregon.
Date of first publication: August 19, 2026
Date of last publication: September 9, 2026
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8/26, 9/2, 9/9, & 9/16/2026 Pilot 429806

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

MEDFORD DIVISION

In the matter of the Complaint of Texas Lady, Inc. as Owner of the Vessel F/V TEXAS LADY, Official Number 624106, for Exoneration from and/or Limitation of Liability

In Admiralty

Case No. 1:26-cv-01517-CL

NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR EXONERATION FROM, OR LIMITATION OF, LIABILITY

[46 U.S.C. § 30501 et seq.; and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Supplemental Rule F]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff-in-Limitation Texas Lady, Inc. (herein "Plaintiff-in-Limitation"), as owner of the vessel F/V TEXAS LADY, bearing Official Number 624106, and her engines, tackles, appurtenances, etc. ("Vessel"), on August 7, 2026, filed a Complaint under the Limitation of Liability Act, 46 U.S.C. § 30501 et seq., claiming the right to exoneration from, or limitation of liability for all claims, losses, or damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner connected with the incident on or about January 11, 2026, in or around Port Orford, Oregon, involving an alleged injury to the Vessel's captain, Joseph Wayne Gonsalves, the captain's son and deckhand, Joseph Wayne Gonsalves Nastiuik, and fellow deckhand Kody Rosenstiel, as a result of the Vessel's grounding, and involving the Vessel as alleged and for the reasons and because of the circumstances set forth in the Complaint.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN,

that all persons having any such claims must file them, as provided in Rule F of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, with the Clerk of this Court at the James A. Redden U.S. Courthouse, located at 310 West Sixth Street, Ste. 201, Medford, OR, 97501, and serve upon or mail to Plaintiff-in-Limitation's attorneys, Lindsay Hart LLP, 900 SW Fifth Ave, Suite 2700, Portland, Oregon 97204, a copy of such claim on or before September 9, 2026, OR BE DEEMED TO BE IN CONTUMACY AND DEFAULT. Personal attendance is not required.

Any claimant desiring to contest Plaintiff-in-Limitation's right to exoneration from, or limitation of, liability must also file an answer to the Complaint on file herein, as required by Rule F(5) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and shall serve a copy thereof upon the attorneys for Plaintiff-in-Limitation, unless the claim has included an answer.

DATED this 13th day of August, 2026.

/s/ MARK D. CLARKE

UNITED STATES

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY

In the Matter of the 2018 JOHN WHITE REVOCABLE TRUST Case No. 26PB07452

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

ORS 130.365

John Henry White, settlor of the 2018 JOHN WHITE REVOCABLE TRUST, died on March 30, 2026. Jared Richard White is the Trustee. Claims against the trust estate must be presented to:
Jared Richard White, Trustee
1241 Cabrillo Dr.
Hollister, CA 95023
Claims against the trust estate may be barred unless presented to the Trustee at the address stated above within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice.
Date of first publication: September 2, 2026
9/2, 9/9, 9/16/2026 Pilot 430014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JIMMY DALE REYNOLDS, Deceased,

Case No. 26PB07593

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative through my Attorney, JAMES W. GARDNER, Attorney at Law, 29692 Ellensburg Ave, Ste 11, P.O. Box 1286, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444, Phone (541) 247-6615, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, JAMES W. GARDNER whose address and phone number appear above.

DATED this 20 day of August, 2026.

/s/ LISA BETH REYNOLDS
Personal Representative
16730 Thompson Road
Brookings, OR 97415
Phone 443-465-6546

DATES OF PUBLICATION: September 2, 2026, September 9, 2026, and September 16, 2026.
9/2, 9/9, 9/16/2026 Pilot 430141

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Curry County Soil & Water Conservation District is holding its **regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 29, 2026.** In addition to routine business, agenda topics include discussing succession planning for the District Manager role. Other matters may be discussed. The meeting will be held at the Curry Watersheds Partnership office located at 29286 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach. The location is accessible to persons with disabilities. An option to join electronically is available. For electronic access information, please contact Liesl Coleman at liesl.coleman@currywatersheds.org or (541) 247-2755 ext 0. To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact Liesl Coleman at least 48 hours prior to the regular meeting.
9/16/2026 Pilot 430146

Notice of Lien Sale for Wes's Towing at 207 King St Brookings, OR 97415

Owner: Brenda Moore

15889 Sunset Strip Space 44 Brookings, OR 97415

Lien will be foreclosed on a 2026 Mazda CX50 VIN: 7MMVABEY4TN608804

Sale Date August 18, 2026, Amount due on sale 9949.00

Announced on sale day, conditions apply.

9/9 & 9/16/2026 Pilot 430312

Notice of Lien Sale for Norris Body Shop at 28750 Hunter Creek Loop Gold Beach, OR 97444

Owner Patricia Almeda 740 W Washington St Sequim, WA 98382

Lien will be foreclosed on a 2008 Toyota Tundra VIN: 5TBBT541X8S460350

Sale Date October 12, 2026, Amount Due on sale date \$8967.00

Announced on sale day, Conditions apply.

9/9 & 9/16/2026 Pilot 430314

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF BROOKINGS

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 2

General Notice

City of Brookings (Owner)

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is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project: Wastewater Collection System Improvements – Phase 2

145.104

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by electronic means only and must be received by at 2:00 PM local time on **October 7, 2026.** The Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The City of Brookings will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service. A virtual bid opening will be held at the day and time the bid closing. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be received and reviewed at 2:00 PM and publicly read at 2:30 PM. All interested parties are invited to attend.

See Bidding Documents for the complete Project descriptions. The Project includes the following Work:

1. Schedule A - Taylor Creek Sewer Pump Station
2. Schedule B - Taylor Creek Sewer Force Main
3. Schedule C - Macklyn Cove Pump Station and Force Main
4. Schedule D - Beach Avenue Pump Station
5. Schedule E - Seacliff Terrace Pump Station
6. Schedule F - Miscellaneous Pump Stations
7. Schedule G - Mill Beach Pump Station Demolition

Bids are requested for the following Contract: City of Brookings - Wastewater Collection System Improvements – Phase 2 for a single prime contract.

Owner anticipates that the Project's total bid price will be between \$4,500,000 and \$6,100,000. The Project must be substantially complete 370 days after issuance of Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: **www.questcdn.com**

Complete digital project Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$64.00 by inputting **QuestCDN Project No. 10347731** on the website's project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website. For this project, prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: The Dyer Partnership
1330 Teakwood Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420, (541) 269-0732

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office, or online at www.questcdn.com

Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Pre-bid Conference

A pre-bid conference for the Project will not be held.

Instructions to Bidders

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. No Bid will be considered unless fully completed in the manner provided in the Instructions to Bidders, and accompanied by a Bid Security executed in favor of the Owner in the amount of not less than 10% of the total amount of the Bid. Per ORS 279C.385 (2), Bid Security is to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages should the Bidder neglect or refuse to enter into a Contract and provide suitable insurance certificates, bonds, and other required documents for the faithful performance of the work in the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract.

All Bidders must be "equal opportunity employers" and comply with the appropriate provisions of state and federal law. In addition, all Bidders are required to comply with ORS 656.017 regarding Workers' Compensation. Bidder, Contractor, and subcontractors are required to be registered with Construction Contractors Board.

Pursuant to ORS 279C.505(2), all Bidders must certify with

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their Bids that they have an employee drug testing program in place. If awarded a Contract, Bidder must provide proof of such drug testing program when executed Agreements are returned to Owner.

Each Bidder must submit a First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form to the Owner within two working hours of the time for receipt of Bids in accordance with ORS 279C.370. Each Bidder must also submit Evidence of Authority to sign Bid and Evidence to do Business in the State within two working hours of the time for receipt of the Bid.

This Contract is for a public works project subject to the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts (40 U.S.C. 3141 et seq.). If state prevailing rate of wage is higher than the federal prevailing rate of wage, the Contractor and every subcontractor on the project shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815. ORS 279C. Any awarded contract under this Bid shall be for a public work subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. Accordingly, ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 will be administered and enforced in a manner that is consistent with federal law and regulations adopted or guidelines issued in accordance with the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts. For clarity's sake, Contractor agrees to be bound by and will comply with the provisions of 279C.838, 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 3141 to 3148.

No Bid will be received or considered by the Owner unless the Bid contains: 1) a statement that Bidder will comply with the provisions of 40 USC 276a and ORS 279C.840 and 2) a statement as to whether the Bidder is a resident Bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120.

Work under this Contract will be funded in part by the United States Department of Agriculture through Rural Development and with funds from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund. This funding requires the Contractor to comply with buying American Iron and Steel (AIS) as spelled out in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017.

Contractors shall state whether they have ever been terminated by the City of Brookings under a public contract. If termination exists, the City shall declare the Bidder to be non-responsible and therefore not eligible for award.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive all informalities, and to accept such Bids that in the opinion of the Owner are in the best interest of the Owner. No Bidder may withdraw or modify this Bid after the hour set for the receipt of Bids, and thereafter until the lapse of 60 days from the Bid opening.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

American Iron and Steel

Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and Construction Materials.

The following waivers apply to this Contract:
De Minimis, Minor Components, and Pig iron and direct reduced iron

The federal, state, and local agencies including, but not limited to: Environmental Protection Agency, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Transportation, National Marine Fisheries Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Brookings, and Curry County have enacted ordinances, rules or regulations dealing with the prevention of environmental pollution and the preservation

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



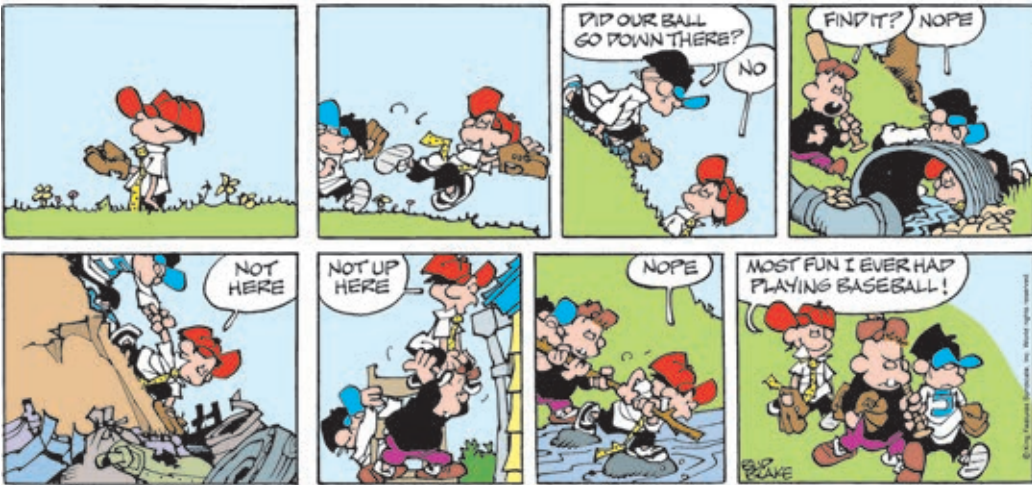
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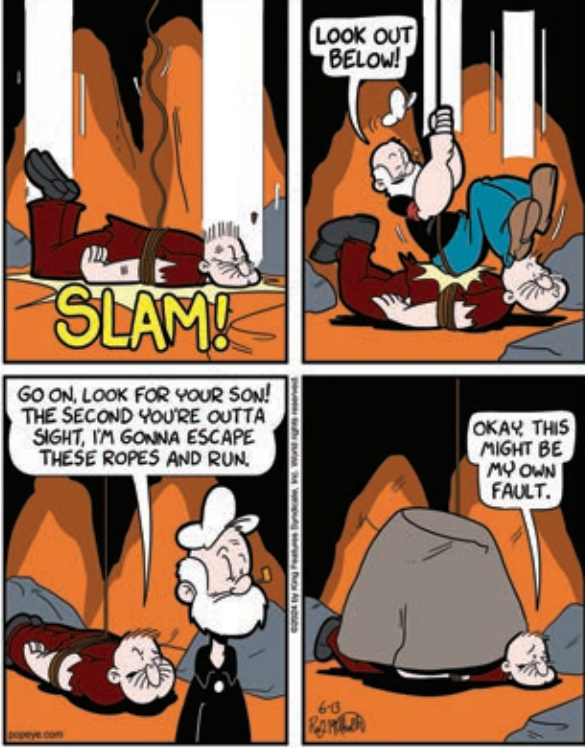
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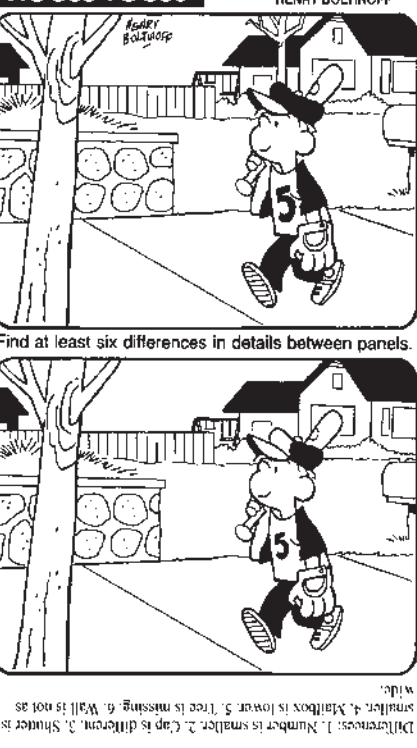
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by Dave T. Phipps



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 trial and error.
Clue: R equals C

QINY RMVKL BMV RNKK FCMFKC
QIM GMYC "HM" MH EMACYIJHP
JH N KCPJEKNYJGC NEECAZKB?
NHYJ ZMLJCE.

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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!

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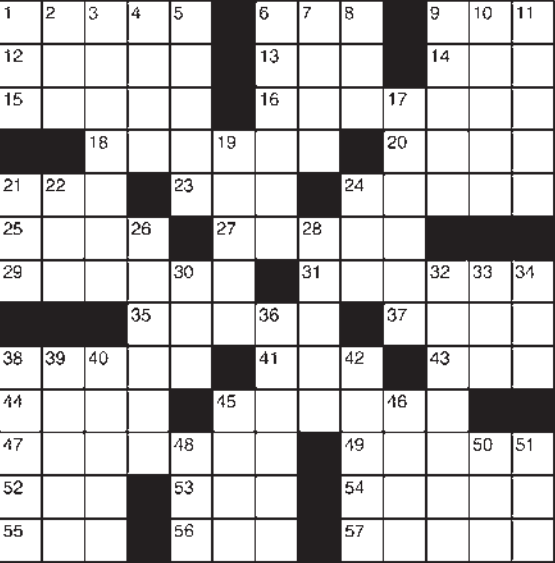
TODAY'S WORD

September 14, 2026 Posting Date

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Ashley and Wynonna
- 6 Consumer protection agcy.
- 9 Catchall abbr.
- 12 Track star Bolt
- 13 Tic-tac-toe win
- 14 "The Matrix" character
- 15 Refuse an offer
- 16 Seattle suburb that's home to Microsoft
- 18 Credit rating publisher
- 20 Skin soother
- 21 Corp. money exec
- 23 Overly
- 24 Part of LGBTQ
- 25 Hit on the noggin
- 27 Japanese fish dish
- 29 Tranquil
- 31 Sort of dive
- 35 Police ID
- 37 Employ
- 38 Hairnet
- 41 Moray, for one
- 43 Past
- 44 Plane-related
- 45 Country song?
- 47 Archbishop Tutu
- 49 Stag
- 52 Altar affirmative
- 53 Reuben bread
- 54 More practical
- 55 Aachen article
- 56 Rowing need
- 57 Birch's kin
- 5 Stuffed shirt
- 6 Gift giver's words
- 7 Low digits
- 8 Atlantic fish
- 9 — Holmes (Sherlock's sister)
- 10 Mortise partner
- 11 Encryptions
- 17 "Butterfly" singer Carey
- 19 Medicated
- 21 "60 Minutes" ailer
- 22 Nemesis
- 24 Fill in — blank
- 26 Explosive sound
- 28 Bed cover
- 30 Wee bit
- 32 Tiara stone
- 33 Work unit
- 34 Old Olds
- 36 Census info
- 38 "Sexy" Beatles girl
- 39 "— say more?"
- 40 Director Welles
- 42 — apso (small dog)
- 45 Novelist Seton
- 46 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 48 Spanish gold
- 50 Born
- 51 Blunder



DOWN

- 1 Roast beef au
- 2 "Suits" network
- 3 "Shark Tank" star — John
- 4 Flintstones' pet

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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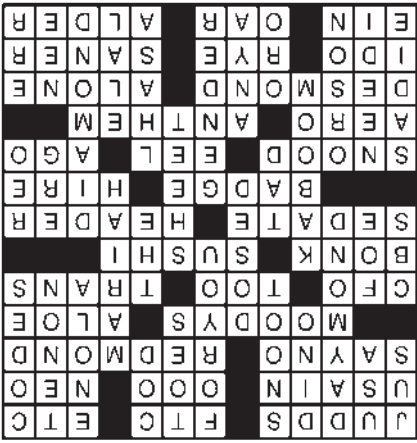
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Word with market or bowl
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Breathes heavily, like a dog
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Willie Mays or Barry Bonds

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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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. TELEVISION: What is the name of Jon Snow's dire wolf in "Game of Thrones"?
- 2. HISTORY: Which Civil War general literally used "scorched earth" tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?
- 3. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?
- 5. CHEMISTRY: Which element's symbol is Sn?
- 6. LITERATURE: What is the length of a traditional sonnet?
- 7. GEOLOGY: What is a common name for calcium carbonate?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?
- 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave radio addresses that were described as "fireside chats"?
- 10. ASTRONOMY: What is the shape of the Milky Way?

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CHRISTMAS

Today's Word

3. Honest; 4. Scout

1. Anthem; 2. Prior

Solution

SCRAMBLERS

G I A N T

N I N

S A T I S

P A N T S

T A P E S

S P A R E

S U P E R

Solution

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2 8 1 5 3 7 4 9 6

9 5 3 4 8 2 1 7

4 6 7 9 2 1 5 8 3

1 7 2 3 6 4 5 8

5 6 8 1 7 6 3 2 4

3 4 6 2 7 6 9 7 1

6 1 4 8 5 9 7 3 2

8 2 9 7 4 3 1 6 5

7 3 5 6 1 2 8 4 9

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Anti bodies

in a legislative assembly?

What could you call people who vote "no" on something?

Answer

CryptoQuip

10. Spiral

9. Franklin D. Roosevelt

8. Burger King

7. Limestone or chalk

6. 14 lines of poetry

5. The (Stannum)

4. Indian Ocean

3. "Easy Rider"

2. General William T. Sherman

1. Ghost

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Manicurist

Massage Therapist

Mortgage Agent

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Photographer

Property Manager

Realtor

Salesperson

Tattoo Artist

Veterinarian

Business—Best Local Place For

A Fun Time - Adult

A Fun Time - Family

Art/Gallery

Auto Body/Service

Boutique Shopping

Cannabis Dispensary

Catering

Clothing

Computer Sales & Service

Cars & Trucks

Customer Service

Entertainment

Electrician Service/Install

Financial Institution

Financial Services

Fitness/Well Being

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