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‘A new place to explore’: Community celebrates new Dollar Mountain trails

By Vickie Aldous
of the Daily Courier

As they prepared to head out onto a new network of mountain biking and hiking trails on Dollar Mountain, Grants Pass friends John Taylor and Mark Converse watched other riders sweep through banked turns and fly into the air on jumps.

“I’ve been wanting Grants Pass to have something like this,” Converse said.

Before the construction of nearly 11 miles of new trails on Dollar Mountain on the northwest edge of town, Converse said he would typically drive to the Mountain of the Rogue trail system outside the town of Rogue River or the Cathedral Hills trails south of Grants Pass.

Dollar Mountain did already have a trail leading to its summit, but it wasn’t designed for dual use, and was steep and slippery in some sections — even for people on foot. Those difficult sections were rerouted as part of the project to build new trails.

Now Grants Pass residents have a professionally designed and built mountain biking and hiking trail system practically at their doorsteps. To reduce conflicts, some segments are for downhill mountain biking only.

“How exciting to have a new place to explore,” Taylor said.

He and Converse were among a crowd of well over 100 people who gathered Saturday to celebrate the grand opening of new trails.

Aidyn Barry, age 6, had her eye on a quarter-mile mountain bike training loop with turns and jumps built next to the new trailhead parking area at 353 Hieglen Loop.

“I want to go up that one right there. I love doing big jumps. They’re fun,” she said.

The short loop is already attracting everyone from experienced riders with jump skills to newbies learning how to navigate jumps and sweeping, banked turns known as berms.

Aidyn’s mom, Melissa Hunter of Grants Pass, said the family travels to Ashland weekly so Aidyn can participate in Ashland DEVO youth mountain biking programs.

Like many other mountain bikers, they’re willing to travel to places like Ashland and Bend for well-designed trails.

Grants Pass is already known for attractions such as art, restaurants and wine, but now it has a trail system that will attract out-of-town mountain bikers. That in turn will benefit local businesses and boost the economy, said Colt Foster of the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce.

In 2019, the Grants Pass City Council voted to buy nearly 450 acres on Dollar Mountain after the owner dropped the asking price from \$2 million to \$1 million. The city then landed grants to help pay for design and construction work.

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Photos by JULIE ANDERSON / Daily Courier

Sean Anderson and his son, Roscoe, 2, ride together during the grand opening of new Dollar Mountain hiking and mountain biking trails in Grants Pass on Saturday.

Mountain biking boom lifts Southern Oregon economy



Kasey Holden catches air as he rides along a newly built Dollar Mountain bike trail. The addition of 11 miles of new hiking and mountain biking trails on the edge of Grants Pass is nearly complete, with a last segment due to be finished in December.

By Emma Maple
of the Daily Courier

When Jay Bowen began contemplating buying and reopening the Columbia Hotel in downtown Ashland, she realized something — mountain bikers are a huge part of the local economy.

She decided to capitalize on the sport’s booming popularity by catering to the needs of riders.

Bowen transformed a small space to serve as a gear room — complete with bike racks and a place to wash off equipment — for outdoor enthusiasts.

“I positioned the hotel as kind of a base camp for adventure,” Bowen said, both because of its proximity to trails and its central location to after-workout indulgences like bars and restaurants.

It paid off, with groups, families and top mountain biking athletes frequenting the hotel while enjoying nearby trail networks.

“Every year we see more people stay with us,” Bowen said.

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Jackson DA sues state over early release of sex offender

By Emma Maple
of the Daily Courier

MEDFORD — Jackson County is going up against the state to return a convicted child sex abuser back to prison.

The district attorney’s office on Monday said it initiated legal proceedings seeking to force the Oregon Department of Corrections and two agency officials to prove they should not be held in contempt of court for releasing the abuser with years left to serve on his sentence.

DA Patrick Green is seeking legal remedy from the Department of Corrections including a reinterpretation of Joaquin Amadeus Cowart’s original sentence and a fee for each day the case continues.

Also named in the complaint are Corrections chief Michael Reese and Tasha Petersen, a Corrections administrator who oversees the computation of sentences for the state agency.

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Rogue Valley set to rally in response to SNAP delay

From staff and wire reports

In response to a pause in SNAP benefits amid the federal government shutdown, a group of local food aid organizations on Monday announced the launch of a new fund to support those in need in Jackson and Josephine counties.

The Rogue Valley Good Food Fund will use donations to purchase food from local farmers and distribute it to local food banks.

The fund aims to raise \$100,000. To donate, visit tinyurl.com/2mbck5hz.

The Trump administration announced on Monday it would partially fund the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP or food stamps, in November.

“It doesn’t change the reality that our local food systems are carrying an unprecedented load,” said Alison Hensley Sexauer, executive director of the Rogue Valley Food Systems Network. Sexauer spoke at a virtual panel on Monday.

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A food storage area at the Josephine County Food Bank is seen on Oct. 24. Josephine Sze, executive director of the food bank, said a silver lining of the current SNAP benefits situation has been the way it’s brought the community together. “I have never been so proud of our community,” Sze says.

Roseburg company picked to launch homeless site in GP

Elk Island Trading selected on a 5-3 City Council vote

By Vickie Aldous
of the Daily Courier

The Grants Pass City Council voted 5-3 on Monday to disqualify Pathways to Stability from getting nearly \$1.2 million in homeless funding and to instead begin contract negotiations with Roseburg-based Elk Island Trading Group to launch a managed shelter with services.

The nonprofit coalition group Pathways to Stability got the most points from a contentious City Council scoring process in October, with the business Elk Island finishing second.

But Pathways to Stability wasn’t able to secure a location, with the Grants Pass School Board and hundreds of neighbors objecting to the nonprofit’s proposal for a managed homeless site on Josephine County-owned land near Riverside Elementary School.

Elk Island plans to buy land owned by Bi-Mart next to buildings owned by the Mobile Integrative Navigation Team. MINT provides medical care, severe weather shelter and other services for homeless people, but doesn’t offer year-round shelter.

Elk Island plans to convert metal shipping containers into housing, with MINT coordinating services from a variety of local partners to help homeless people. The business asked for \$1,179,000 of the maximum \$1.2 million city grant.

“I feel really excited about this,” said Bernie Woodard of Elk Island after the council’s vote.

The company owns property and buildings throughout Roseburg, including an island in a river. It also provides three homeless camps to try and put a dent in that city’s homeless problem that Woodard says is damaging the economy.

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Judge bars National Guard deployment to Portland until her final ruling

By Maxine Bernstein
The Oregonian

PORTLAND — A federal judge in Oregon on Sunday night blocked President Donald Trump from sending National Guard troops from any state to Oregon for the next week until she issues a final decision.

U.S. District Judge Karin J. Immergut granted a preliminary injunction about five hours before her temporary order barring the deployments of National Guard troops to Portland was set to expire at 11:59 p.m. Sunday. It followed an accelerated three-day trial that ended last week.

Immergut intends to issue her final decision by the end of the day Friday, but her preliminary injunction signaled that she’s anticipating granting a permanent injunction by the end of the week.

In a 16-page order, she found that the states of Oregon and California and city of Portland are entitled to a preliminary injunction on their claims that Trump’s federalization of the National Guard to Oregon violated federal code’s Title 10, Sec. 12406 and the 10th Amendment.

She found there was neither a threat of rebellion nor an inability of “regular officers” to execute federal law due to the nightly protests since June outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Portland’s South Waterfront neighborhood.

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Weather

Local



Wet and windy

Cloudy, rainy and windy for our Wednesday with highs in the middle 50s. Some of the rain will be heavy at times. We see the rain wrapping up overnight into the start of Thursday. The break is short with more rain moving in Thursday afternoon.

StormWatch 12
Matt Hoffman

NEWSWATCH 12
KDRV.COM

Matt's five-day Rogue Valley forecast



WEDNESDAY
Rain

Low: 49
High: 57



THURSDAY
Rain

Low: 51
High: 59



FRIDAY
Showers

Low: 51
High: 58



SATURDAY
Cloudy

Low: 41
High: 63



SUNDAY
Cloudy

Low: 42
High: 67

Almanac

Temperatures

High Saturday	66
Low Sunday	39
High Sunday	63
Low Monday	39
High Monday	64
Low today	46

Records

High for November 3	74 in 1903
Low for November 3	14 in 1935
High for November 4	76 in 1931
Low for November 4	15 in 1935

Precipitation

24 hrs. to 7 a.m. Sunday	0.00
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. Monday	0.00
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. today	0.00
Month to date	0.00
November average	4.62
Wet season to date	2.70
Wet season average to date	3.39
Wet season average	25.82
Year to date	22.06
Annual average to date	20.28
Annual average	30.41

Rogue River

Grants Pass	
Level	1.51; steady
Flow (cfs)	1,550
Turbidity (NTUs)	1
Temperature	49
At Gold Hill (cfs)	1,510
At Agness (cfs)	2,130
At Lost Creek Dam (cfs)	1,206
Inflow at Lost Creek Lake (cfs)	1,089
Illinois River at Kerby (cfs)	131

Applegate River

At Wilderville (cfs)	266
At Applegate Dam (cfs)	199
Inflow at Applegate Lake (cfs)	70

Sunrise/Sunset

Sunrise Wednesday	6:52
Sunset Wednesday	5:02

RESOURCES

Road conditions

Oregon 511; www.tripcheck.com
California: 916-445-7623
Burning information: 541-476-9663
Weather: www.wrh.noaa.gov/medford/

Oregon

WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



OREGON TEMPERATURES

Highs, lows and precipitation for the 24 hours ending at 5 a.m. today.

City	High	Low	Pcp.
Astoria	55	47	0.56
Baker City	48	36	tr
Brookings	58	54	0.07
Burns	58	46	0.02
Eugene	57	52	0.00
Klamath Falls	63	45	tr
Lakeview	62	45	tr
Medford	59	46	tr
North Bend	60	53	0.00
Pendleton	50	40	0.18
Portland	55	46	0.70
Redmond	62	37	0.01
Roseburg	59	49	0.02
Salem	51	48	0.68

m—missing
tr—trace

Regional forecasts

EUGENE:

Wednesday: Afternoon rain. Highs around 62. Lows around 52. A 98% chance of precipitation.

PORTLAND:

Wednesday: Light rain. Highs around 57. Lows around 49. A 96% chance of precipitation.

CENTRAL:

Wednesday: Afternoon rain. Highs around 56. Lows around 49. A 96% chance

SOUTH OREGON COAST:

Wednesday: Periods of rain. Highs around 62. Lows around 56. A 100% chance of precipitation.

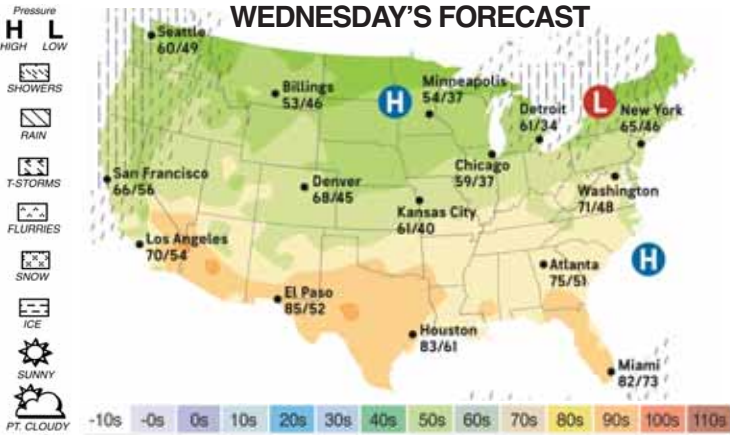
CASCADES, SISKIYOU:

Wednesday: Rainy and breezy. Highs around 49. Lows around 41. A 100% chance of precipitation.

of precipitation.

National

WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



National temperatures

Monday's highs and this morning's lows.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	79	47	clcy	
Anchorage	37	29	rain	
Atlanta	63	45	clr	
Atlantic City	60	46	.01	clr
Austin	79	45	clr	
Baltimore	66	44	clr	
Billings	55	35	clcy	
Bismarck	55	35		
Boise	59	45	.04	clr
Boston	57	46	.05	clr
Buffalo	51	40	.11	clr
Burlington, Vt.	58	45	.07	clr
Casper	52	40	clr	
Charleston, S.C.	68	42	clr	
Charlotte, N.C.	70	41	clr	
Cheyenne	48	34	clcy	
Chicago	61	40	clcy	
Cincinnati	59	34	clcy	
Cleveland	55	36	clcy	
Concord, N.H.	54	43	.18	clr
Dallas-Ft. Worth	78	54	clr	
Denver	56	30	clcy	
Des Moines	62	40	clr	
Detroit	59	34	clcy	
Fairbanks	25	8	clcy	
Flagstaff	65	32	clr	
Hartford	58	44	.12	clcy
Houston	44	36	.01	rain
Honolulu	87	77	clcy	
Indianapolis	76	49	clr	
Janeau	61	35	clcy	
Kansas City	43	35	rain	
Key West	65	47	clr	
Las Vegas	82	74	clcy	
Little Rock	83	60	clr	
Los Angeles	69	43	clr	
Los Angeles, P.R.	76	53	clcy	
Los Angeles	62	38	clcy	
Lubbock	84	53	clr	
Memphis	64	45	clr	
Miami Beach	87	71	clcy	
Milwaukee	59	41	clcy	
Mpls-St. Paul	58	39	clr	
Nashville	62	39	clr	
New Orleans	70	48	clr	
New York City	59	47	.04	clr
Norfolk, Va.	61	52	.07	clr
Oklahoma City	78	49	clr	
Orlando	77	58	clcy	
Pendleton	50	40	.18	clcy
Philadelphia	59	47	clr	
Phoenix	89	62	clr	
Pittsburgh	55	36	clr	
Portland, Maine	52	43	.31	clr
Providence	56	45	.10	clr
Reno	75	50	clcy	
Richmond	64	39	.04	clr
Sacramento	73	51	clcy	
St. Louis	65	41	clr	
Salt Lake City	66	52	clr	
San Antonio	77	50	clr	
San Diego	70	59	clcy	
San Francisco	66	58	clcy	
San Juan, P.R.	86	77	.07	clr
Santa Fe	73	39	clcy	
Seattle	49	44	.12	clcy
Sioux Falls	60	31	clr	
Spokane	46	37	.36	rain
Syracuse	61	42	.14	clcy
Tucson	89	55	clr	
Wash, D.C.	65	49	clcy	

m — indicates missing information.

National Temperature Extremes

High Monday 97 at Tecopa, CA
Low Tuesday 15 at Grand Lake, CO

The nation

Cheney, who served as Bush's vice president, dies

Dick Cheney, the hard-charging conservative who became one of the most powerful and polarizing vice presidents in U.S. history and a leading advocate for the invasion of Iraq, has died at age 84. Cheney died Monday night due to complications of pneumonia and cardiac and vascular disease, his family said in a statement. "For decades, Dick Cheney served our nation, including as White House Chief of Staff, Wyoming's Congressman, Secretary of Defense, and Vice President of the United States," the statement said. "Dick Cheney was a great and good man who taught his children and grandchildren to love our country, and to live lives of courage, honor, love, kindness, and fly fishing. We are grateful beyond measure for all Dick Cheney did for our country." The quietly forceful Cheney served father and son presidents, leading the armed forces as defense chief during the Persian Gulf War under President George Bush before returning to public life as vice president under Bush's son George W. Bush. In a twist that the Democrats of his era could never have imagined, Cheney said last year he was voting for their candidate, Kamala Harris, for president against Donald Trump. "In our nation's 246-year history, there has never been an individual who was a greater threat to our republic than Donald Trump," Cheney said in 2022.



CHENEY

Mamdani, Cuomo face off as NYC chooses new mayor

NEW YORK — New York City's voters are deciding the outcome of a generational and ideological divide that will resonate across the country today as they choose the next mayor to run the nation's largest city. Zohran Mamdani, who won the Democratic primary earlier this year, faces former Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who is running as an independent, and perennial Republican candidate Curtis Sliwa, who is trying to land a massive upset. A victory for Mamdani would give the city its first Muslim mayor and its youngest leader in generations, while elevating the democratic socialist to political stardom and giving his brand of economic populism one of the most visible political perches in America. If Cuomo comes out on top, he will have staged a remarkable political comeback four years after resigning as governor over a barrage of sexual harassment allegations. For Sliwa — the creator of the Guardian Angels crime patrol group — a win would put a Republican in charge of the nation's largest city at a time when many New Yorkers are seeking a leader who can keep President Donald Trump at bay.

Government shutdown could become longest ever

WASHINGTON — The government shutdown is poised to become the longest ever this week as the impasse between Democrats and Republicans has dragged into a new month. Millions of people stand to lose food aid benefits, health care subsidies are set to expire and there are few real talks between the parties over how to end it. President Donald Trump said in an interview that aired Sunday that he "won't be extorted" by Democrats who are demanding negotiations to extend expiring Affordable Care Act subsidies. Trump's recent comments signal the shutdown could drag on for some time as federal workers, including air traffic controllers, are set to miss additional paychecks. Senate Democrats have voted 13 times against reopening the government, insisting they need Trump and Republicans to negotiate with them first. The shutdown, now in its 34th day and approaching its sixth week, appears likely to become the longest in history. The previous record was set in 2019, when Trump demanded Congress give him money for a U.S.-Mexico border wall.

Wednesday's supermoon to be closest of the year

The moon will look slightly bigger and brighter Wednesday night during the closest supermoon of the year. The moon's orbit around the Earth isn't a perfect circle, so it gets nearer and farther as it swings around. A so-called supermoon happens when a full moon is closer to Earth in its orbit. That makes the moon look up to 14% bigger and 30% brighter than the faintest moon of the year, according to NASA. Wednesday's supermoon is the second of three supermoons this year and also the closest: The moon will come within just under 222,000 miles of Earth. No special equipment is needed to view the supermoon if clear skies permit. But the change in the moon's size can be tough to discern with the naked eye. Tides may be slightly higher during a supermoon because the moon is closer to Earth, said astronomer Lawrence Wasserman with Lowell Observatory.

Bailey named People's Sexiest Man Alive for 2025

Something has changed for "Wicked" star Jonathan Bailey, something is not the same — he is People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2025. The magazine's pick was announced Monday night on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." Bailey takes the mantle from "The Office" and "Jack Ryan" star John Krasinski, who was the 2024 selection. "It's a huge honor," Bailey, 37, told the magazine. "Obviously, I'm incredibly flattered. And it's completely absurd." Bailey had audiences swooning as Prince Fiyero in his 2024 big-screen debut in "Wicked," the popular movie musical in which he proudly urges fellow students to join him in his shallowness. The second half arrives in theaters Nov. 21. He dripped with charm as Lord Anthony Bridgerton on Netflix's "Bridgerton," and earned a 2024 Emmy nomination for his role in the Showtime series "Fellow Travelers." Most recently, he starred in "Jurassic World Rebirth," which came out in July.



BAILEY

Today in history

HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On Nov. 4, 2016, the Paris climate accord, reached the previous year, took effect; the first global pact to fight climate change called on the world to collectively cut and then eliminate greenhouse gas pollution.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt. In 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; 52 of the hostages were held for 444 days. In 1995, Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel, was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a peace rally. In 2007, King Tutankhamen's face was unveiled for the first time to the public more than 3,000 years after the pharaoh was buried in tomb.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:

Blues musician Delbert McClinton is 86. Former first lady Laura Bush is 79. Author Charles Frazier is 75. Actor Ralph Macchio is 64. Actor Matthew McConaughey is 56.

The world



JEHAD ALSHRAFI / Associated Press

Bodies of unidentified Palestinians returned from Israel as part of the ceasefire deal are brought to Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, on Monday.

DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Israel handed over the bodies of 45 Palestinians on Monday, the Red Cross said, a day after militants returned the remains of three hostages. Israeli officials identified the three as soldiers who were killed in the Hamas-led attack on Oct. 7, 2023, that triggered the war in Gaza. The exchange marked another step forward for the tenuous, U.S.-brokered ceasefire intended to end the deadliest and most destructive war ever fought between Israel and Hamas. Since the truce took effect on Oct. 10, Palestinian militants have released the remains of 20 hostages, with eight now remaining in Gaza. For each Israeli hostage returned, Israel has been releasing the remains of 15 Palestinians. With Monday's return, the bodies of 270 Palestinians have been handed back since the start of the ceasefire. The Red Cross said it had facilitated the transfer of 45 Palestinian bodies to Gaza on Monday morning. Zaher al-Wahidi, a spokesperson at the Gaza Health Ministry, told the Associated Press that Nasser Hospital received the bodies around noon.

UN leader says Sudan war is 'spiraling out of control'

DOHA, Qatar — The United Nations secretary-general warned today that the war in Sudan is "spiraling out of control" after a paramilitary force seized the besieged and famine-stricken Darfur city of el-Fasher. Speaking in Qatar, Antonio Guterres called for an immediate ceasefire in the two-year conflict that's become one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. "Hundreds of thousands of civilians are trapped by this siege," Guterres said. "People are dying of malnutrition, disease and violence." He noted "credible reports of widespread executions since the Rapid Support Forces entered the city." The paramilitary RSF reportedly killed more than 450 people in a hospital and carried out ethnically targeted killings of civilians and sexual assaults while seizing the city last week. It had besieged el-Fasher for 18 months, cutting off most food and other supplies needed by tens of thousands of people. The RSF has denied committing atrocities, but testimonies from those fleeing, online videos and satellite images offer an apocalyptic vision of their attack. The scope of the violence remains unclear because communications are poor in the region.

The West

California voters take up new congressional maps

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The national battle to control the U.S. House shifts to California today as voters consider a Democratic proposal that could erase as many as five Republican districts and blunt President Donald Trump's moves to safeguard his party's lock on Washington power. The outcome will reverberate into next year's midterm elections and beyond, with Democrats hoping a victory will set the stage for the party to regain control of the House in 2026. A shift in the majority would imperil Trump's agenda for the remainder of his term at a time of deep partisan divisions over immigration, health care and the future direction of the nation. "God help us if we lose in California," Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom says. Democrats need to gain just three seats in the 2026 elections to take control of the House. California and its 52 congressional districts represent by far the Democrats' best opportunity in an unprecedented state-by-state redistricting battle, which started when Texas Republicans heeded Trump's demand that they redraw their boundaries to help the GOP retain its House majority. Democrats hold 43 of the state's seats and hope to boost that to 48.

Day 4 of search for hunter lost in Mount Hood forest

ESTACADA — Law enforcement officers and volunteers are on the fourth day of a multi-agency search on steep, wooded terrain for a hunter from the Marion County town of Hubbard who went missing in the Mount Hood National Forest southeast of Estacada on Friday. The Oregonian reports that Devon Dobek, 51, was first called in as missing on Friday evening when he did not return from a hunt at the time he had told friends to expect him, according to information provided by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. Dobek's car was found at the Fish Creek Trailhead, off state Highway 224 and Forest Service Road 54, according to the sheriff's office. No sign of Dobek or the deer he had reportedly told friends he'd bagged were found at the truck. More than 50 searchers used ATVs, dogs and thermal imaging drones to search the forested area where Dobek is believed to have been hunting. "Search efforts are focused in steep and difficult terrain that was burned in the 2020 wildfires," according to a statement released by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office on Monday afternoon. "The area is full of fallen trees, making navigation extremely challenging. Crews plan to continue searching into the night hours."

Lotteries

MEGABUCKS.

Nobody won Monday. The winning numbers were: 3-11-12-13-29-38. Nobody won Saturday. The winning numbers were: 5-18-21-35-42-43. The jackpot is \$4.4 million for Wednesday.

POWERBALL.

Nobody won on Monday. The winning numbers were: 3-32-40-43-57; Powerball: 18. Nobody won on Saturday. The winning numbers were: 2-26-43-44-62; Powerball: 22. The jackpot rises to \$438 million for Wednesday.

WIN FOR LIFE.

Monday's winning numbers were: 1-26-55-69. Saturday's winning numbers were: 8-25-56-71.

PICK 4.

Monday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 2-9-0-0; 4 p.m.: 2-0-7-6; 7 p.m.: 9-1-2-8; 10 p.m.: 1-9-0-8. Sunday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 6-8-0-6; 4 p.m.: 9-8-6-0; 7 p.m.: 7-7-5-7; 10 p.m.: 4-4-5-5. Saturday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 5-9-3-0; 4 p.m.: 4-2-1-4; 7 p.m.: 6-8-0-6; 10 p.m.: 9-1-4-8.

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Strong winds expected to hit tonight, weather forecasters say

By Chris Bristol
of the Daily Courier

The National Weather Service has issued a wind advisory starting at 4 p.m. today through 7 a.m. Wednesday, with gusts of up to 50 mph.

The storm is the product of a cyclone in the northeast Pacific Ocean that is expected to flow an atmospheric river from Northern California over western Oregon starting tonight and lasting through Friday.

Rain could be heavy at times, with scattered thunderstorms. Some days may bring a half-inch of precipitation or more.

But first, the storm tonight. The wind advisory is in effect from Roseburg to Ashland and east into the foothills of the Cascades. It includes Grants Pass, Medford and as far east as Butte Falls.

The weather service is forecasting winds from the south-east of 25-35 mph with gusts of

up to 50 mph.

All areas west of the Cascades will be affected, the weather service warned, “especially all higher terrain and wind-aligned valleys such as the Rogue Valley from Ashland to Medford.”

Power outages are a strong possibility. Vehicles with high profiles, such as semi-trucks and motor homes, are at risk of tipping over.

It is expected to be particularly windy on the coast, with gusts of up to 70 mph possible from Eureka and Crescent City in Northern California to Brookings, Gold Beach and Bandon on Oregon’s South Coast.

The most dangerous part of the storm is expected to die down by 7 a.m. Wednesday, but it will stay breezy and rainy for much of the day, the weather service said.

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Police

Grants Pass Police Department

Police responded to one overdose report in the past week, according to city data.

A 35-year-old man under a 30-day exclusion order was arrested for trespassing at an authorized homeless camp by City Hall on Saturday. He was issued a new exclusion order.

A 42-year-old man near the camps was arrested on suspicion of stealing a backpack, makeup, headlamps and lighters from Walmart on Saturday, and also possessing methamphetamine.

Jonathan Glenn Wilder, 47, and Jacqueline Louise Grass, 35, were arrested on charges of possession and delivery of drugs Saturday night during a traffic stop near Sixth and Savage streets.

DUII arrests:

- Arturo Maldonado Legorreta, 61, after a collision at 4:19 p.m. Saturday at Sixth Street and Morgan Lane.
- Tamara Allison Howland, no age listed, after a crash into the Corvette Bar & Grill on Northeast Sixth Street at 10:35 p.m. Saturday.
- Ashley Louise Irvin, 39, at 5:17 a.m. Sunday on Interstate 5 near the south Grants Pass exit.

Josephine County Sheriff’s Office

In Cave Junction, a 47-year-old man was arrested after a disturbance Saturday night in the 3600 block of Caves Highway. On Monday, the district attorney’s office charged the man, Jayson Dean Oten, with felon in possession of a firearm (a .25-caliber pistol).

In Murphy, Apolonio Fidel Mendez, 31, was arrested on charges of third-degree robbery and third-degree theft. He is accused of stealing items and pushing employees at Hidden Valley Market on Sunday afternoon.

Fire calls

Grants Pass Fire Rescue

4:57 a.m. Saturday, 6530 Williams Highway, structure fire (bonfire).

6:56 a.m. Saturday, Seventh Street at Northeast Hillcrest Drive, vehicle vs. pedestrian.

3:36 p.m. Saturday, 1697 S.W. Rogue River Ave., outdoor gas leak.

10:35 p.m. Saturday, 1831 N.E. Sixth St., vehicle vs. building.

10:04 a.m. Sunday, 1150 S.W. Lee Lane, indoor gas leak (no hazards found).

7:42 p.m. Sunday, 1570 Cloverlawn Drive, trash fire.

12:12 a.m. Monday, 651 Murphy Creek Road (HVHS), fire alarm.

5:25 a.m. Monday, 412 N.W. B St., fire alarm.

12:25 p.m. Monday, Northwest Booth and E streets, traffic crash.

Rural Metro Fire

4:57 a.m. Saturday, 6530 Williams Highway, structure fire (bonfire).

12:57 p.m. Saturday, 295 Belmont Place, outdoor gas leak.

1:24 p.m. Saturday, 900 Hitching Post Road, commercial fire alarm.

2:59 a.m. Sunday, 2601 Sand Creek Road, fire alarm.

12:12 a.m. Monday, 651 Murphy Creek Road (HVHS), fire alarm.

12:14 a.m. Monday, 8800 block Williams Highway, rollover (see story).

4:30 p.m. Monday, milepost 70 Interstate 5, semi-truck rollover.

Illinois Valley Fire District

12:25 p.m. Sunday, 351 Jackadel Lane, power line.

8:45 a.m. Monday, 5300 block Dick George Road, rollover.

5:13 p.m. Monday, 500 block Deer Creek Road, escaped open burn.

Rogue River Fire District

10:51 a.m. Monday, milepost 48 Interstate 5, traffic crash.

Applegate Valley Fire District

12:37 p.m. Sunday, 10200 block Sterling Creek Road, traffic crash.

**All other calls not listed here were for medical aid, public assists or nonemergent smoke investigations.*

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Briefly

2 teens dead, 2 injured in crash on Highway 140

Two Eagle Point teenagers were killed and two others were critically injured in a crash on Highway 140, according to Oregon State Police.

The crash happened at 3:50 a.m. Saturday in the White City area when the 17-year-old driver of a Ford F-350 lost control on a curve near milepost 9, crashed through a guardrail and rolled into a nearby creek, OSP said.

Both the male driver and Mitchel Frank Thorpe, an 18-year-old passenger, were declared dead at the scene. Neither were wearing seatbelts, police said.

Two other passengers, a 17-year-old boy and 17-year-old girl, suffered serious injuries in the crash and were transported to a local hospital, OSP said.

The agency said “impairment and speed are considered the primary factors of the crash.”

1 dead, 1 injured in rollover near Murphy

One person died and another was injured after a rollover crash in the 8800 block of Williams Highway in the early hours of Monday.

At 12:12 a.m., crews from Rural Metro Fire were on their way to a fire alarm at Hidden Valley High School in Murphy when they were alerted to a rollover crash with injuries and power lines down.

Rural Metro said power disruptions are often the cause of alarm systems activating.

On arrival, firefighters observed a vehicle off the road, upside-down, with flames coming from the engine department. One occupant had gotten out of the vehicle, while the other remained inside.

The fire was quickly extinguished.

The trapped occupant was declared deceased on the scene. Rural Metro said burn injuries did not appear to be a factor.

Oregon State Police are investigating the crash.

Pacific Power worked overnight to restore power.

Talent man sentenced to 12 years for sexual assault

A Talent resident was sentenced on Monday to 12 years in prison for sexually assaulting a woman.

Maitland-Anthony Kahikinaokala Kamaunu, 30, will also at least eight years of post-prison supervision after being convicted last week by a jury in

Jackson County Circuit Court of first-degree rape and fourth-degree assault.

The district attorney’s office said the victim had been staying with Kamaunu for a few days while looking for permanent housing and was assaulted while there. Her injuries required medical treatment, the DA’s office said.

Kamaunu has a history of violent criminal behavior and was required to register as a sex offender at the time of the assault, the DA’s office said.

His prior criminal history included convictions for coercion, fourth-degree assault, second-degree sexual abuse, third-degree rape and third-degree sodomy.

Intruder shot and killed by neighbor in Medford

After breaking into an apartment in Medford, an intruder was shot and killed by a neighbor who heard the scuffle, according to the Medford Police Department.

Shortly before 3:35 a.m. Sunday morning, a man forced his way into 18 Hawthorne St. and then got in a “physical altercation” with the resident, the police said.

A neighbor heard the struggle, came to help and then shot

the intruder, according to the police department.

The police department has not yet released the name of the man who was killed. Lt. Geoff Kirkpatrick said the department is waiting until the family has been notified.

The neighbor is cooperating with the active investigation, the police department said.

Knifepoint robbery nets 5-year prison sentence

A Talent resident was sentenced on Monday to five years in prison for trying to rob a woman at knifepoint.

Ricardo Antonio Martell, 26, also was placed on three years of post-prison supervision for his guilty plea in Jackson County Circuit Court to a charge of robbery in the second degree.

Martell was arrested May 12 after threatening to use his knife to take money won by a guest at the new Ko-Kwel Casino Resort in Medford, according to court records in the case.

His criminal history dates to 2017 and includes convictions for third- and fourth-degree assault.

The Ko-Kwel Casino is located at the old Roxy Ann Lanes bowling alley, 2375 S. Pacific Highway, and is operated by the Coquille Tribe.

Sues

From 1A

Cowart, 47, originally was sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading to sexually abusing a 14-year-old girl and possessing of child sexual abuse materials, the DA’s office said.

The intent of the sentencing judge was for Cowart to receive credit for time-served while awaiting trial, the DA’s office said. Cowart had accrued almost four years of credit, so the release

date was set for September 2029, according to the complaint.

Then some things changed after the Oregon Supreme Court issued a ruling that dealt with the often complicated if not abstruse calculus of prison sentencing.

As a result, the Department of Corrections reexamined the sentences of most of the state’s prisoners in light of the ruling and in some cases shaved years off a prisoner’s time and released people outright without alerting prosecutors or

crime victims.

Green said in a statement that the recalculated sentences sometimes resulted in outcomes “that are both unjust and absurd.”

In Cowart’s case, the recalculation resulted in his accrued time behind bars applying to each of his sentences individually, rather than the amount of the combined sentences. The changes moved his release date up by over 11 years to June 3, 2021 — just a few days after his original sentencing.

Cowart was subsequently

released without prior notification to the court, the DA’s office or the victim, the DA’s office said.

Other Jackson County cases impacted by the recalculation include a five-year early release for a man in a DUII crash who seriously injured three children and an adult, and a one-year early release of a child sex offender.

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Homeless

From 1A

After the city of Grants Pass and Elk Island get through the sensitive contract-negotiation process, Woodard said he wants to reach out to Pathways to Stability and councilors who voted against Elk Island to find a way to work together.

Councilors Rob Pell, Rick Riker, Seth Benham, Indra Nicholas and Joel King voted to disqualify Pathways to Stability and begin contract negotiations with Elk Island. Councilors Victoria Marshall, Erich Schloegl and Kathleen Krohn voted against the move, instead wanting all applicants to submit updated offers.

MINT has said it would work with any organization that got the city grant, and other organizations that specialize in addiction treatment, mental health care and other services have said they want to help.

“I guess my biggest wish would be for all of the organizations to get together and work together,” Riker said. “By that, I think there would be a great healing process for the community.”

Schloegl, who voted in the minority, said Pathways to Stability’s plan offered incentives to engage in treatment for

addiction, which he said is the root cause of much homelessness.

“The idea was to be able to stop that and have somewhat of a solution where we can fix these things and not continue to go down the road of the homeless industrial complex — which is exactly what’s going to end up happening,” Schloegl said.

The “homeless industrial complex” is a term coined by critics who say many service providers benefit financially from homelessness, enable addiction and have no incentive to end homelessness.

King, part of the majority vote, said MINT has referred 130 people to addiction treatment provider OnTrack since Jan. 1.

“MINT and Bernie’s application does offer very adequate substance abuse treatment,” King said.

OnTrack Rogue Valley recently changed its name to Continuum Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Speaking after the meeting, Woodard of Elk Island said he’s married to an addiction treatment counselor and knows that addiction contributes to homelessness.

“I don’t agree with warehousing people. I believe in moving people forward and

incentivizing people,” he said.

Woodard said physical disabilities, mental health issues, the high cost of housing and people having no place to go after addiction treatment also play a role. Some people with jobs need a temporary place to stay while they save up money, and others without housing just need a bus ticket out of town to reunite with their families, he said.

Woodard said MINT will coordinate wraparound services and individualized plans.

City Attorney Stephanie Nuttall said the city will likely have a draft agreement with Elk Island by Nov. 10, a protest period will end Nov. 26, and a contract could be executed on Dec. 1.

Elk Island would have six months to get a managed homeless site up and running, which would put the opening date on or before June 1, Nuttall said.

The Grants Pass City Council offered up to \$1.2 million for a group to launch a managed homeless site after settling a lawsuit this summer. The settlement terms require the city to ensure that resting sites are available for 150 homeless people, including those who are disabled, for one year.

By handing over those responsibilities to another group, the City Council hopes to

close unmanaged camping sites on city-owned land by City Hall and the police department that have been marred by drug use, trash, disorderly conduct and other issues.

On Friday, after failing to secure the county-owned land by Riverside Elementary School, Pathways to Stability submitted a proposal to city officials to turn the camps by City Hall into a managed site, with a nearby building used as a service hub.

In its grant request, Pathways to Stability sought \$1.15 million from the city but reserved no money in that budget to buy or lease the county-owned land by the school.

Both Elk Island and another applicant, Diversion by Design, budgeted money for property acquisition in their requests, with Diversion by Design identifying industrial land on Spalding Avenue in east Grants Pass.

Back in January, after a slate of candidates backed by the Josephine County Republican Party took office, a City Council majority voted to rescind \$600,000 in funding for MINT to buy property near Bi-Mart. MINT later acquired the property through other means.

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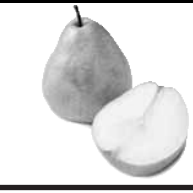
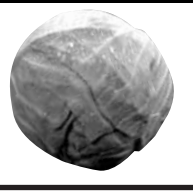
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Oregon open primary initiative would let all participate

The Oregon Legislature, dominated as it is by the two major parties, often has been a burial ground for efforts to change the dynamics of the parties' clout.

The initiative process is a more open pathway, the more so since there are more non-aligned voters in Oregon than there are either Republicans or Democrats, not to mention the sizable number in minor parties. And those many non-major party voters may jump at the chance to take a meaningful role in an important part of the process of selecting governmental leaders which until now has been closed to them.

The core idea, unveiled this month in its latest form, is simple: Allow everyone to vote in any party's primary elections, as opposed to people who are registered only for that party.

The proponents are offering two measures, one a proposed constitutional amendment and the other an initiative to change election law.

The amendment sets out the basic plan: "No voter shall be denied the right to vote solely because of the voter's non-affiliation with a political party in any election funded by the state or its public jurisdictions. In primary elections, all candidates shall be listed on a single ballot, regardless of their party affiliations, allowing all eligible voters to vote for the candidates of their choice for: United States senator, representative in Congress, governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general, state senator and state representative and any other public office so designated by law."

The initiative also lays out some of the specifics. One part of the measure could be controversial in some places: It provides that in the primary election, the top two vote-getters (of whatever party, or none) would advance to the general election.

Primary elections are no small deal. In many parts of Oregon (and some would argue, even in statewide races) the decisions of who will hold elective office is effectively settled in the primary. Most legislative districts in Multnomah County, for example, are unlikely to elect in November anyone who is not a Democratic nominee, and the same is true for Republicans in most places east of the Cascades.

Those with political memory will recall that in last year's general election, Oregon voters rejected a statewide ranked-choice plan, 42.3% to 57.7%. But that was a complex proposal, and it wasn't clear that ranked choice was specifically the main reason it failed. And Oregon voters have been known to reverse themselves on ballot concepts before when details change, as the subjects of same-sex marriage and marijuana legalization have shown.

The new measures are being backed by prominent names from three distinct sectors — former Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski, former Republican state Rep. Cheri Helt of Bend and Independent Party of Oregon Co-Chair Andrew Kaza.

Kulongoski said, "When this is on the ballot, half of the people in the state will be neither Democrats or Republican registered. And I think that the party should have to make an appeal to those independents as to why they think their candidate is the best one."

Nonaligned registration is the top choice in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties — in Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

Five of the six U.S. House districts have non-aligned as the top choice, the sole exception being the overwhelmingly Democratic Portland-based 3rd district.

Beyond that, there are at least a couple of compelling reasons Democrats might be interested in joining this open-primary effort.

One is as pushback against the vote-restrictive policies of the Trump administration and many Republican officeholders in other states: The new proposals speak to openness. Beyond that, as a matter of political tactics, Democratic support of an open primary plan would tend to align Democrats more with the recently burgeoning non-aligned and independent voting groups.

If these ballot issues (which still face an extensive petition challenge) can pick up additional support from Democrats and some non-major party voters tired of sitting out a key part of the election process, this one may have a better chance for passage than last year's ranked choice.

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Trump wants to admit more Chinese students. Here's why he shouldn't.

President Donald Trump says he returned home from Asia with commitments for trillions in new investment in the United States. Let's hope he is leaving behind his plan to take in hundreds of thousands of Chinese students at U.S. universities.

This summer, the Trump administration wisely announced plans to "aggressively revoke" visas of Chinese students in the United States "including those with connections to the Chinese Communist Party or studying in critical fields." But then Trump reversed course, announcing in August that he would increase the number of Chinese students attending American universities to 600,000. This would more than double the approximately 275,000 Chinese students in the United States and allow China to surpass India as the country with largest enrollment in the U.S.

That is a terrible idea.

The FBI reports that China is engaged in a systematic effort to target U.S. universities, using Chinese students and researchers to conduct espionage and steal "technologies needed to advance China's national, military, and economic goals."

In some cases, students appear to spy on our military. In 2020, recent Chinese graduate students at the University of Michigan pleaded guilty after being caught photographing defense infrastructure at a naval air station in Key West, Florida. In August 2023, five Chinese students at the University of Michigan were caught outside Camp Grayling, 200 miles north of their school, during a U.S. National Guard training operation that included the Taiwanese military. In 2024, a Chinese graduate student at the University of Minnesota was convicted of using a drone to take photos of naval bases in Norfolk.

But more often, students are recruited to target research at U.S. labs and universities. In 2022, FBI director Christopher Wray reported that the FBI was investigating more than 2,000 cases of Chinese intellectual property theft in the U.S. and opening up new Chinese espionage cases at a rate of one every 12 hours — many of them involving U.S. colleges and universities.

For example, in 2020 the Justice Department indicted a Chinese researcher at Harvard who was arrested attempting to smuggle vials of biological research mater-

Marc Thiessen
Syndicated columnist

ial to China. The U.S. also indicted an undercover Chinese military officer who was a student at Boston University researching U.S. military projects, and who had allegedly compiled information for the Chinese People's Liberation Army on two U.S. scientists with expertise in robotics and computer science.

Amazingly, some Chinese researchers on campus don't even hide their PLA affiliations. In 2018, the Financial Times reported that American universities had hosted more than 500 visiting scholars from People's Liberation Army-affiliated schools over the previous decade, many of whom wrote joint papers with U.S. academics. Why has the U.S. government permitted students openly linked to the Chinese military to receive U.S. visas?

Many Chinese students may conduct espionage for Beijing willingly. Others are certainly coerced by the regime. In 2017, China passed a National Intelligence Law requiring that all Chinese citizens support and cooperate with state intelligence work, whether at home or abroad, meaning that Chinese nationals at U.S. universities have no choice but to inform the Chinese Communist Party if they are asked to do so. As Stanford Review reporters Garret Molloy and Elsa Johnson noted in an investigation this year, family members of Chinese students can be taken to police stations in China if students won't hand over certain documents. "If you do not comply with the national intelligence law, your family back in China is under threat," Molloy told me. "Therefore, students have a very strong incentive to do exactly what the party says."

Rep. John Moolenaar, R-Mich., chairman of the House select committee on China, recently sent a letter to the presidents of Stanford, Carnegie Mellon, Pur-

due, the University of Illinois, the University of Maryland and the University of Southern California warning that "the unchecked enrollment of Chinese nationals in American institutions risks facilitating the technological transfers that strengthen Beijing's military and economic competitiveness at our nation's expense." Chinese students, Moolenaar continued, are giving China "access to cutting-edge research in fields such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, semiconductors, and aerospace engineering."

There is a reason China has made protecting visas for Chinese students a top priority. They help the Chinese Communist Party carry out what Wray called "the largest and most sophisticated theft of intellectual property and expertise in the history of the world." Given this fact, why on earth would the Trump administration give Communist China the opportunity to double the number of its students in the U.S. to help carry out that espionage?

In 2012, President Barack Obama signed legislation prohibiting Iranian students from studying energy, nuclear science or nuclear engineering in the United States. We should be imposing similar restrictions on Chinese students, not expanding their access to U.S. research and technology.

Asked by Fox News' Laura Ingraham why the administration would welcome 600,000 students from Communist China to attend U.S. universities, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick absurdly argued that without those Chinese students filling spots in America's top schools, U.S. students "would go up to better schools, and the bottom 15% of universities and colleges would go out of business in America." In other words, by Lutnick's logic, we should let Chinese students displace Americans at the best U.S. universities, pushing Americans down the academic ladder to schools so bad that they would otherwise close, while giving the Chinese students the opportunity to collect intelligence at the most sophisticated research institutions in America.

How, exactly, is that putting "America First"?

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Letters

End the chaos in the Josephine County GOP

The Josephine County Republican Party has become a circus — and the blame lies squarely with the former chair and a handful of discontents who refuse to let go of power and continue to sabotage the organization from the sidelines.

Instead of supporting the newly elected leadership and allowing the party to move forward, the former chair has engaged in a campaign of disruption — spreading false rumors, challenging legitimate procedures, and turning the party office into a hostile work environment. This petty power struggle is driving away good people who want nothing more than to help elect conservative candidates and promote Republican values in our county.

Republicans are supposed to stand for integrity, accountabil-

ity and respect for process. Yet the actions of the former chair and a small group of followers have done the opposite — creating chaos, embarrassing the party publicly and dividing members who used to work together in good faith.

Enough is enough. It's time for the former chair to step back permanently and stop poisoning the well. If you truly care about the Republican cause, you don't tear down your own party because you lost an election.

The new leadership deserves a fair chance to rebuild trust and get back to the real work — registering voters, supporting candidates and representing the conservative values that built this community. Josephine County Republicans are tired of the drama. We want professionalism, unity and respect restored.

INDRA NICHOLAS
Grants Pass

Trump belongs in a cell, not the White House

According to Trump, he sent the National Guard into "war-ravaged" Portland because ICE was "under siege" by "domestic terrorists" and the protests constituted "rebellion." U.S. District Judge Karin Immergut, a Trump appointee, issued a temporary restraining order that stated, "The President's determination was simply untethered to the facts." That's a good description of the president himself.

If the courts ultimately decide against him, Trump said he could invoke the Insurrection Act and then, "I'd be allowed to do whatever I want." It sounds like we'll be seeing a lot more troops in our streets, especially if he doesn't like the midterm election results.

Even as Trump ordered the military into U.S. cities and his

masked thugs brutally abducted people off the streets, he shamelessly lobbied for himself to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He can't even make peace here. He delights in chaos and conflict. He broadcast his true feelings about freedom and democracy in a video he posted of himself wearing a crown while bombing opponents with excrement — POTUS potty humor from our toddler-in-chief.

After leaving office in 2021, Trump became a convicted felon, was found liable for sexual assault and was indicted but not yet tried for attempting to overturn the 2020 election and inciting the Jan. 6 attack on our Capitol. That he's in what's left of the White House rather than a prison cell is far more of a prize than he deserves.

MICHAEL STEELY
Medford

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SNAP

From 1A

Two federal judges ruled on Friday that the Trump administration must continue to pay for SNAP, the nation's biggest food aid program, using emergency reserve funds during the government shutdown.

At 35 days, the ongoing full shutdown is as of today tied with a partial shutdown in 2018-19 for the longest in U.S. history.

The judges in Massachusetts and Rhode Island gave the administration leeway on whether to fund the program partly or in full for November.

The administration said Monday that it will partially fund SNAP for November, and that the emergency fund it will use has \$4.65 billion — enough to cover about half the more than \$8 billion it costs the federal government to underwrite SNAP every month.

It's not clear exactly how much beneficiaries will receive, nor how quickly they will see value show up on the debit cards they use to buy groceries. November payments have already been delayed for millions of people.

In Oregon, around 757,000 people receive SNAP benefits, or around 1 in 6 residents.

In Jackson County 17.6% of households receive SNAP benefits, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In Josephine County, 24.2% of households receive SNAP. The Oregon Department of Human Services said the average household benefit is around \$314 per month in Jackson County and around \$309 per month in Josephine County.

Kim Whitney, Oregon Department of Human Services district manager for Jackson and Josephine Counties, said Oregon is working to figure out how to distribute partial benefits on Oregon Trail cards. No benefits have yet been distributed for November.

“SNAP benefits have never been paused before” nationwide, she said. “We’ve never had to figure this out collectively.”

Whitney said her agency is also trying to prepare for how to distribute full November benefits when they arrive, but warned it will take time.

She urged people to keep their SNAP case current and continue to file paperwork as usual.

The state human services agency is warning people about SNAP-related scams. If you receive text, email or social media posts telling you to click a link to get your SNAP benefits, do not click it. It is a scam. Only trust information about your benefits from official sources.

On Monday, the Trump administration also sent an additional \$450 million in federal funding to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, better known as WIC, for November. In October, the Trump administration reallor-

Find food here

Here's a list of places to get food for the next week and ongoing programs:

- Call 2-1-1 for information about local resources, including food assistance.
- Visit NeedFood.Oregon.gov.
- Many local food pantries have extended hours.

In Josephine County, visit jcofoodbank.org/get-help to find local food pantries.

In Jackson County, visit accesshelps.org/food to find local food pantries and roguefoodunites.org for no-cost, no-barrier farmers markets in Medford on Tuesdays, Eagle Point on Wednesdays and Talent on Thursdays.

Today: YMCA, 1000 Redwood Ave., Grants Pass, 6 to 7:30 p.m., emergency mobile pantry by the Josephine County Food Bank. Continues Tuesdays until SNAP benefits resume.

Wednesday: AllCare Health, 1701 Seventh St., Grants Pass, noon to 2 p.m.: spaghetti meals with sauce and vegetable handout. Free, first-come, first-served, open to everyone.

GROWERS MARKETS

SNAP users can bring their Oregon Trail Card/EBT card to a farmers market info booth, swipe it for just \$1 (or \$0 if there is no money on the card) and receive \$20 of Emergency Double Up Food Bucks to buy food at the market. This will last until all SNAP benefits are restored, or until Nov. 30, whichever comes first.

It is being paid for by a grant from the Farmers Market Fund.

At farm stands that participate in Double Up Food Bucks, SNAP shoppers can receive \$20 per day for produce, or a 50% discount if they still have SNAP funds available.

The Josephine County Farm Collective farm stand, Whistling Duck farm store and Fry Family Farms participate.

Grants Pass: Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fourth and F Streets.

Medford: Thursdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Hawthorne and East Jackson Streets.

Ashland: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at ScienceWorks Hands-on Museum at 1500 E. Main St.

For more information and a full list of participating locations, go online and visit doubleuporegon.org.

KIDS

Local food truck Blaze-N-Monkeys is offering free kids' meals for kids. The truck's schedule this week is:

Tuesday: Area 61, 11 a. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: AllCare, noon to p.m., Spaghetti Giveaway.

Thursday: Off/Shopping.

Friday: Prep.

Saturday: Two River Vineyard, noon to 6 p.m.

cated \$300 million in unspent tariff revenue to keep the program running.

On Wednesday, the office of Gov. Tina Kotek announced a 60-day food security emergency and that the state would direct \$5 million to food banks across the state.

Josephine Sze, executive director of the Josephine County Food Bank, said a silver lining of the situation has been the way it's brought the community together.

“I have never been so proud of our community,” she said.

Guard

From 1A

Immergut ruled that Trump exceeded his authority by calling up the troops to be deployed to a “single federal building” in Portland.

“This Court finds no credible evidence that during the approximately two months before the President's federalization order, protests grew out of control or involved more than isolated and sporadic instances of violent conduct that resulted in no serious injuries to federal personnel,” Immergut wrote.

Following a few nights in June, which involved “the high watermark of violence and unlawful activity” outside the ICE building, subsequent protests between June 15 and Sept. 27 were “generally uneventful with occasional interference to federal personnel and property,” she wrote in her ruling.

Although there were sporadic instances of unlawful behavior, she found that federal law enforcement, along with state and local police, have been able to manage the situation and make arrests and prosecute people, she wrote.

She defined rebellion as an “organized group engaged in armed hostilities for the purpose of overtaking an instrumentality of government by unlawful or antidemocratic means,” drawing from contemporaneous dictionary definitions of the word and historical examples.

Immergut said the federal government did not provide any evidence that the “episodes of violence” outside the ICE building were perpetrated by an organized group aimed at overtaking part of the government.

“The trial testimony produced no credible evidence of any significant damage to the ICE facility in the months before the President's callout and no credible evidence that ICE was unable to execute immigration laws,” the judge wrote. “Protesters frequently blocked the driveway of the ICE building, but the evidence also showed that federal law enforcement officers were able to clear the driveway.”

Immergut also pointed out that Robert Cantu, the deputy regional director of the Federal Protective Service who is responsible for protecting the ICE building in Portland, was never consulted by the Trump administration before the president authorized Guard troops to be mobilize and was surprised to learn once they were called up for federal service.

At the federal government's request, Immergut agreed to put a hold on part of her preliminary injunction that bars the federalization of the Guard members, maintaining the status quo. That means the Guard members mobilized can remain under federal control but cannot be deployed until the court issues its final opinion.

In a Sept. 27 social media post on his Truth Social platform, Trump authorized “all necessary Troops” to protect “War ravaged Portland,” and also promised “Full Force, if necessary,” at the request of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem. He wrote that he was directing his defense secretary to have troops ready to protect “any of our ICE Facilities under siege from attack by

Antifa and other domestic terrorists.”

The next day, Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth issued a memo, mobilizing 200 Oregon National Guard troops to serve under federal control for 60 days at Portland's ICE building.

Immergut granted an initial temporary restraining order on Oct. 4, blocking their deployment to the city. Hours later, Hegseth mobilized 200 California National Guard troops to be deployed to Portland instead, and they arrived by air in Portland the next morning. Hegseth also called up another 200 Texas National Guard troops to be made available for deployments to Oregon and Illinois.

Immergut held an emergency hearing by phone on Oct. 5, a Sunday night, and granted a second broader temporary order that prevented Trump from sending National Guard troops from any state to Oregon under federal control.

The judge extended both temporary orders another 14 days, and they expired this Saturday and Sunday nights, respectively.

Lawyers for Oregon, California and Portland argued that the president's authorization violated federal statute and the 10th Amendment, which protects a state's sovereign interests and says that powers not delegated to federal officials are reserved “to the States.”

They urged the judge to permanently block the Trump administration's Sept. 28 memo and related orders to federalize and deploy Oregon National Guard troops to Portland, and all cross-state deployment orders of troops to Portland.

The state of California joined Oregon and Portland's lawsuit after 200 California National Guard members were flown to Portland in an apparent attempt to get around Immergut's initial temporary order that only blocked the Oregon National Guard.

U.S. Department of Justice lawyers countered that the district judge lacked authority to review Trump's assessment.

They also argued that the judge must give a “great deal of deference” to the president's determination that he's met at least two of the criteria required before he can federalize National Guard members under federal code's Title 10, Sec. 12406: that there was a danger of a rebellion against U.S. government authority, and “regular officers” have been unable to execute federal law.

They argued that rebellion includes the violent resistance to federal enforcement of immigration law and pointed to the one night that Portland police declared a riot on June 14.

“Violent agitators, many of whom were organized, specifically targeted federal personnel and buildings to impede enforcement. ... At a minimum, these conditions created ‘a danger of a rebellion.’ Creating life-threatening dangers for federal officers enforcing federal law (as well as bystanders) and targeting federal employees for their work performing federal functions surely amounts to a dangerous risk of rebellion,” Justice Department attorney J. Stephen Tagert wrote to the judge in a post-trial brief Saturday.

urday.

The federal government lawyers said Immergut was wrong in previously restricting her assessment to conditions in Portland in the “days leading up to” Trump's authorization, arguing no time limitation exists.

They said a permanent injunction would be a “drastic and extraordinary remedy,” that is unwarranted and asked if any injunction were issued, that it be limited to only prevent the deployment of troops based on the president's judgment prior to his Sept. 27 authorization for Oregon.

“The Court cannot prevent future federalizations and deployments of the National Guard were the circumstances to change, necessitating immediate action. And that includes if the situation around the Portland ICE building worsens,” Target wrote in the Saturday brief. “If the Court does enter an injunction, the injunction should not impede the President's authority to initiate other federal protection missions based on distinct facts or to federalize Guardsmen for separate purposes, such as maintaining air sovereignty or responding to a foreign invasion.”

Although card readers at the ICE building were “occasionally damaged,” Immergut wrote in her preliminary ruling that she found no evidence of any “significant damage” to the complex in the two months preceding Hegseth's memo mobilizing the troops.

While protesters have frequently blocked the building's driveway, federal officers have been able to clear it. Even when the building was temporarily closed from mid-June to early July due to property damage that occurred on June 12, the building's Enforcement and Removal Operations office was able to temporarily relocate to another building in Portland until the ICE facility reopened and deportation officers continued to make arrests in the community, the judge wrote.

Immergut found credible the testimony of Portland police command staff who had “first-hand knowledge” of the crowds outside the ICE building.

Portland police Assistant Chief Craig Dobson, Central Precinct Commander Brian Hughes and police Commander Franz Schoening, who oversees the police bureau's crowd-control incident commanders, all testified that there was no need for the National Guard in the city and they feared their presence would incite more problems.

“More detailed findings of fact based on the trial testimony and exhibits are forthcoming following this Court's full review of the record,” the judge wrote.

She said she's moved as expeditiously as possible to resolve “this case of significant national importance,” but noted all sides introduced more than 750 exhibits, many of which were “voluminous,” in a trial that ended about 48 hours earlier, and submitted post-trial briefs on Saturday.

She said she needed to complete a more thorough review of all the evidence. The judge also noted that the federal government had declined her

request last week to agree to a brief week-long extension of her temporary restraining order in order to maintain the status quo to afford her more time to issue a final ruling.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield called Sunday night's ruling “a step toward truth and accountability.”

“From the beginning, this case has been about making sure the facts — not the President's political whims — guide how the law is applied,” he said in a statement. “We're grateful the court is taking the time to get it right, and we'll keep doing everything we can to protect Oregon's ability to govern itself and keep our communities safe.”

Gov. Tina Kotek praised the preliminary decision, describing it as “another affirmation of our democracy and the right to govern ourselves.”

“Oregon stands united against this unwanted, unneeded, unconstitutional military intervention,” she said in a statement.

U.S. Justice Department lawyer Eric Hamilton signaled at the end of trial Friday afternoon that the federal government would ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to put a hold on any injunction issued by Immergut as it appeals.

“The facts haven't changed.

Amidst ongoing violent riots and lawlessness, that local leaders have refused to step in to quell, President Trump has exercised his lawful authority to protect federal officers and assets,” said Abigail Jackson, White House spokesperson, by email. “President Trump will not turn a blind eye to the lawlessness plaguing American cities and we expect to be vindicated by a higher court.”

Lewis & Clark Law School professor Tung Yin said the judge's credibility findings about witnesses can be important because when the district court makes a finding of fact, it can be overturned by the 9th Circuit only if it is “clearly erroneous.”

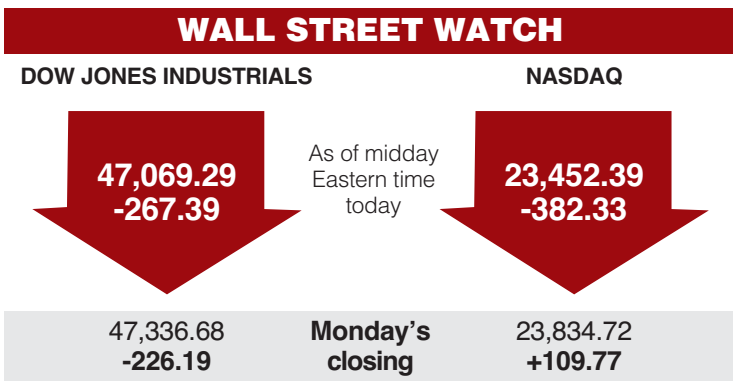
“It's not enough that the appellate judges think they would have reached a different finding. Basing the findings on credibility is not necessary, but it helps because the trial judge gets to observe witness demeanor, whereas appellate judges just get a transcript,” he said by email.

Yin said he anticipated the losing party would appeal and ask for an immediate stay, or hold, by a three-judge 9th Circuit panel, whose ruling could prompt another call for a review by a larger pool of appeals court judges.

Whether a new three-judge 9th Circuit panel would hear a motion to put Immergut's latest ruling on hold or the 11-judge 9th Circuit panel already in place will take it is impossible to know, said Jeff Feldman, a professor and co-director of the Ninth Circuit Appellate Advocacy Clinic at the University of Washington.

“The normal process would be to assign a new panel, but this is not a normal case and the court has discretion as to how to handle it,” Feldman said.

An appeal of Immergut's final ruling is what likely would end up before the U.S. Supreme Court at some point, legal observers said.



New York Stock Exchange

Today's noon New York Stock Exchange selected prices:	ColgPalm 75.77 +0.79	Hallibrtn 27.08 -0.10	PG&ECp 16.11 +0.20
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	ConEd 97.33 +0.69	Hess 0.00 ...	ProctGam 146.53 -1.50
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Altria 56.55 -0.12	Disney 111.20 -0.92	IntlPap 36.48 -0.45	Sempra 92.82 +0.24
AmlntGlp 80.06 +1.10	DuPont 36.89 +2.20	JohrnJn 187.63 +1.37	SouthnCo 93.43 +0.28
ApldIndT 254.00 +0.67	Eaton 377.13 -9.44	Loews 100.28 +0.86	Tegna 19.74 +0.02
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BkofAm 53.46 -0.10	ExxonMbl 113.64 -0.12	MDU Res 19.39 -0.01	3M Co 160.30 -1.89
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Boeing 199.18 -5.38	FootLockr 24.01 -0.09	McKesson 838.86+18.57	TriContl 34.07 -0.12
BrMySq 46.04 +0.01	FordM 12.82 -0.19	Merck 84.25 +1.76	UnionPac 219.18 +0.36
Brunswick 64.57 -1.50	GE Aero 305.12 -3.50	NCR Voyix 11.09 -0.26	Unisys 3.41 -0.06
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Chevron 152.99 -1.05	GenMills 46.49 +0.06	OcciPet 40.11 -0.81	WalmMart 101.99 +0.40
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CocaCola 68.26 +0.29	HP Inc 26.38 -0.64		

Commodities

Gold				
Selected world gold prices, today				
London morning fix: \$3910.2				
London afternoon fix: \$3948.5				
HSBC Bank USA: \$4002.20				
NY Handy & Harman: \$39623.56				
NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$4318.10				
NY Engelhard: \$4030.00				
NY Engelhard fabricated: \$4318.28				
NY Merc. gold: \$4002.10				

Nonferrous metals

Spot prices for Monday
Gold - \$4003.10 troy oz., HSBC Bank USA

Northwest stocks

PORTLAND — Closing quotations from the New York Stock Exchange. They do not include markup, markdown or commissions.					
Name	High	Low	Last Change	Ratio	
Banner Cp	60.30	59.60	60.23 -0.69	-1.15	
ColBrlng	26.84	26.38	26.61 -0.50	-1.93	
Coshiba	937.86	928.97	933.21 +6.16	+0.66	
DuthBros	56.33	53.35	54.05 +0.68	+1.25	
Intel	38.25	37.44	38.14 -1.59	-4.35	
Keycorp	17.53	17.22	17.31 -0.17	-0.96	

Chicago Mercantile					
	Open	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Nov 25	537.50	546.50	530.50	542.00	+6.00
Jan 26	582.00	593.00	574.00	595.00	+9.00
Mar 26	607.00	619.00	605.00	619.00	+10.00
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Kroger	64.60	63.60	64.00	+0.25	+0.39
LithiaMot	306.08	300.67	304.15	-4.89	-1.63
MicroSoft	515.55	507.84	511.83	-5.18	-1.02
Nike	62.59	61.39	62.42	-1.12	-1.82
Nordstrom	0.00	0.00	0.00	...	...
OnoSure	2.67	2.58	2.65	-0.06	-2.49
Starbucks	81.20	78.49	81.18	-2.10	-2.66
US Bancpr	46.99	46.16	46.45	-0.13	-0.27
WellsFargo	88.50	85.88	87.00	-0.10	-0.12
Weyerhae	22.61	22.29	22.47	-0.02	-0.11

2025-26 enrollment now open for revived Josephine County 4-H

By Chrissy Ewald
of the Daily Courier

The Oregon State University Extension Service in Josephine County announced on Monday that enrollment is open for 4-H for the 2025-26 year.

Enrollment is open for youth members and adult volunteers.

Community relations and program manager Frank Boothby said enrollment fees for youth members are waived this year.

Youngsters can join 4-H year-round, but Boothby said it's encouraged for people to complete enrollment before the end of 2025 to ensure they are eligible to participate in the Josephine County Fair and to “provide members with a well-rounded 4-H experience.”

Boothby said 4-H members planning to exhibit livestock projects at the 2026 Josephine County Fair must complete registration with the Josephine County Youth Livestock Auction by Jan. 1, 2026, and follow all possession and deadline requirements established by the Josephine County Youth Livestock Auction

Committee.

To learn more or enroll, visit beav.es/josephine4h or call the OSU Extension Service in Josephine County at 541-241-3050.

The Josephine County OSU Extension Service is restarting some programs after having some of its funding restored in June. The program, normally supported by a small tax approved by voters in the 1990s, had that tax canceled in 2023 and 2024 by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners amid a controversy over religious T-shirts worn by a 4-H club (an allegation the Extension has disputed).

The program is operating on reserves and the tax is not being collected this year. Boothby said in an email last week the 4-H program hopes to get a wide variety of clubs going this year, including shooting sports, fiber arts, livestock clubs, horse & pony, small animals, science and technology and horticulture.

Reach reporter Chrissy Ewald at 541-474-3806 or cewald@thedailycourier.com.

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Obituaries

Kevin Louis Volek

Kevin Louis Volek, 64, of Grants Pass died on Oct. 30, 2025, at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center. Arrangements with Hull & Hull Funeral Directors.

Ronald Joe Vander Meulen

Ronald Joe Vander Meulen, 74, of Waldport died on Oct. 30, 2025, at his home. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at Hull & Hull Funeral Directors. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

To place an obituary, please call Cassie Clarke at 541-474-3714 or email obits@thedailycourier.com.

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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Syndicated columnist

Sister’s ‘gifts’ can do more harm than good

Dear Abby: My sister is cheap. She’s also not good at choosing gifts for people. Often, the things she gives are worse than if she’d done nothing at all. An example: She was just here visiting and brought my 4-year-old a toy car she’d picked up at a garage sale (fine, so far), but one of the wheels was broken off. She had the wheel in her purse and said something about gluing it back on, but never did. Once she left, we tried to glue it, but it turned out the toy wasn’t fixable, and my son was very disappointed.

This isn’t the first time this has happened. There’s a history of clothes that are too small, ripped or dirty, toys sent so late the child has long outgrown that stage, etc. It’s not a matter of money. She’s the director of a large law school, so she can buy anything she likes. It is a matter of attention.

I’ve spoken to her several times about not bringing gifts anymore, but she glosses over the disappointment and says she loves seeing kids open the things she brings. Someday, my kids will be old enough to see her behavior as quirky, but for now I want it to stop. Am I right? — Gift Rift in the West

Dear Gift Rift: You are not wrong. Your sister appears to be “a little off-center.” I agree with you that one day in the not-too-distant future, your children will be discerning enough to notice the “gifts” your sister brings are soiled or broken and selected without regard to their interests or taste. A way to avoid the problem would be not to invite her to visit around birthday or holiday time, or intercept her inappropriate gifts before the kids see them.

Dear Abby: Last year, we renovated our house. We now have a south-facing roof that is ready for the installation of solar panels. Our utility company has an incentive program to lower the cost of the equipment, but it ends in six months.

The only thing holding us back is the next-door neighbors’ old, tall tree that shades our roof where the panels would go. The tree is cracked and has been coming down in sections over the last several years. Previous owners of the house had to repair their front windows and gutter after a large branch came crashing down in a storm.

The current owners are a young couple with a small baby. We have had occasional, friendly driveway conversations but don’t really know them. Would it be presumptuous to ask if they would be willing to let us pay to have their tree removed? People can be prickly about their property. But maybe they wouldn’t mind someone else covering what is probably an inevitable cost.

We want to continue having a friendly relationship, while also moving forward with our project. Thoughts? — Upgrading in North Carolina

Dear Upgrading: Because you have a cordial relationship with these neighbors, it shouldn’t be offensive to point out that their tree presents a problem. When you do, tell them that a falling branch had damaged their front windows and gutter, which caused an expensive repair. Explain that the cracks in the tree could present a danger to their little one, then volunteer that you are more than willing to pay the cost of having it removed.

Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Grants Pass High School band, guard win championship

It’s now 7 titles in a row

By Kathleen Alaks
of the Daily Courier

The Grants Pass High School Marching Band and Color Guard have won yet another championship, making for seven titles in a row, The Northwest Association for Per-

forming Arts Marching Band Championships were held Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium.

Under the direction of Lewis Norfleet, the 200-member GPHS ensemble won the Class AAAA division, with a score of 90.75, beating out their nearest competitor, Sherwood, by a single point.

The Grants Pass group performed its 2025 show, “A Swan Song.” GPHS

also took home top honors for Best General Effect, Best Music Performance and Best Color Guard, according to a post on the Grants Pass District 7 Facebook page.

The other bands competing, in order of their placement, were West Salem, Mountainside, Century, Roseburg, Tahoma and McKay.

Next, the marching band and color guard will travel to California for the

final competition of the season, the Western Band Association Regional Championships, which will be held this coming Saturday at Sacramento State University. In this weekend’s competition, they will compete against 16 schools from across California.

Reach reporter Kathleen Alaks at 541-474-3815 or kalaks@thedailycourier.com.

TV’s ‘Love is Blind’ is reshaping global views on love, from Japan to Brazil

By Fernanda Figueroa
Associated Press

The just-wrapped Denver season of “Love Is Blind” may be the first time the show explored the Mountain West, but the Netflix reality dating show franchise is already a well-seasoned globe-trotter.

In just five years, the show has aired seasons from nine different U.S. cities and spawned nearly a dozen international adaptations. Premised on challenging traditional ideas of love by focusing on emotional connections over physical appearance, each season reflects the cultural nuances of its environs — be that Dallas or Japan.

Romance aside, the show hasn’t been received purely as a fairytale. It’s been subject to lawsuits over treatment of contestants and fans and critics alike note that internalized biases cannot be ignored — something that often rears its head when the engaged pairs finally meet each other, as what seemed to happen with one ruptured engagement on the most recent season.

Still, with international versions in Brazil, Japan, Sweden, the U.K., Mexico, the Middle East, Germany, Argentina and France — and Italy and the Netherlands to come — the show has found a formula to showcase different cultural norms and the many types of love that exist.

“The duality — local authenticity plus global relatability — has allowed ‘Love Is Blind’ to not just entertain, but to subtly shape how audiences think about love across the globe,” says Brandon Riegg, Netflix’s vice president of nonfiction series and sports.

Culturally conscious adaptations

From the reserved dynamics of “Love is Blind: Japan” to the bold emotions of “Love is Blind: Brazil,” Riegg says each adaptation is designed to fit cultural norms and expectations.

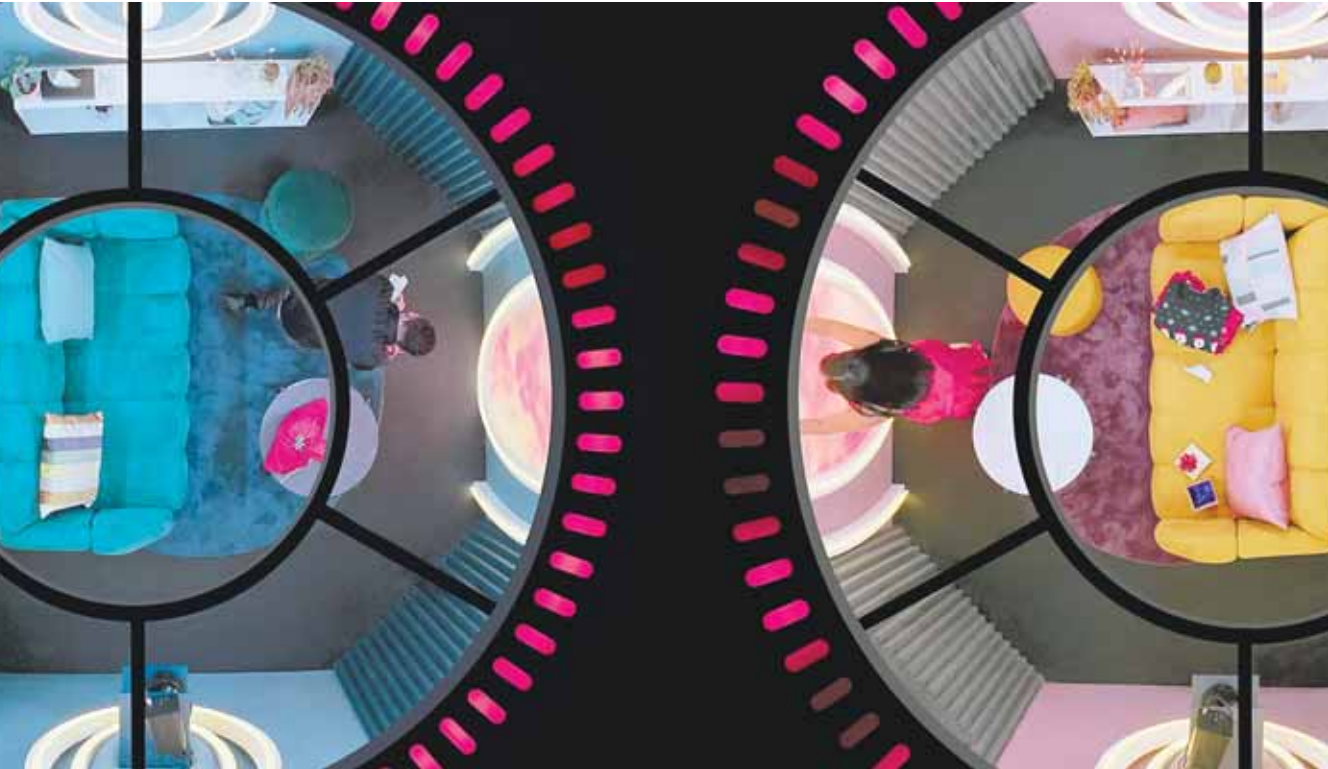
“Just as importantly we’re drawn to regions with rich relationship dynamics and cultural nuances, since those stories create the most compelling adaptations,” Riegg says.

When “Love is Blind: Habibi” — an adaptation primarily filmed in Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates and featuring participants from around the Arab world — was announced, some wondered how the show would portray traditionally conservative cultures, where marriage is a family affair. Participant Safa Al Juboori says she felt the show was ultimately thoughtful in honoring the cultural values of Arab societies, including modesty, separate living arrangements, no physical intimacy and family approval.

“In fact, it echoes how our grandparents met — brief conversations, one meeting, then marriage,” Al Juboori said. “It’s a modern twist on a deeply traditional concept.”

Yet the show also created space for personal choice, Al Juboori said — something that’s not always guaranteed with arranged marriages — creating what she calls “a respectful blend of tradition and autonomy.”

Dallas Short, 37, has been watching “Love is Blind” since the beginning



Courtesy of Netflix

A bird’s eye view of the set of “Love is Blind: México.” The Netflix dating show is a hit around the world. In the U.S., series are filmed in various American cities. Next up is Denver. It’s also shown in nine countries, with two more coming soon. One key to success is a diverse cast, producers say.

and says the international versions — many of which feature ethnically diverse casts, too — really show how love can transcend all.

“I feel like you are seeing every race or religion and you see how we can all work together and find love,” Short said.

Kristen Maldonado, 35, another longtime viewer, recently began watching the version set in Japan, another more conservative society. She was surprised that participants were more closed-off about meeting each other’s families on camera and that more couples chose to end the experience earlier instead of making their families sit through a wedding where they were going to say no — something she feels does not happen as much in the U.S. version.

“I thought that was really respectful,” Maldonado said. “It was cool to see, culturally, how different it was there than here.”

On the other end of the scale, she says, is Brazil — where participants are intimate from the get-go.

“In the Brazil one, like it’s so funny whenever they meet, the people — they immediately make out and you’re like, ‘Oh wow,’” Maldonado says.

Diversity and representation, an ongoing debate

Since the very first season aired in 2020, the fault lines of race and ethnicity have led to tensions between families and discourse among fans. During the Minneapolis season, online discourse centered on the lack of diversity — many a meme argued that the male contestants all looked the same.

Riegg said casting is intentionally inclusive, but ultimately participants — only a fraction leave the pods engaged — choose whom they connect with, looks unseen.

Taylor Krause, who married Gar-

rett Josemans in the Washington, D.C.-set season, waited to disclose she was half-Asian. That choice drew some backlash from those who thought she should not hide her identity, but Krause says the show’s premise gave her the opportunity to set race aside for a bit and have a more authentic experience.

“I am a very proud Asian American woman, but I’m also aware that my identity can sometimes be fetishized or stereotyped,” says Krause, adding she’s glad she made that call.

Laura Crompton, 43, watched the first season, set in Atlanta, when she lived in the United Kingdom. At first, she didn’t understand why the relationship between Cameron Hamilton and Lauren Speed, an interracial couple, was a huge talking point — but after moving to Los Angeles, she had a better understanding of the role racial dynamics could play in a relationship in the U.S.

But even the U.K. version has proved that certain factors like ethnicity and religion cannot be ignored. Season 2, which aired in August, saw an engagement — and marriage — between Kal Pasha, who is half-Pakistani, and Sarover Aujla, who is of Indian descent.

On the show, the couple discussed at length how historical religious and geopolitical tensions could affect their relationship. While their split was ultimately attributed to other reasons, Crompton realized such tensions existed in the U.K., too.

Friendship: The truest form of love?

The friendships forged on “Love is Blind” often take a backseat to the romantic relationships — but since not every couple ends up at the altar, the show has recently leaned into showing the participants’ journey of self-discovery and friendship, Riegg says.

“Expanding the lens of love to include those experiences makes the show feel more authentic and meaningful,” Riegg says.

Alina Rothbauer from “Love is Blind: Germany” says the unique and intense premise led to friendships that made the experience easier, especially as participants had no contact with outside friends or family while in the pods.

“Some of the friendships we built behind the scenes are still strong today,” says Rothbauer, who married Ilias Pappas. “Those friendships helped us stay grounded during filming.”

Al Juboori said she wishes “Love Is Blind: Habibi” showed more of the friendships, as it was one of the most underrated parts of the experience.

“The friendships, among the women and men, were powerful,” she says. “In a space so emotionally intense, friendships became a lifeline — and sometimes the purest form of love.”

Queer love is blind

As the show’s success grows, fans have been advocating for a queer version of the show.

Riegg said while that is not in the works at the moment, Netflix is always considering new ways to reflect the many different kinds of love people are seeking.

Although he’s not sure how the logistics would work, Short — a queer man himself — thinks such a version would be an interesting season.

Krause says future seasons should reflect the many ways people experience love by casting adults who are polyamorous, disabled, neurodivergent or part of the LGBTQ+ community.

“Love is not just one storyline,” Krause says, “and I think the show has an opportunity to highlight that.”

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING NOVEMBER 4

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When it gets cool, the winter veggies come on

Squash your winter blues with the greens of autumn

Daily Courier

As gardens have wound down, it's time to have a look for classic fall vegetables like winter squash, hearty greens or cole crops like Brussels sprouts.

Our chefs have ideas for serving these seasonal veggies, beginning with JeanMarie Brownson.

"I enjoy Brussels sprouts several times a week during this time of year. I roast them in the air fryer, shred them for salads, skewer them on the grill, puree them into soup, and include them in sheet-pan dinners," Brownson says. "Whatever you do, avoid overcooking Brussels sprouts."

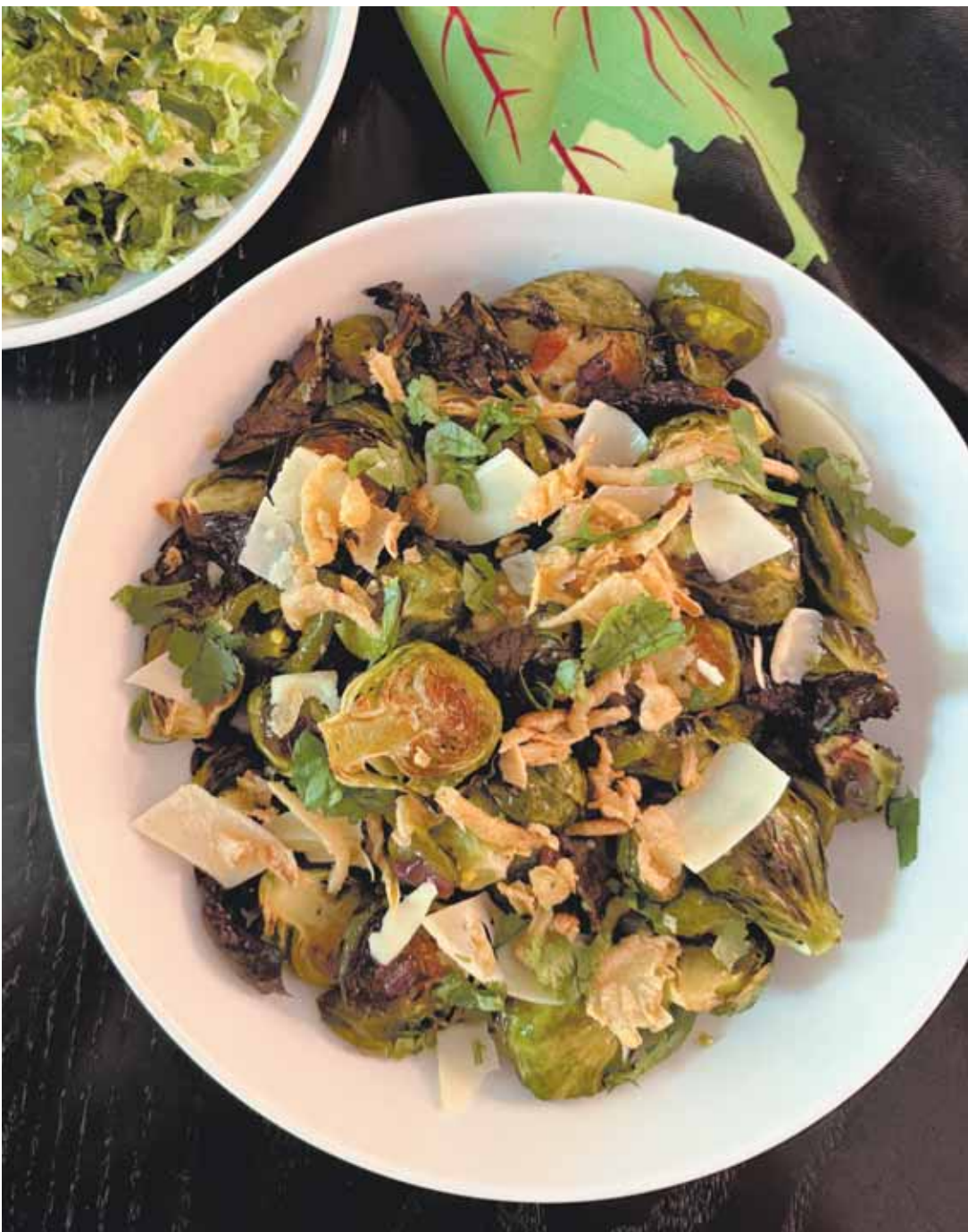
For something special, she offers her Crispy Bussels Sprouts with Bacon recipe.

Diane Rossen Worthington offers us two basic but tasty recipes from her Seriously Simple brand, beginning with a butternut squash mash, made with fresh herbs.

"Cumin and sage add a layer of flavor that enhances the squash," she says.

Creamed spinach is next, made with frozen chopped spinach as a way to add some zip.

"This is one of those recipes where using frozen spinach works beautifully. The important thing to remember is to simply defrost and dry out the spinach before sautéing for a successful creamed spinach," she says.



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The strong vegetal flavor of Brussels sprouts mellows with the addition of other bold flavors like bacon and sweet jalapeños.

Crispy Brussels Sprouts with Bacon, Sweet Jalapeños and Crunchy Onions

Makes 4 servings

- *For sweet jalapeño slices*

 - 8 jalapeños
 - ½ cup distilled white vinegar
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 - ¼ teaspoon turmeric
- *For Brussels sprouts*

 - 1 to 1½ pounds, 16 to 20, medium-large Brussels sprouts, ends trimmed, halved
 - 3 thick strips (3 ounces) smoked bacon, diced
 - 1 small red onion, diced
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil for high-heat cooking, such as expeller-pressed canola, safflower oil or grapeseed oil
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - ¼ cup drained sweet jalapeño slices or substitute bottled sweet jalapeño slices*
 - ½ cup shaved Parmesan cheese
 - About ½ cup french fried onions
 - Chopped fresh cilantro

- Make sweet jalapeño slices well in advance.
- Wearing gloved hands, slice 8 jalapenos (about 10 ounces) crosswise into ¼-inch thick rounds; you'll have 2 generous cups. Rinse slices well; then drain.
 - Put ½ cup distilled white vinegar, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon garlic powder and ¼ teaspoon turmeric into a small saucepan. Heat to a boil while stirring to dissolve sugar.
 - Add sliced jalapeños to the boiling syrup. Cook, stirring often, until jalapeños are crisp-tender, about 5 minutes.
 - Remove from heat. Cool completely in syrup. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator for a week or so.
- Make Brussels sprouts.
- Heat oven to 400 degrees on convection or 425 degrees on conventional setting. Put Brussels sprouts, diced bacon, onion and oil onto a large nonstick baking sheet. Toss to coat everything well with the oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Arrange in a single layer. Roast, stirring once or twice, until sprouts are fork-tender with lots of crispy edges and leaves, about 25 minutes.
 - Add sliced jalapeños to pan and toss to coat well. Serve right away garnished with cheese, crispy onions and cilantro.
- * **Note:** Storebought sweet and spicy pickle slices can stand in for the sweet pickled jalapeños; dice the pickle slices before adding.

— JeanMarie Brownson

This versatile vegetable can substitute for meat

By Lori Zanteson
Environmental Nutrition

True to their name, hearts of palm are the creamy white vegetable harvested from the inner core, or heart, of certain palm trees.

Native to South and Central America, hearts of palm (as well as the nuts, bark, and leaves of the palm tree) have been used by indigenous people for thousands of years, dating back to Mayan times.

Hearts of palm are a traditional part of the cultural cuisines of Costa Rica, Ecuador, Brazil and Southeast Asia, and they have become increasingly popular in the U.S., particularly for their versatility as a meat substitute and low carb alternative.

Any way they are enjoyed, hearts of palm are a nutritious addition to the pantry.

The facts

Also known as palm cabbage, swamp cabbage, and chonta, hearts of palm may come from any of a variety of palm trees, including the coconut palm, peach palm, acai palm, and palmetto palm.

The bark and tough outer layers are removed from the palm tree stem to remove the tender, cylindrical core, which is the heart.

A half-cup serving contains 10% daily value (based on 2,000 calories a day) of the minerals copper and zinc, which support the immune system and 14% daily value of the mineral phosphorus, important for bone and tooth health.

The findings

Rich in polyphenols (plant compounds associated with health benefits), including anthocyanins, flavanols, and chlorogenic acid, known for their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, research has linked chlo-rogenic acid with heart-protective properties, such as the potential to lower blood pressure and help prevent atherosclerosis.

Hearts of palm contain both soluble and



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It might be time to give these mild hearts of palm a try.

insoluble fiber, which support digestive health and gut health. A study in the Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture concluded that hearts of palm may be a potential prebiotic ingredient to promote gastrointestinal health. Hearts of palm protein has been studied for its nutritional value as a meat substitute.

A study in the Journal of Food Science and Technology found the protein in hearts of palm to be an ideal substitution for animal protein in the food industry.

The finer points

Fresh hearts of palm can be difficult to find, as they are highly perishable. Canned and jarred are available at most grocery stores. Choose low sodium varieties if

available, and rinse with water to lower sodium further.

Enjoy them raw or cooked. Slice them into green salads, or try them as a low-carb pasta alternative. Hearts of palm shred easily which makes for a good meat substitute. They can also be shredded, diced, or sliced as a fish substitute in dishes like crab cakes or ceviche.

They'll add crunch, mild flavor, and a nutrient boost to most any dish.

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Roasted Butternut Squash Mash

Serves 4 to 6

- 2 pounds butternut squash peeled and cut into 1½-inch pieces
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - Salt
 - Black pepper
 - 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh sage
 - ½ teaspoon cumin
- Roast for about 35 to 40 minutes, stirring twice, until lightly caramelized.
 - Remove baking sheet from oven and transfer the squash into a large bowl. With a potato masher, mash the squash until smooth. Add the sage and cumin and mix to combine. Taste for seasoning. Serve immediately.

Advance preparation: This dish may be prepared up to one day ahead through Step 4, covered and refrigerated. Reheat gently on medium heat. Adjust the seasonings, if needed.

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Creamed Spinach

Serves 6 to 8

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 4 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped spinach, defrosted
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
 - 1 cup milk or half and half
 - ½ teaspoon salt
 - Pinch freshly ground black pepper
 - 2 pinches of ground nutmeg
 - 2 to 3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese, optional
- until it has cooked through (the spinach will have no traces of white flour, and it will be thicker). Add ½ cup of milk and cook for another minute or until the milk has absorbed into the spinach.
 - Transfer to a blender or food processor and combine the spinach mixture with another ½ cup of the milk and blend until pureed, about 1 to 2 minutes. (Push down the spinach mixture intermittently to puree the spinach evenly.) Transfer to a medium saucepan and add the salt, pepper and a pinch of nutmeg. Add the optional Parmesan cheese. Heat until bubbling on medium high heat. Taste for seasoning. Transfer to a side bowl and garnish with the remaining pinch of nutmeg. Serve immediately.

- In a large, 12-inch skillet with high sides, melt the butter on medium heat and saute the spinach just until it is wilted, about for 4 to 5 minutes, stirring constantly with a large fork to break up the spinach so it cooks evenly. Add the garlic and saute another minute.
- Sprinkle the flour in and mix to incorporate for about 2 minutes or

Make ahead: This can be made a day ahead, covered well and refrigerated. Remove from refrigerator and gently reheat on medium heat until hot. Serve immediately.

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Trails

From 1A

Trail-building company Ptmarmigan Ptrails has been carving new routes into the wooded hillsides since September 2024. Trails remained open, except for segments with active construction.

There’s only one segment left to do, but most of the planned 11 miles are complete, said Grants Pass Parks Superintendent Josh Hopkins.

Sources of outside funding included the Oregon Lottery and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

People of all skill levels and ages mountain bike — from children to senior citizens, said Jodi Bellefeuille, grant program coordinator for the state parks department.

“It’s a one-stop shop for all levels of riders,” she said of the Dollar Mountain system.

Bellefeuille said the trail system attracts tourists while also providing close-to-home hiking and riding for residents. She said Grants Pass was strategic in the way it put money into the project and went after outside funding.

In a world that sometimes seems like it’s been taken over by screens and technology, trails help kids and families get outside to hike and bike, said Eli Wolfe, Oregon Lottery retail channel supervisor.

“I can’t think of a better thing to put money into than something like this that gets people into the outdoors,” he said.

A share of proceeds from lottery revenue goes into local and state recreation projects.



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Duncan Coppedge, a member of the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association, catches air during the opening celebration of new hiking and mountain biking trails on Dollar Mountain. Coppedge also worked on the crew that created the new trails on the edge of Grants Pass.

Homegrown professional mountain biker Reed Beaumont — known as “Speedo Reedo” — said he’s been dreaming for years about a mountain bike-friendly trail system for Grants Pass.

“I’m happy to have this for the community. It’s huge,” he said.

Southern Oregon has a wide variety of trail networks for hiking and biking, and continues to add more. This summer, the Mt. A-Line of mountain bike jumps opened downhill from

the Mt. Ashland Ski Area — adding to a vast network of trails in the hills and mountains above Ashland.

The Mountain of the Rogue trail system near Rogue River has hiking trails, but an even larger system of trails custom-designed for mountain biking. Designed primarily for hikers, the Cathedral Hills trail system has berms and jumps for mountain bikers on the Sugar Bowl trail segment.

Beaumont said with all its hills, mountains and year-round

biking weather, Southern Oregon has earned a solid reputation among riders.

“It’s becoming a world-renowned mountain biking destination,” he said.

Tammie Thompson uses a wheelchair to get around, but she’s also at home on her adaptive mountain bike and is a skier and kayaker. She traveled from the Applegate Valley to celebrate the Dollar Mountain trails that are wide enough for many adaptive mountain bikes. “Seeing this is really exciting

“It’s a one-stop shop for all levels of riders.”

JODI BELLEFEUILLE

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant program coordinator

because I can spend hours up here,” Thompson said.

She noted that outdoor sports provide a boost to people’s mental and physical health.

Places like Dollar Mountain provide places for group meet-ups, Thompson said.

“People who are newly injured can meet people who’ve been injured longer,” she said.

Thompson said she got her adaptive bike and lessons on how to use it through Oregon Adaptive Sports in Bend.

Representatives from David’s Chair were also on hand at the party, demonstrating a wheelchair with tracks that can navigate trails, coastal sand and other difficult surfaces. The organization loans out the all-terrain wheelchairs at no cost to users.

Ryan Hawk, president of the Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association, said Dollar Mountain’s proximity to Grants Pass residents is a major benefit.

“I can’t believe this is here and it’s so close to neighborhoods,” he said.

The new trails are also a draw for other Southern Oregonians and tourists from farther away, Hawk said.

He said more and more people are discovering mountain biking.

RVMBBA aids trail building and maintenance efforts through fundraising, grant writing and volunteer labor.

People who want to join trail maintenance work parties or

help in other ways can learn more by visiting rvmba.org.

Current Grants Pass City Council member Seth Benham thanked everyone who made the new Dollar Mountain trails a reality — including RVMBBA, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, the Oregon Lottery, local and regional tourism partners, volunteers, city staff and past and present city councilors.

Local businesses are welcoming the new trails, with Weekend Beer Company hosting a fundraiser after Saturday’s grand opening celebration on Dollar Mountain. The Hieglen Loop trailhead is less than 2 miles from the popular hangout spot with drinks and food trucks, and about 3 miles from downtown.

The other major trailhead and parking area serving the mountain is on Northwest Crescent Drive in Grants Pass, about 1½ miles from downtown.

Watching people enjoy the new trails Saturday, former longtime City Councilor Valerie Lovelace said she’s excited to see years of work come to fruition.

“The gem of it is you can come right back down into town and have some beers and a good time,” she said.

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Boom

From 1A

Bowen’s hotel is one of many Jackson and Josephine County businesses benefiting from bikers’ patronage.

“We live in a location where we have world-class mountain biking trails all around us,” said Bill Roussel, an organizer of local mountain bike races. “We have so many trail networks within 50 miles of Medford that it dwarfs most locations.”

About 620 miles of public trails are open to mountain bikers within a 60-mile radius of the city, according to Travel Medford.

That radius extends well past Grants Pass to the northwest and Ashland to the southeast.

The quality and usability of the trails are excellent, Travel Ashland Director Katharine Cato said.

“We have great dirt,” she said. “You can ride year-round here.”

Southern Oregon’s mild winters mean mountain bikers can hit the trails at almost any time. Most hills have naturally occurring decomposed granite soils, which drain well.

A 2024 study for Travel Southern Oregon identified a list of “destination-quality mountain trail systems” in the region. The trail systems meet a long list of requirements, including the ability to host many riders, bike-primary trails for a range of skill levels, long descents, good infrastructure, nearby tourism services and more.

Of the 23 destination trail systems created or in progress in Southern Oregon, about half are located within Jackson and Josephine Counties.

The larger cities of Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass, as well as the smaller cities of Butte Falls and Cave Junction, were listed by Travel Southern Oregon as destination communities for mountain biking.

The local trail miles are growing. This year, Rogue Valley Mountain Bike Association President Ryan Hawk said the association has played a role in the addition of about 57 miles of new trails.

With the help of partners and a pledge from RVMBBA to help maintain trails, the city of Grants Pass is the primary driver of 11 miles of new trails for Dollar Mountain on the northwest edge of town. The community celebrated the expanded trail network’s grand opening on Saturday.

The Mt. A-Line jumping trail opened this summer on Mount Ashland. The addition is a major new attraction among the miles of hiking and biking trails from the summit down into Ashland.

The jumping trail is “the most significant trail built to date in the Rogue Valley” by the mountain bike association, according to Hawk.

The 1-mile run has over 50 jumps and features for intermediate and advanced riders, an uphill climbing trail, adaptations for three-wheel assistive bikes and a gap jump over 45 feet — the length of a school bus.

“A lot of people are starting to talk about it,” Bowen said. The number of trails is

increasing to meet mountain biking’s growth.

In 2023, over 9.2 million Americans mountain-biked or biked on nonpaved surfaces — an increase of more than 4% from the previous year, according to MTB Girls Magazine.

Mountain biking has been a Rogue Valley sport for decades, but the number of people riding locally seems to have blown up since the COVID-19 pandemic, Hawk said.

“I think what happened during the pandemic is everybody got a bike, it seems. The industry in general started booming,” he said.

The Rogue Valley is unique in some of the mountain bike resources it offers.

Ashland’s United Bicycle Institute, a bicycle mechanic school that has been around since 1981, is one of the rare schools globally that teaches bicycle mechanics, according to faculty member Zach Wood. Over the years, it has attracted students from over 45 different countries, and the school has about 200 to 300 students each year, Wood said.

Mountain biking’s increasing popularity has benefited existing bike-centric businesses such as shops that sell and repair bikes, shuttle services and more.

New mountain-bike related businesses have also popped up. Red Hawk Ridge Bike Park, which opened in Talent this year, is a private trail system with over 50 jumps spread over a 1-mile trail.

Businesses not directly tied to mountain biking benefit from bikers’ wallets, as well — including hotels, restaurants, breweries, gas stations, grocery stores and more.

The study for Travel Southern Oregon said hotels can tap into the mountain biking market by offering outdoor washing stations for dirty bikes, secure bike storage with tools, washing machines and dryers, and trail snacks sold on site. Bikers usually bring drinks and snacks to sustain their energy on long rides.

Restaurants can offer carbohydrate-rich breakfasts, packable lunches and snacks for the trail, and protein-oriented dinners with popular drinks like beer.

Communities can gain an edge with full-service bike shops, electric bike charging stations, shuttle services, outdoor guides, bathrooms and parking at trailheads, funding mixed with volunteer labor to maintain trails, events and the marketing of multi-day itineraries with visits to multiple trail systems, the study said.

Food and beverages are two of the biggest things mountain bikers pay for when they’re in the area, Hawk said.

Favorite spots always have “people sitting and dining or enjoying something after their ride or during the weekend,” he said.

In peak season, Ashland’s The Growler Guys, a popular hangout spot for riders, can see daily groups of mountain bikers during the week and multiple groups each day during the weekends, according to beer-tender Marc Davoust.

Because of the proximity of trails to Ashland, mountain bikers can descend out of the hills

onto city streets and ride straight to their favorite businesses. A study by Trust for Public Land in 2024 found that, nationally, mountain biking tourists spend an average of \$416 per trip — and sometimes over \$1,000.

Oregon as a whole benefits from mountain biking activity. Outdoor recreation is the second most-popular reason that people visit Oregon, and cycling is the most popular outdoor activity, according to Chris Bernhardt, a principal consultant who works with Travel Southern Oregon.

In 2022, Travel Oregon found that the various forms of cycling brought in more than \$1.5 billion, the largest amount of any outdoor recreation activity. The runner-up was fishing, which brought in around \$396 million.

The study looked at long-distance backpacking, but not day-trip hiking or running.

All the spending also supports jobs. In 2022, spending on outdoor recreation supported 192,000 full or part-time positions in Oregon, according to a state economic analysis. That money then continues to benefit the economy when workers spend their money locally.

Mountain bike events can concentrate the economic impact by bringing a mass of people to the area, often for several days.

The two primary mountain bike events in the Rogue Valley are the Ashland Mountain Challenge and the Spring Fling MTB Festival endurance races, according to Roussel, who runs the events.

The Ashland Mountain Challenge, which is part of the California Enduro Series, typically draws 350 to 400 competitors, Roussel said.

Many of those are pro riders, according to Cato of Travel Ashland.

The recently started Spring Fling draws about 50-65 adult competitors each year and had about 50 youngsters when it added a youth enduro last year, Roussel said.

Very few of the competitors are local, he said.

Mountain biking is also a hobby for many locals and contributes to livability, Hawk said.

For some, including Hawk, it’s one of the reasons they moved here.

After hearing stories about Ashland, he said he stopped, rode a trail, loved it and moved here with his family.

“There’s a lot of people that it does attract,” Hawk said.

Casey Botts, executive director of the nonprofit youth mountain biking program Ashland DEVO, had a similar story.

“We moved to Ashland a lot because of the mountain bike access and riding,” Botts said. “I wouldn’t live here without mountain biking.”

With a younger population that has a growing interest in mountain biking, Cato said there’s a whole new generation of mountain bikers taking to the trails.

Cycling is the most popular outdoor activity for children in the United States, according to Travel Southern Oregon’s analysis. Part of the local growth in child riders may be due to the efforts of Ashland DEVO, which opened officially

in 2019.

One of the reasons Botts started Ashland DEVO was because he noticed there didn’t seem to be many kids on the trails.

“All these awesome trails, but where are the kids?” Botts remembered thinking.

Since it’s opened, interest has grown exponentially. During COVID, Botts said, there were about 30 kids per semester. The first few years after COVID, Botts said it doubled to around 60 kids per semester. This fall, it doubled again, with 125 kids participating in the fall program.

“We’re definitely growing, and we’re just trying to keep up with the growth in a smart way,” Botts said.

Partly due to the interest in mountain biking, Cato said, Ashland has been seeing more younger, active tourists in con-

trast to the typically older visitor who comes for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

The younger base interacts differently, economically speaking, with the community. Rather than just visiting to eat, drink and watch a play, Cato said the mentality seems to be “I’m going to do a number of things while I’m here.”

Younger tourists and locals aren’t the only ones using the trails, though.

“There are a lot of graybeards riding around in our hills doing some terrifying things,” Hawk said of their penchant for tackling trail challenges.

More work still needs to happen to cement Southern Oregon’s status as a mountain-biking destination, according to Travel Southern Oregon. Some steps it identified were adding more unique trails, implement-

ing a broad range of trail types across one trail network, developing better trail infrastructure and creating more services for visitors.

The Rogue Valley might have to expand its trail systems if it wants to attract larger events. The Oregon Inter-scholastic Cycling League for youth held a race in Medford in 2022, but Botts said there isn’t a local venue large enough to accommodate the league’s current size.

Local groups like Travel Ashland said they’ve identified the need to improve assets that have the potential to attract more mountain bikers in the future, according to Cato.

“We are still growing as a culture,” she said.

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Shorthanded Lakers snap Blazers’ winning streak at 3

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Deandre Ayton had 29 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots against his former team, leading the short-handed Los Angeles Lakers to a 123-115 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

Rui Hachimura added 28 points for the Lakers, who were missing both Luka Doncic and Austin Reaves after both played the night before in a 130-120 victory over Miami.

Nick Smith Jr., who is on a two-way deal, hit a pair of 3-pointers to help the Lakers pull away in the final

minutes and finished with 25 points.

Deni Avdija had 33 points for the Blazers, who had their three-game winning streak snapped.

The Lakers, who won their fourth straight, were down to nine available players. Doncic, who had 29 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists against the Heat, was unavailable due to lower left leg contusion injury management. The injury forced him to miss three games earlier this season.

Reaves was ruled out because of right groin soreness after having 26 points and 11 assists against Miami. Ayton, who spent the last two seasons with the Blazers, was

a game-time decision with back spasms but started.

The Blazers went up 39-29 in the first half on Jerami Grant’s emphatic dunk and led by as many as 13 points, but the Lakers chipped away and closed to 55-52 at the break.

Hachimura’s layup pulled the Lakers even at 66-all before Marcus Smart’s basket put them in front to cap a 10-1 run midway through the third quarter.

Los Angeles was up 90-86 heading into the fourth quarter but Portland narrowed the gap to 97-96 on Jrue Holiday’s layup. But the Lakers held the Blazers off down the stretch, going ahead 107-100 on Ayton’s layup.



AMANDA LOMAN / Associated Press

Portland’s Deni Avdija (left) drives to the basket as Los Angeles’ Jarred Vanderbilt defends during the second half of Monday’s game in Portland.

Panthers win thriller to advance to 6A state tournament

Prep roundup

Daily Courier

South Medford was one of just two road teams to win second-round Class 6A state volleyball playoff matches on Saturday, winning the 8-vs.-9-seed match against Central Catholic in a five-set thriller in Portland.

The ninth-ranked Panthers (22-3) qualified for their first Class 6A state tournament since 2022 with the 25-20, 25-18, 23-25, 17-25, 18-16 win.

South Medford will take on No. 1 Sprague in a quarterfinal match at Forest Grove High School Friday afternoon.

The winner of that match moves on to the state semifinals at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, playing the winner of the Nelson-Sheldon quarterfinal.

Mayen Akpan led South Medford with 22 kills on Saturday, including the final four of the match. She also had 16 digs and two blocks.

Julia Slaughter added 38 assists, 19 digs, eight kills and three blocks. Julia Mitchell had 13 kills and 16 digs in the win.

Taryn Vasey added eight blocks and Citrine Imperial Viray had 17 digs. Hadassah Pannell had six kills, four blocks and served the final two points of the dramatic victory.

“The first two sets were really clean for us,” said South Medford coach Robin Akpan. “Then Central Catholic changed some things up and it took a while to get going again.”

Central Catholic ended its season at 17-8.

Coach Akpan said she doesn’t mind facing the top-ranked Olympians to open the 6A tournament.

“They had the top two teams in the rankings in their league, so they helped each other [in the rankings] whenever they played,” she said. “But we had three teams from our league make it to the final eight.

“I feel like playing under the kind of elimination pressure we did in the final set [on Saturday] is going to help us. I’m OK with being the underdog.”

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LOS ANGELES 5, TORONTO 4, 11 INN.

Putting their stamp on history



BRYNN ANDERSON / Associated Press

Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Will Smith celebrates his home run against the Toronto Blue Jays during the 11th inning of Game 7 of the World Series on Saturday in Toronto.

Smith’s homer lifts Dodgers over Blue Jays to become first repeat champion in 25 years

By Ronald Blum
Associated Pres

TORONTO — In a World Series for the ages that went back and forth again and again, Will Smith delivered the biggest swing of all for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Smith connected in the 11th for the first extra-inning homer in a winner-take-all title game, and Miguel Rojas became the first player to hit a tying home run in the ninth inning of a Game 7. On a roller-coaster night of see-sawing emotions, the Dodgers outlasted the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 Saturday to become the first repeat champion in a quarter century.

“You dream of those moments,” Smith said after the 4-hour, 7-minute thriller. “I’ll remember that for forever.”

In the type of dramatic Game 7 that kids conjure in backyards, the Blue Jays led 3-0 on Bo Bichette’s third-inning homer off Shohei Ohtani and 4-2 before Max Muncy’s eighth-inning solo homer off star rookie Trey Yesavage.

Toronto was two outs from its first



FRANK GUNN / Canadian Press

Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Yoshinobu Yamamoto lifts the World Series MVP trophy after defeating the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 7 of the World Series on Saturday in Toronto.

championship since 1993 when Rojas, inserted into the slumping Dodgers lineup in Game 6 to provide some

energy, homered on a full-count slider from Jeff Hoffman and stunned the Rogers Centre crowd of 44,713.

“I’ve cost everybody in here a World Series ring,” Hoffman said. Rojas hadn’t homered since Sept. 19.

“I had a conversation with my wife,” he said. “She told me something big was waiting for me.”

World Series MVP Yoshinobu Yamamoto escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half, and Toronto reliever Seranthony Domínguez stranded three Dodgers runners in the 10th.

Smith, who hit a go-ahead homer in Game 2, sent a 2-0 pitch from Shane Bieber into Toronto’s bullpen in left field, where it bounced into the seats and gave the Dodgers their first lead of the night. Running between first and second, Smith raised his arms in triumph.

“He hung a slider,” Smith said. “I banged it.”

Bieber, the 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner, was making his first relief appearance since 2019.

“He was looking for it and I didn’t execute,” he said.

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By Ryan Clarke
The Oregonian

CORVALLIS — Oregon State is streaking in another direction after the Beavers rallied to beat Washington State 10-7 Saturday night at Reser Stadium.

Anthony Hankerson scored on a 1-yard run with 9:52 remaining, and the Beavers defense pitched a second-half shutout to turn back the Cougars. After losing their first seven games this season, Oregon State (2-7) has a two-game winning streak, and its first win over an FBS opponent in almost a year.

The 17 points was the fewest in an Oregon State since 2012, when the Beavers beat Wisconsin 10-7 in the season opener.

It was an unsightly affair in the first of two games between the schools this season. OSU and WSU combined for 458 offensive yards. Oregon State, which had 60 passing yards, turned to Hankerson to generate most of the

Turn to WIN, Page 2B

Larson secures his second NASCAR title, denying Hamlin in overtime of season finale

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Pres

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Larson knew he wasn’t going to catch Denny Hamlin in the final laps on Sunday, not without the sort of help that only a caution flag can bring.

Larson got his lucky break. Hamlin only got heartbreak. Larson is now a two-time NASCAR champion after deny-

ing Hamlin what would have been his first career title when a late caution at Phoenix Raceway sent the championship-deciding finale into overtime.

Without that caution, which came with three laps to run, Hamlin had it locked up and was ready to finally shed the label of greatest NASCAR driver to never win a championship. But fellow title contender William Byron got a flat

tire and hit the wall to bring out the caution, and a few minutes later, it was over.

“Just unbelievable,” Larson said. “I cannot believe it.”

Neither could Hamlin.

“I really don’t have much for emotion right now. Just numb about it ‘cause just in shock,” Hamlin said after consoling his crying daughters on pit road. “We were 40 seconds away from a championship. This sport can

drive you absolutely crazy because sometimes speed, talent, none of that matters.”

When the caution for Byron came out, Hamlin led the field down pit road and got four new tires on his Toyota; Larson only took two tires on his Chevrolet. It meant Larson was fifth for the two-lap sprint to the finish, with Hamlin back in 10th.

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RICK SCUTERI / Associated Press

Kyle Larson celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series championship on Sunday in Avondale, Arizona.

SMU knocks off No. 10 Miami in overtime

College football

Associated Press

T.J. Harden scored on a 1-yard run in overtime, and SMU upset No. 10 Miami 26-20 on Saturday in Dallas, handing the Hurricanes their second loss in three weeks and damaging their playoff hopes.

Ahmaad Moses put the Mustangs (6-3, 4-1 Atlantic Coast) in position to win even with a field goal by intercepting Carson Beck just short of the goal line on the first possession of the extra period.

Harden's score came on the last of his four consecutive runs as the Mustangs won their 13th consecutive home conference game a week after losing an ACC regular-season game for the first time in their second season since returning to a power league.

NO. 1 OHIO ST. 38, PENN ST. 14. Julian Sayin passed for 316 yards and four touchdowns, Jeremiah Smith scored twice and top-ranked Ohio State pulled away in the second half to defeat Penn State.

The Buckeyes (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) had a 17-14 lead at halftime, but took control in the second half, scoring on three of their first four possessions.

NO. 2 INDIANA 55, MARYLAND 10. Fernando Mendoza threw for a touchdown and ran for one, and No. 2 Indiana remained undefeated with a rout of Maryland.

Mendoza recovered from an early interception, and he also had to play most of the game without his top target. Star receiver Elijah Sarraatt left in the first quarter with an apparent injury, ending his nation-leading streak of 46 consecutive games with a catch.

NO. 5 GEORGIA 24, FLORIDA 20. Gunner Stockton threw two touchdown passes, Chauncey Bowens scored on a late 36-



JEFFREY McWHORTER / Associated Press

SMU wide receiver Jordan Hudson (2) celebrates a catch over a pair of Miami defensive lineman during the second half of Saturday's game in Dallas.

yard run and No. 5 Georgia escaped the rivalry known as the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party" with a victory against Florida.

It was the Bulldogs' fifth consecutive victory in the series and their eighth in the last nine meetings. But this one was closer than any of those others.

NO. 7 MISSISSIPPI 30, SOUTH CAROLINA 14. Mississippi sacked LaNorris Sellers six times and the No. 7 Rebels held off upset-minded South Carolina.

Ole Miss, third in the SEC and ninth nationally in total offense, looked rather pedestrian as Trinidad Chambliss completed just 12 of 21 passes with a touchdown and an interception.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE 48, NO. 8 GEORGIA TECH 36. Duke Scott ran for a career-best 196 yards in place of injured Atlantic Coast Conference rushing leader Hollywood Smothers to help N.C. State stun No. 8 Georgia Tech 48-36 on Saturday night, ending the Yellow Jackets' unbeaten run.

Scott broke loose around the left side for a 30-yard TD with

4:07 left to effectively seal this one. The redshirt freshman ran tough all night and had home fans roaring "Duuuuuuuke!" after several of his gains.

NO. 20 TEXAS 34, NO. 9 VANDERBILT 31. Texas quarterback Arch Manning returned from a concussion a week earlier to pass for 328 yards and three touchdowns, including a 75-yard connection with Ryan Wingo on the first play of the game, to lead the No. 20 Longhorns over No. 9 Vanderbilt 34-31 on Saturday.

Texas led 34-10 in the fourth quarter before Vanderbilt staged a desperate rally behind quarterback Diego Pavia's touchdown run, 67-yard scoring pass to Eli Stowers and a final TD toss to Richie Hoskins with 33 seconds left.

NO. 12 NOTRE DAME 25, BOSTON COLLEGE 10. Jeremiah Love broke free for a 94-yard touchdown run on the first play after a Notre Dame interception squelched a potential game-tying drive and the 12th-ranked Fighting Irish won their sixth straight, beating Boston College.

Notre Dame (6-2) had a surprisingly difficult day against

the one-win Eagles (1-8), mired in a scoreless tie after one quarter and giving up a touchdown just before the half that left the Irish with a 12-7 lead.

NO. 13 TEXAS TECH 43, KANSAS STATE 20. Berhen Morton threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns in his return from an injury, J'Koby Williams ran for 135 yards and a score, and No. 13 Texas Tech romped past sloppy, mistake-prone Kansas State.

Cameron Dickey also had a touchdown run for the Red Raiders (8-1, 5-1 Big 12), who forced five turnovers while snapping an eight-game losing streak against the Wildcats (4-5, 3-3) with their first win in Manhattan since the 2008 season.

NO. 18 OKLAHOMA 33, NO. 14 TENNESSEE 27. John Mateer threw for 159 yards and ran for 80 yards and a clinching touchdown with less than two minutes to play to lead No. 18 Oklahoma to a win over No. 14 Tennessee.

The Sooners (7-2, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) capitalized on three turnovers by the Volunteers (6-3, 3-3) to score 13 points.

NO. 15 VIRGINIA 31, CALIFORNIA 21. J'Mari Taylor ran for two touchdowns and No. 15 Virginia extended its winning streak to seven straight games for the first time since 2007 by beating California.

Taylor scored on two of the first three drives of the game for the Cavaliers (8-1, 5-0 ACC) in their first meeting with the Golden Bears (5-4, 2-3).

NO. 16 LOUISVILLE 28, VIRGINIA TECH 16. Isaac Brown rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown before leaving late with a leg injury and Keyjuan Brown scored twice in the second half to lift No. 16 Louisville to a victory over Virginia Tech.

Miller Moss added a touchdown pass for the Cardinals (7-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who rallied from a 16-7

halftime deficit to win their third straight game. Louisville also kept alive its hopes of making it to the ACC championship game.

NO. 20 UTAH 45, NO. 17 CINCINNATI 14. Devon Dampier threw for 213 yards and two touchdowns to lead No. 24 Utah to a victory over No. 17 Cincinnati, snapping the Bearcats' seven-game winning streak.

Ryan Davis led Utah with a season-high 132 yards and a touchdown on eight receptions. Wayshawn Parker added 104 yards and a touchdown on the ground. The Utes (7-2, 4-2 Big 12) racked up 480 total yards - including 267 rushing yards.

NO. 21 MICHIGAN 21, PURDUE 16. Jordan Marshall had career highs with 185 yards rushing and three touchdowns, helping No. 21 Michigan hold off Purdue.

The Wolverines (7-2, 5-1 Big Ten) were in a closely contested game against a team without a conference win because Bryce Underwood struggled and the Boilermakers (2-7, 0-6) were able to move and possess the ball.

WEST VIRGINIA 45, NO. 22 HOUSTON 35. Scotty Fox Jr. threw for 157 yards and accounted for three touchdowns as West Virginia snapped its five-game losing streak with a 45-35 win over No. 22 Houston.

Fox was 13 of 22 and threw a touchdown pass of 24 yards to Cam Vaughn. He also rushed for 65 yards and had touchdown runs of 6 yards and 34 yards.

NO. 23 SOUTHERN CAL 21, NEBRASKA 17. King Miller ran for 129 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter and No. 23 Southern California overcame its worst passing performance in seven years to beat Nebraska.

The Trojans (6-2, 4-1 Big Ten) came in with the nation's top passing offense, but Jayden Maiava was just 9 of 23 for 135 yards.

Briefly

SOU falls to No. 8 Carroll in home finale

ASHLAND — The Raiders nearly gave the home crowd at Raider Stadium a signature victory in their 2025 football home finale.

Southern Oregon was on the wrong end of a game-of-the-year candidate in its home finale, falling 41-40 to No. 8-ranked Carroll of Montana on Saturday afternoon at Raider Stadium's Laurel Field.

Kaden Huot's 14-yard touchdown pass to Carson Ochoa and his find of Gavin VandenaAcre in the back of the end zone on the ensuing two-point try with 56 seconds left were the difference as Carroll (7-1, 4-0).

The Raiders (3-6, 2-3) put together their best effort of the fall to put the Saints on the ropes. After trailing 27-13 at halftime, they scored the first three touchdowns of the second half and took their first lead at 34-27 with 4:19 remaining when Dom Montiel hit Brandon Barthel up the middle for a 14-yard score.

Lake's layup lifts OSU in season hoops opener

It was far from perfect and featured some late-game confusion, but Oregon State men's basketball picked up a victory, 67-65, over North Dakota State in its season opener Monday night at Gill Coliseum.

Junior guard Josiah Lake's layup with two seconds to go

provided the go-ahead score for the Beavers (1-0), who overcame a bizarre out of bounds call in the final moments to pull out the win over the Bison (0-1).

Lake finished with 10 points and had a game-high eight rebounds. Isaiah Sy led the way for the Beavers with 12 points. Dez White, Yaak Yaak and Johan Munch joined Lake with 10 points each.

OSU committed 12 turnovers, including some in costly moments down the stretch, and surrendered 11 offensive rebounds. At times, they were a step slow in their defensive rotations, despite holding NDSU to 39% shooting. But their shortcomings didn't matter in the end.

Oregon women open season with victory

The Oregon women's basketball team opened its season by gliding to a 100-59 win over West Georgia on Monday night at Matthew Knight Arena.

Oregon jumped out to a 23-10 lead after one quarter before blowing the game open with a 25-3 second quarter, entering halftime leading 48-13.

Oregon's aggressive defense and attacking offense proved too much for the Wolves to handle. The Ducks generated 32 fastbreak points while shooting 48.9% from the field. The only negative was that the Ducks shot just 27.8% from 3-point range.

— *Daily Courier and The Oregonian*

Win

From 1B

offense. The senior running back ran 25 times for 132 yards and a touchdown.

Oregon State and Washington State play in the regular season finale November 29 in Pullman.

Oregon State's defense owned the day, holding WSU to one touchdown and 271 yards. The Cougars (4-5) started the second half with five consecutive three-and-outs.

Washington State threatened to force overtime after Nikko Taylor sacked WSU quarterback Zevi Eckhaus on a third down play. But Jack Stevens, a reliable placekicker throughout most of the 2025 season, missed a 32-yard field goal wide right with 1:05 remaining.

The Beavers offense was ineffective most of the game. Gabarri Johnson made his first career start at quarterback, but exited early in the third quarter with a foot injury. OSU turned to Maalik Murphy, who finished the game and guided the Beavers

on their lone touchdown drive.

In the first three quarters against the Cougars, OSU was a non-threat through the air and inconsistent on the ground, regardless of which quarterback was at the helm.

The first half was a slog: Johnson completed 7 of 11 passes for just seven yards, rushing for just five more on three carries. He left in the third quarter with a foot injury and did not return, finishing 10-15 for 33 yards.

Washington State led at the half, 7-3, on a late second quarter rushing touchdown from Kirby Vorhees.

The offensive woes continued for OSU into the third quarter. On third and inches, a botched exchange between Johnson and Hankerson resulted in a fumble that rolled back nearly 10 yards before being recovered by the Beavers.

Later on in the third, Johnson headed to the OSU locker room with a foot injury and was replaced by Maalik Murphy the rest of the way. Two plays into his appearance, Murphy was rushed and sacked two times in a row.

Antetokounmpo's buzzer-beater lifts Bucks to win over Pacers

NBA roundup

Associated Press

Giannis Antetokounmpo made a 17-foot buzzer-beating jumper to give the Milwaukee Bucks a 117-115 victory over the short-handed Indiana Pacers on Monday night in Indianapolis.

Antetokounmpo had 33 points, 13 rebounds and five assists on a night he went 14 of 21 from the field. Kyle Kuzma added 15 points to help the Bucks win for the third time in four games, taking the first of four scheduled regular season matchups against a Central Division rival it has faced 22 times since the start of the 2023-24 season.

This time, though, longtime Pacers center Myles Turner was dressed in a Bucks jersey after signing a free-agent deal in July. Fans serenaded him with boos all night, starting with a pregame video tribute that played even before player introductions.

TIMBERWOLVES 125, NETS 109. Julius Randle had 19 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in his 15th career triple-double, and Minnesota beat winless Brooklyn.

Donte DiVincenzo scored 25 points, Jaden McDaniels finished with 22 and Rudy Gobert added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who won their two straight.

KNICKS 119, WIZARDS 102. Karl-Anthony Towns scored a season-high 33 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, leading New York to a victory over Washington.

Jalen Brunson and OG Anunoby each added 16 points, and Jordan Clarkson scored 15 off the bench. Josh Hart had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

JAZZ 105, CELTICS 103. Jusuf Nurkic dropped in a putback with 0.6 seconds remaining and Utah overcame a double-digit, second-half deficit to beat Boston.

Keyonte George scored a season-high 31 points, and Lauri Markkanen added 20 points and nine rebounds to help the Jazz end a three-game losing streak.

PISTONS 114, GRIZZLIES 106. Cade Cunningham scored 19 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter and Detroit held off Memphis.

As the Grizzlies cut into Detroit's lead in the fourth quarter, Cunningham scored nine straight points for the Pistons to thwart the rally. Isaiah Stewart added 26 points

and 14 rebounds, and Jalen Duren and Ron Holland II had 14 points each.

ROCKETS 110, MAVERICS 102. Amen Thompson scored a season-high 27 points, Alperen Sengun added 26 points and 11 rebounds and Houston outlasted Dallas Mavericks for a victory.

Houston has won four straight after dropping its first two games of the season.

NUGGETS 130, KINGS 124. Nikola Jokic scored a season-high 34 points and had 14 assists, Aaron Gordon added 20 points and Denver never trailed in a victory over Sacramento.

Jokic, who opened the season with four straight triple-doubles, grabbed a season-low four rebounds but has recorded at least a double-double in the first six games.

HEAT 120, CLIPPERS 119. Ban Adebayo had 25 points and 10 rebounds, Norman Powell added 21 points in his return to Southern California and Miami held off the Los Angeles Clippers.

Andrew Wiggins scored 17 points and Kel'el Ware added 16 to help the Heat end a two-game losing streak and win on the road for the second time in five games. Miami is 1-2 to open a four-game trip.

This Series produced the World Series' first pinch-hit grand slam, its first complete game in a decade, an 18-inning Game 3 featuring Shohei Ohtani reaching base nine times, six outs on the bases and Freddie Freeman becoming the first to hit two walk-off homers, the first back-to-back homers opening a game, Yesavage striking out a rookie-record 12 just six weeks after his debut, and the first game-ending double play in which an outfielder had a putout or assist.

World Series results

WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)
Los Angeles 4, Toronto 3
Saturday: Los Angeles 5, Toronto 4, 11 innings

Saturday's box score

Dodgers 5, Blue Jays 4

LOS ANGELES					TORONTO						
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		
Ohtani p-dh	5	0	2	0	Springer dh	6	1	3	0		
Smith c	6	2	2	1	Lukes lf	3	0	0	0		
Freeman 1b	6	0	1	0	Schneider ph	1	0	0	0		
Betts ss	3	1	0	0	Straw lf	1	0	0	0		
Muncy 3b	4	1	3	1	Guerrero 1b	5	1	1	0		
T.Hernández rf	0	0	1	0	Bichette 2b	4	1	2	3		
Dean cf	0	0	0	0	Kir-Falefa pr2b0	0	0	0	0		
Edman cf	3	0	0	1	Barger rf	4	0	2	0		
Pages cf-rf	1	0	0	0	Kirk c	5	0	0	0		
E.Hernández lf5	0	1	0	0	Varsho cf	5	0	0	0		
Rojas 2b	5	1	2	1	Clement 3b	5	1	3	0		
Kim 2b	0	0	0	0	Giménez ss	4	0	1	1		
Totals	41	511	5		Totals	43	414	4			
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DP-Los Angeles 2, Toronto 1. LOB-Los Angeles 10, Toronto 14. 2B-Smith (2), Giménez (1), Clement (3), Guerrero (2), HR-Muncy (2), Rojas (1), Smith (2), Bichette (1), SB-Clement (1), SF-T.Hernández (1), Edman (1), S-Lukes (1), Kiner-Falefa (1).											
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Los Angeles						
Ohtani	2-1-3	5	3	3	2	3
Wroblewski	1-1-3	2	0	0	0	2
Glasnow	2-1-3	3	1	1	0	2
Sheehan	1	2	0	0	0	2
Snell	1-1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Yamamoto W-3-0	2-2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Toronto						
Scherzer	4-1-3	4	1	1	1	3
Varland	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Bassitt H,1	1	2	1	1	1	0
Yesavage H,1	1-2-3	1	1	1	1	0
Hoffman BS,0-1	1-1-3	1	1	1	0	2
Dominguez	1	1	0	0	2	0
Bieber L,1-1	1	1	1	1	0	0

Sheehan pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP-Wroblewski (Giménez), Yamamoto (Kirk).
WP-Ohtani.
Umpires-Home, Jordan Baker; First, Adrian Johnson; Second, Mark Wegner; Third, John Tumpane; Right, Adam Hamari; Left, Alan Porter.
T-4:07. A-44,713 (39,150).

Big 12 has pair of top 10 teams for 1st time in two years

By Eric Olson

Associated Press

The Big 12 had two teams in the top 10 of The Associated Press Top 25 college football poll for the first time in two years Sunday, Notre Dame was back in the top 10 after a two-month absence and Oklahoma and Texas made the biggest upward moves.

The top seven teams were unchanged in the final poll before the College Football Playoff committee releases its first rankings Tuesday night to kick off the run-up to the CFP bracket release Dec. 7.

No. 1 Ohio State, which pulled way in the second half to beat Penn State, is at the top of the AP poll for a 10th straight week. Indiana, which scored 50-plus points against a Big Ten opponent for the third time while hammering Maryland, is No. 2 for a third straight week.

The Buckeyes and Hoosiers again were followed by Texas A&M, Alabama, Georgia, Oregon and Mississippi. Losses by Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt and Miami shuffled the Nos. 8, 9 and 10 spots, now held by BYU, Texas Tech and Notre Dame.

No. 8 BYU and No. 9 Texas Tech gave the Big 12 two teams in the top 10 for the first time since Oct. 29, 2023. The Cougars, who were idle, have their highest ranking of the season.

Oregon remains at No. 6

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prev
1. Ohio State (54).....	8-0	1633	1
2. Indiana (11).....	9-0	1591	2
3. Texas A&M (1).....	8-0	1523	3
4. Alabama.....	7-1	1447	4
5. Georgia.....	7-1	1364	5
6. Oregon.....	7-1	1293	6
7. Mississippi.....	8-1	1263	7
8. BYU.....	8-0	1207	10
9. Texas Tech.....	8-1	1091	13
10. Notre Dame.....	6-2	1071	12
11. Oklahoma.....	7-2	850	18
12. Virginia.....	8-1	838	15
13. Texas.....	7-2	835	20
14. Louisville.....	7-1	827	16
15. Vanderbilt.....	7-2	698	9
16. Georgia Tech.....	8-1	667	8
17. Utah.....	7-2	560	24
18. Miami (FL).....	6-2	558	10
19. Missouri.....	6-2	491	19
20. Southern Cal.....	6-2	453	23
21. Michigan.....	7-2	444	21
22. Memphis.....	8-1	224	25
23. Tennessee.....	6-3	171	14
24. Washington.....	6-2	110	—
25. Cincinnati.....	7-2	77	17

Others receiving votes: Iowa 71, James Madison 53, Pittsburgh 35, San Diego St. 30, North Texas 27, South Florida 23, SMU 7, Houston 6, Illinois 4, LSU 4, Arizona St. 4.



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Darnold can't miss as Seahawks overwhelm Commanders 38-14

Pro football

Associated Press

Sam Darnold was in the type of groove a quarterback rarely experiences.

Then someone told him about it.

Whether he believes in jinxes or not, Darnold couldn't feel too disappointed. By the time he threw his first incompletion of the game — early in the third quarter — he'd already tossed four touchdown passes. And his Seattle Seahawks were well on their way to a 38-14 rout of the Washington Commanders on Sunday night in Landover, Maryland.

Washington again lost Jayden Daniels to an injury. Daniels, the Commanders' second-year quarterback, left in the fourth quarter after his non-throwing arm bent gruesomely while he was being tackled near the Seattle goal line.

Darnold completed his first 17 passes. At halftime, he was 16 for 16 for 282 yards and four TDs against Washington's beleaguered defense. Rookie Tory Horton had the first two touchdown catches for the Seahawks, and even practice squad elevation Cody White got in on the action before the half was over. It was 31-7 at halftime.

49ERS 34, GIANTS 24. Christian McCaffrey caught a touchdown pass from Mac Jones, rushed for another score and San Francisco got back on track by running all over New York on the way to a victory.

McCaffrey accounted for 173 scrimmage yards — 106 on the ground on his 28 carries and 67 receiving on five catches. Many of the 49ers fans in attendance chanted "CMC! CMC!" after he got into the end zone past the midway point of the fourth quarter.

JAGUARS 30, RAIDERS 29. Trevor Lawrence scored on a quarterback sneak in overtime for his second rushing touchdown of the game, and Jacksonville held on to beat Las Vegas when nose tackle DaVon Hamilton batted down Geno Smith's pass to deny the Raiders a winning 2-point conversion.

Jacksonville's Cam Little broke an NFL record with a 68-yard field goal at the end of the first half, and his 48-yarder with 16 seconds left sent the game to OT.

BRONCOS 18, TEXANS 15. Bo Nix threw two touchdown passes and Wil Lutz made a 34-yard field goal as time expired and the Denver Broncos rallied to beat the Houston Texans 18-15 Sunday to extend their winning streak to six games.

They improved to 4-0 this season in games where they trailed entering the fourth quarter.

PANTHERS 16, PACKERS 13. Rico Dowdle rushed for 130



NICK WASS / Associated Press

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Sam Darnold throws a pass during the first half Sunday against the Washington Commanders in Landover, Maryland.

yards and two touchdowns, and his big run in the final minute set up Ryan Fitzgerald's last-second 49-yard field goal as Carolina beat Green Bay to snap the Packers' three-game win streak.

The loss could prove costly for Green Bay (5-2-1). Packers star tight end Tucker Kraft was carted off the field with a knee injury in the third quarter.

VIKINGS 27, LIONS 24. J.J. McCarthy threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score in his return from an ankle injury, leading Minnesota to a win over Detroit.

McCarthy sealed the victory by throwing a 16-yard pass to Jalen Nailor on third-and-5 from the Minnesota 28, a play that allowed Minnesota to run out the clock.

CHARGERS 27, TITANS 20. Justin Herbert threw for 250 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score and Los Angeles beat woeful Tennessee for its third win in four games.

Herbert, who came in leading the NFL with 2,140 yards passing, shook off an early pick-6 and losing both his tackles to injuries before halftime. Right tackle Bobby Hurt hurt a groin in the first quarter, and left tackle Joe Alt was carted off in the second after reinjuring his right ankle.

STEELERS 27, COLTS 20. Jaylen Warren ran for two touchdowns, and Pittsburgh forced Indianapolis into six turnovers while securing the win.

The Steelers (5-3) snapped a two-game losing streak by harassing Colts quarterback Daniel Jones into the kind of mistakes he'd largely avoided during Indianapolis' scorching-hot start.

BEARS 47, BENGALS 42. Caleb Williams connected with Colston Loveland for a 58-yard touchdown with 17 seconds left, and Chicago beat Cincinnati in a wild game that featured three touchdowns in the last two minutes and two lead changes in the final minute.

After Joe Flacco put the Bengals ahead 42-41 with a 9-yard touchdown pass to Andrei Iosivas, Chicago took over on

its own 28 with 54 seconds left. Four plays later, on first down from the 42, Williams found Loveland down the middle. The rookie tight end caught it at the Bengals 36, bounced off Cincinnati defensive backs Jordan Battle and Geno Stone and ran to the end zone to give Chicago its fifth win in six games.

RAMS 34, SAINTS 10. Matthew Stafford threw for 281 yards and hit Davante Adams with two of his four touchdown passes in Los Angeles' victory over struggling New Orleans.

Puka Nacua had seven catches for 95 yards and a touchdown in his return from an ankle injury, and the star receiver came back to the Rams' side-line after briefly leaving with a chest injury in the second half.

PATRIOTS 24, FALCONS 23. Drake Maye threw two touchdowns and had a pair of turnovers in an uneven performance, and New England held on for its sixth straight victory over Atlanta after Parker Romo missed a potential tying extra point for the Falcons.

Terrell Jennings had his first career rushing touchdown for the Patriots (7-2).

BILLS 28, CHIEFS 21. Josh Allen threw a touchdown pass and ran for two scores to out-duel Patrick Mahomes and Buffalo defeated Kansas City in a rematch of last season's AFC championship game.

James Cook had 114 yards rushing and Buffalo's defense did the rest in harassing Mahomes, who was sacked three times, hit 15 more and finished with the worst completion percentage of his career.

CARDINALS 27, COWBOYS 17. Jacoby Brissett threw for two touchdowns and ran for a score filling in again for Kyler Murray, and Arizona stopped a five-game losing streak with a victory over Dallas.

Brissett made his third consecutive start after the week began with expectations of Murray returning from a foot injury coming off the team's open week. Arizona won for just the second time in the past 18 games when Murray didn't take at least five snaps or sat out entirely.

his face with a white towel, never showing any emotion.

Larson, who has been in a slump since his disastrous Memorial Day attempt to race both the Indianapolis 500 and Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, was also in shock.

"We didn't lead a lap and won the championship," Larson said. "We had an average car at best and had the right front (tire) go down, lost a lap and got the wave around, saved by the caution with the wave around. It's just unbelievable. What a year by this motorsports team."

playoff game in 15 years, had eight shutouts in 14 matches this season, and through regulation time, had another on Saturday in Rogue River.

But Sisters, the No. 3 team from District 3, scored both of its goals in a 91-second span in first non-sudden-death overtime session and held on to win at Beck Field.

Verberna Brent scored first, hitting a shot from 15 feet away after the ball kicked back to her with plenty of room to shoot, and Maddie Kirkpatrick scored off a deft cross from Nona Smith, dribbling in from the right side before passing it at the last moment.

"They were a very strong team across the board," Rogue River coach Clyde Fields said of Sisters (8-4-4), which plays No. 1 Valley Catholic in Beaverton today.

"They had strong players all over the field, and our girls played them straight up for a long, long time."

The Chieftains, who finished at 8-4-3, were outshot 32-14, with sophomore goalkeeper Isla Hook saving 21 shots.

The Chieftains had three seniors — Madisyn Hutsell, Bella Potts-Bonner and Alyssa Woolfolk-Hash.

Scoreboard

Sports on TV

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Today

Men's college basketball
Evansville at Purdue, 3:30 p.m., BTN

Robert Morris at Iowa, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Texas vs. Duke, Charlotte, N.C., 5:45 p.m., ESPN

Hawaii at Oregon, 7:30 p.m., BTN

Women's college basketball

Tennessee vs. NC State, Greensboro, N.C., 1 p.m., ESPN2

UConn vs. Louisville, Annapolis, Md., 2:30 p.m., ESPN

College field hockey

Atlantic Coast Tournament: Syracuse vs. Wake Forest, Quarterfinal, Louisville, Ky., 3 p.m., ACCN

College football

UMass at Akron, 4 p.m., CBS SPORTS

Miami (Ohio) at Ohio, 4 p.m., ESPN2

College Football Playoff: Top 25, 5 p.m., ESPN

Women's college soccer

Southeastern Tournament: Mississippi St. vs. Arkansas, Quarterfinal, Pensacola, Fla., 2:30 p.m., SEC

Southeastern Tournament: LSU vs. Tennessee, Quarterfinal, Pensacola, Fla., 5 p.m., SEC

NBA

Orlando at Atlanta, 5 p.m., NBC

Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m., NBC

NHL

Carolina at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m., TNT

Tampa Bay at Colorado, 6:30 p.m., TNT

Wednesday

Men's college basketball

Rider at Rutgers, 3 p.m., BTN

S. Dakota at Creighton, 5 p.m., PEACOCK

Alabama A&M at Indiana, 5 p.m., BTN

North Alabama at Mississippi St., 6 p.m., SEC

College football

N. Illinois at Toledo, 4 p.m., ESPN2

Kent St. at Ball St., 4 p.m., ESPN

College volleyball

Florida St. at Miami, 4 p.m., ACCN

Alabama at Arkansas, 4 p.m., SEC

Golf

LPGA Tour: The TOTO Japan Classic, first round, Seta Golf Course, Otsu-shi, Shiga, Japan, 6 p.m., GOLF

NBA

Minnesota at New York, 4:40 p.m., ESPN

San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7:05 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Carolina at Washington, 4:30 p.m., TNT

Pro basketball

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	5	3	.833	—
New York	4	3	.571	1½
Toronto	3	4	.429	2½
Boston	3	5	.375	3
Brooklyn	0	7	.000	5½

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	3	3	.500	—
Atlanta	3	4	.429	½
Orlando	3	4	.429	½
Charlotte	3	4	.429	½
Washington	1	6	.143	2½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	5	1	.833	—
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	½
Detroit	5	2	.714	½
Cleveland	4	3	.571	1½
Indiana	2	6	.143	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	1	.833	—
Houston	4	2	.667	1
Memphis	3	5	.375	3
Dallas	2	5	.286	3½
New Orleans	2	6	.000	5

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	7	0	1.000	—
Denver	4	2	.667	2½
Minnesota	4	3	.571	3
Portland	4	3	.571	3
Utah	3	4	.429	4

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	2	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	3	2	.600	1½
Golden State	4	3	.571	1½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	2½
Sacramento	2	5	.286	3½

Saturday's scores				
Sacramento 135, Milwaukee 133				
Minnesota 122, Charlotte 105				
Orlando 125, Washington 94				
Indiana 114, Golden State 109				
Houston 128, Boston 101				
Detroit 122, Dallas 110				

Sunday's scores				
Oklahoma City 137, New Orleans 106				
Toronto 117, Memphis 104				
Philadelphia 129, Brooklyn 105				
Charlotte 126, Utah 103				
Cleveland 117, Atlanta 109				
New York 128, Chicago 116				
Phoenix 130, San Antonio 118				
L.A. Lakers 130, Miami 120				

Monday's scores				
Milwaukee 117, Indiana 115				
Minnesota 125, Brooklyn 109				
New York 119, Washington 102				
Utah 105, Boston 103				
Detroit 114, Memphis 106				
Houston 110, Dallas 102				
Denver 130, Sacramento 124				
L.A. Lakers 123, Portland 115				
Miami 120, L.A. Clippers 119				

Tuesday's games				
Milwaukee at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.				
Charlotte at New Orleans, 5 p.m.				
Orlando at Atlanta, 5 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5 p.m.				
Phoenix at Golden State, 7 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.				

Wednesday's games				
Brooklyn at Indiana, 4 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 4 p.m.				
Utah at Detroit, 4 p.m.				
Minnesota at New York, 4:30 p.m.				
Washington at Boston, 4:30 p.m.				
Houston at Memphis, 5 p.m.				
New Orleans at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.				
Miami at Denver, 6 p.m.				
Golden State at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Portland, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.				

Pro football

NFL				
AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
New England	7	2	0	.778 237 169
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750 235 167
Miami	2	7	0	.222 180 243
N.Y. Jets	7	0	1	.125 168 221

South				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778 290 181
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625 176 184
Houston	5	0	3	.375 168 121
Tennessee	1	8	0	.111 130 257

North				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625 202 195
Baltimore	5	0	3	.375 202 216
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333 216 300
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250 126 184

West				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Denver	7	2	0	.778 225 166
L.A. Chargers	6	3	0	.667 215 193
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556 235 155
Las Vegas	2	6	0	.250 132 210

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750 208 185
Dallas	5	1	3	.389 263 277
Washington	3	6	0	.333 201 236
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222 197 249

South				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750 197 175
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556 170 208
Atlanta	5	0	3	.375 143 178
New Orleans	1	8	0	.111 138 243

North				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Green Bay	5	2	1	.688 206 166
Detroit	5	3	0	.625 239 127
Chicago	3	0	6	.625 215 227
Minnesota	4	4	0	.500 182 186

West				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Seattle	6	2	0	.750 231 150
L.A. Rams	6	2	0	.750 209 127
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667 194 188
Arizona	3	5	0	.375 180 171

Sunday's scores

Carolina 16, Green Bay 13				
Chicago 47, Cincinnati 42				
Denver 18, Houston 15				
L.A. Chargers 27, Tennessee 20				
Minnesota 27, Detroit 24				
New England 24, Atlanta 23				
Pittsburgh 27, Indianapolis 20				
San Francisco 34, N.Y. Giants 24				
Jacksonville 30, Las Vegas 29, OT				
L.A. Rams 34, New Orleans 10				
Buffalo 28, Kansas City 21				
Seattle 38, Washington 14				

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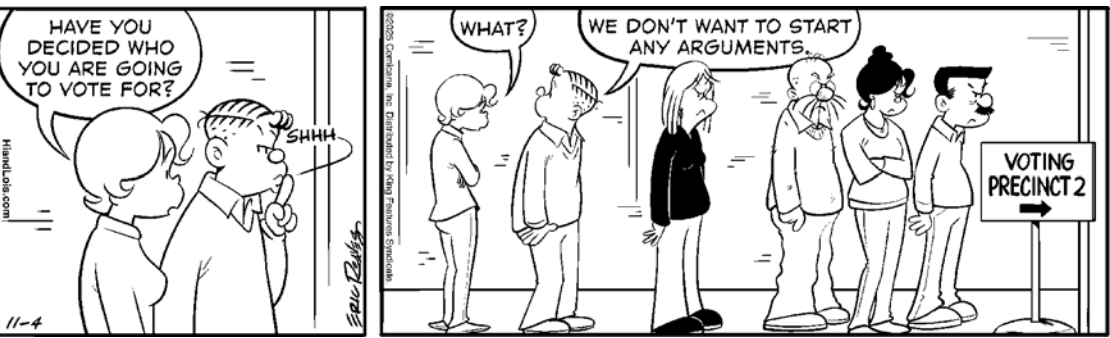
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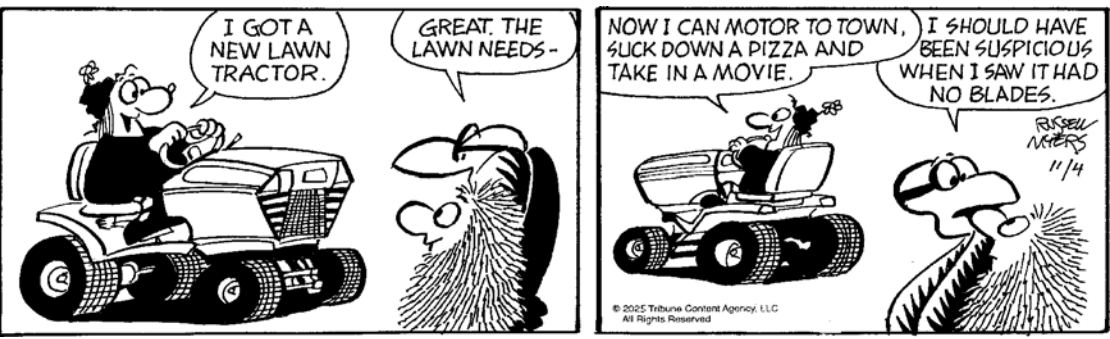
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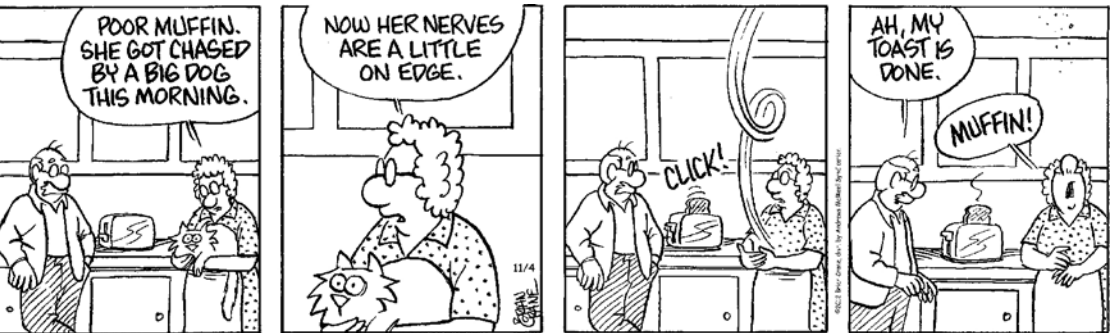
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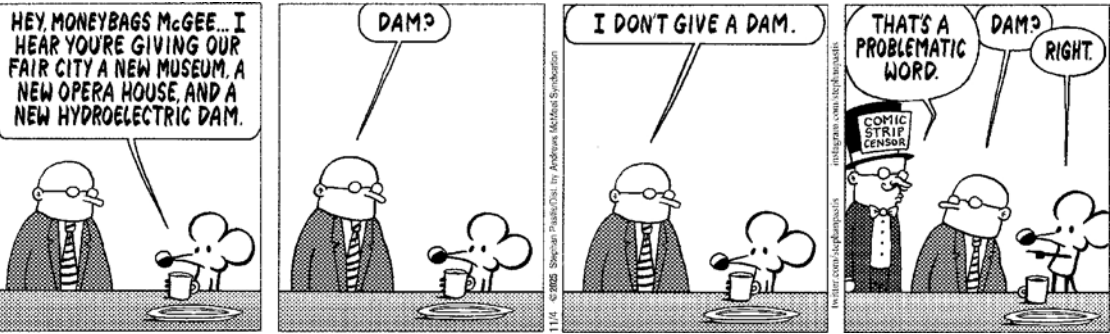
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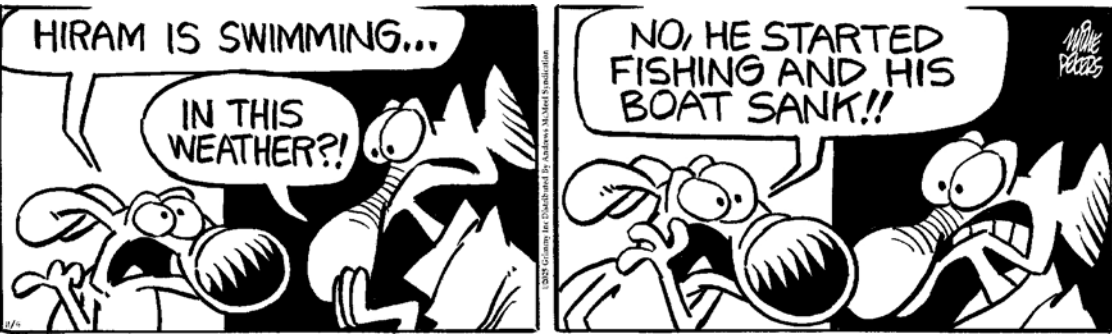
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ACROSS

1 Go out on a ____

5 Design details, for short

10 Walk very slowly

14 Dastardly

15 Fortune-telling deck

16 Reside

17 Chromosome part

18 Yogurt-based dip

19 "You said it!"

20 Quarterback's mistake

23 Perish

24 Ignited

25 Sentimental keepsake

29 Winter, spring, and fall

33 Finished

34 Smelling ____

36 Fish eggs

37 "____ do this thing!"

38 Make a knot

39 Bread with a pocket

40 Prefix meaning "three"

41 Rolling car part

43 Agitate

44 Mollusks eaten raw

47 Bemoans

49 Actress Gardner

50 "No ____" (Spanish "no more")

51 TV host's cuing device

57 Most beloved, for short

58 School essay

59 Director Ephron

62 Not closed

63 Wipe chalk from

64 Dressed (in)

65 Have a lease

66 Cause to be late

67 Shade trees

DOWN

1 Chicken piece

2 "____ seen worse"

3 Pint-sized

4 Milkshake makers

5 City thoroughfares

6 TV host Jack

7 Actor Dane or Bana

8 Dove's enclosure

9 Bent fasteners

10 Braids

11 Prom rental, for short

12 Baking appliance

13 ____ of thieves

21 Baking pan

22 Actress Mowry

25 Very, in music

26 ____ man for himself

27 Canadian of mixed ancestry

28 Vows

29 Alloy in knife-making

30 "Hunter" constellation

31 Shout in tag: 2 wds.

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32 Securely closes

35 Falsehood

39 Self-assurance

41 Finished filming

42 Jawless fish

45 Natural gift

46 Adam's mate

48 Wrestling surface

51 Masking ____

52 Opposite of odd

53 Hard to find

54 Iridescent gem

55 Flat-topped landform

56 Bun

57 Tit ____ tat

60 Hit head-on

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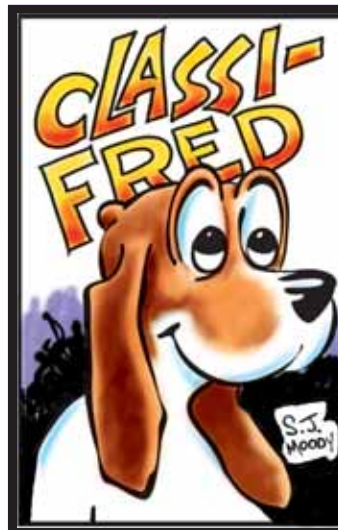


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Great opportunity for a Caregiver that would like to assist a small facility with only 15 resident, mostly Veterans in their ADL's, passing their morning/afternoon medications, become an assistant to our Administrator and RN and becoming an integral part of our staff and community. A person that is a leader, that is accountable and dependable to make sure things are running in the correct direction. Call Kathy at: 541-479-8865 to make an app. or fax your resume to 541-955-9820.

Journey Electrician

Shelter One, a manufacturer of factory built industrial enclosures located in Grants Pass seeks an Oregon licensed journeyman electrician with a minimum of two (2) years of commercial experience in 480/208, 240/120 and DCV. Successful candidate must have a working knowledge of the NEC and have a current Oregon license. Shelter One offers a competitive wage based upon experience and has an extensive benefit package. Qualified persons should submit their cover letter and resume via email to jim@shelter1.com or mail to Shelter One, 5887 Monument Drive, Grants Pass 97526.

LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The obligations secured by the trust deed described in this notice are in default and the beneficiary has elected to foreclose the trust deed pursuant to ORS 86.705 through ORS 86.815. No action is currently pending to recover any part of the debt secured by the trust deed. The following information is given, pursuant to ORS 86.752 and ORS 86.771:

- PARTIES:** The parties to the trust deed described in this notice are: Grantor: REBECCA MAYNARD; Trustee: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY; Beneficiary: JOHN E. HORNBERGER AND ALMYRA R. HORNBERGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE OR SURVIVOR.
- PROPERTY:** The address of the property covered by the trust deed is 361 Ragan Road, Williams, Josephine County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: **The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 38 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian, Josephine County, Oregon. Less and except that portion lying within Ragan Road.**
- DATE AND RECORDING REFERENCE OF THE TRUST DEED SUBJECT OF THIS NOTICE:** Dated December 14, 2021, recorded December 17, 2021, as Document Number 2021-020991.
- DEFAULTS:** The defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: **failure to pay the monthly installments of \$1,573.23 each due on the 1st day of each month, currently unpaid for April 1, 2024 through July 1, 2025, inclusive, for a total of 16 unpaid installments.**
- BALANCE OWING:** The sums owing on the obligations secured by the trust deed are: **The entire unpaid principal balance of Two Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 39/100 Dollars (\$223,645.39), together with interest thereon at the rate of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) per annum from May 9, 2024 until paid; together with beneficiary's legal fees and costs incurred in enforcement of the obligation.**
- ELECTION TO SELL:** The beneficiary and the trustee, by reason of the defaults set out above have elected to sell the property to satisfy the obligations secured by the trust deed. A Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3) and the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable.
- SALE:** The property will be sold in the manner prescribed by law on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, in the first floor lobby, inside the front door entrance of the Josephine County Courthouse, County Offices, 500 NW Sixth Street, Grants Pass, Josephine County, Oregon.
- RIGHT TO CURE DEFAULT UNDER ORS 86.778:** Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of the principal that would not be due had no default occurred) together with costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations, including trustee's and attorney's fees (not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the note and trust deed.
- Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties,** Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

DATED: July 23, 2025.

Willard L. Ransom, Trustee; OSB No. 031372
Sorenson, Ransom & Ferguson, LLP
133 NW D Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526
wransom@roguevalleylaw.com

No. 00520818 - 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

T.S. No.: OR-25-1017948-RM

Reference is made to that certain deed made by, KARY A MILLER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE, as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR NETWORK CAPITAL FUNDING CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 9/2/2015, recorded 9/11/2015, in official records of JOSEPHINE County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2015-012132 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Newrez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: R322763 37-05-07-D0-002000-00 LOT 2, BLOCK "C", CHESLOCK SUBDIVISION, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 49, PLAT RECORDS. Commonly known as: 5180 WILLIAMS HWY, GRANTS PASS, OR 97527 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: **TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$10,998.14 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$124,668.18** Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: **The installments of principal and interest which became due on 10/1/2024, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents.** Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on **2/5/2026** at the hour of **9:00 AM**, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, **In the lobby of the Josephine County Courthouse, located at 500 Northwest 6th Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526** County of JOSEPHINE, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KARY MILLER 5180 WILLIAMS HWY GRANTS PASS, OR 97527 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771.** TS No: OR-25-1017948-RM Dated: 9/18/2025 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0250505 10/21/2025 10/28/2025 11/4/2025 11/11/2025

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UNIVERSAL
Sudoku Puzzle

7			5		9		1	
	5		7					
			4	6	3			2
	3			9			5	4
	4	2		8		1	7	
5	1			6				8
	2			5	6	7		
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11/4
DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

Sunday's puzzle solution

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

Real Estate Services & Announcements 400



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Homes For Sale 402

For sale by owner in Colonial Valley 2br., 2ba., 1,700+sf. Open floor plan. 3 car garage. Priced to sell at \$365,000 . Ask for Sherry: 541-218-2985

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Lots & Acreage 404

LAND you've dreamed of! 1.36 acres of stunning, level, buildable property, tucked away. Just outside the City of Rogue River. Gravel road into property, large gravel parking area, property cleared for potential house site. Septic-DEQ approval. Area of good wells. Currently there is a 2018 Tiny home on property that is being sold separately. 12 Solar panels, 2 storage sheds, generator, small greenhouse and 2600 gal water storage tank all included in the sale of the land (\$147,000 OBO). Tiny home, price is \$67K OBO (can be easily moved off property). Address: 4529 E Evans Crk Rd, Rogue River. Contact Jonnie to view pictures or set up showing appt. 541-550-6605 **WebID#521347**

5-acre parcel. Owner Carry w/ \$50,000. Heavily treed, secluded, access to BLM land. Short drive to Merlin/Grants Pass. \$99,700. Emerald Burton, Exp Realty. Contact 541-761-3975.

2br., 2ba., 1,288sf w/ upgrades, fenced backyard, new HVAC, attached 2-car garage, full guest bathroom & newer appliances. \$335,000. Emerald Burton, Exp Realty.541-761-3975.

6.5 acres of wooded landscape; irrigation pond; detached garage/workshop. Zoned for residential use. Owner carry w/ large down. \$225,000. Emerald Burton, Exp Realty. Contact 541-761-3975.

Overberried

By FRANK STEWART
Tribune Content Agency

In my club's penny Chicago game, South was the notorious Joe Overberry, who believes it's nobler to go down trying for overtricks than to make his bid.
West led the king of hearts against four spades, and North tabled his dummy with a plaintive plea: "Just make four."
Joe took the ace, drew trumps and let the queen of clubs ride. East won and shifted to the nine of diamonds: ten, jack. West then led the queen of hearts. Joe ruffed, cashed his club winners and led a second diamond from dummy. He lost two more diamonds and went down one, and North shook his head mournfully.
"If the cards lie well, I make an overtrick," Joe said indignantly.

EXTRA CHANCE

Joe can get an extra chance for his contract. After he draws trumps, he ruffs dummy's last heart and leads the queen of clubs to dummy's ace. East wins the next club and leads a diamond, but when West wins, he is end-played.
Suppose West had a club left with which to exit. Then his distribution would probably be 2-6-2-3 (with the ace of diamonds for his bid), and Joe would lose only two diamonds and one club.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold: ♠ A K O 9 5 ♥ 6

at your right, opens one heart. You overcall one spade, the next player raises to two hearts and two passes follow. What do you say?
ANSWER: Your partner has a few points. If he had none, the opponents would still be bidding. You have enough strength to contest the partscore. Double. Your partner will almost always show belated support for your spades or take out to a minor suit. When the opponents find a fit, don't sell out cheaply.
South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 10 8 3
♥ A 7
♦ 8 4 2
♣ A 10 8 3

WEST
♥ 7 2
♦ K Q J 8 4 2
♦ A Q J
♣ 6 4

EAST
♣ 6 4
♥ 10 9 5 3
♦ 9 7 6 3
♣ K 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 5
♥ 6
♦ K 10 5
♣ Q J 9 5

South 1 ♠ 2 ♥ North 3 ♠ East Pass

Opening lead — ♥ K

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Homes for Rent 601

3br., 3ba. w/ 2-car garage and small barn. On 1 irrigated acre. Nice kitchen. No smoking. On Redwood Ave. \$2,300 mo. + 1st/last & sec. dep. 541-659-4229

4 bdrm., 2 bath adorable 2 story, fenced yard, air cond., w/d hkups, 1 yr. lease. \$2000 mo. (541) 761-1700.

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2 bedroom mobiles in quiet mobile home park in Ashland. \$975 & up. NO pets/ smoking. Space rent incl. 541-601-2727.

Duplexes/Multiplexes Condos 604

2 br., 2 ba. house, fenced yard w/ 2 car garage, Redwood Ave. area. No smoking/pets. \$1500 mo. 541-660-9525.

LEGAL NOTICE

Annual Meeting

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its 2024 and 2025 Annual Meetings on November 19th, 2025 at 89 Alder Street, Central Point. The 2024 Annual Meeting will start at 4:55pm and the 2025 Annual Meeting will start at 5:00pm. Topics will include a presentation of the 2024 and 2025 Financial Audit and Annual Reports. Details for Zoom attendance will be posted on the District's website (www.jswcd.org).

No. 00521300 - 10/22, 11/04, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO DEL PERÍODO DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que el Pase de la Ciudad de Subvenciones abrirá un período de comentarios de 14 días el martes 4 de Noviembre de 2025, que concluirá el martes 18 de Noviembre de 2025 a las 5:00 p. m., tiempo durante el cual se aceptarán comentarios orales y escritos sobre el Informe Anual Consolidado de Evaluación y Desempeño (CAPER) el año programático 2024 del Año 5 de la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) de la Ciudad. La Ciudad está buscando información sobre cómo las actividades financiadas por el programa CDBG abordaron las necesidades de los miembros de la comunidad de ingresos muy bajos, bajos o moderados durante el año programático 2024. Los comentarios sobre el CAPER se revisarán durante y al cierre del período de comentarios de 14 días, momento en el cual el CAPER, junto con los comentarios, se presentarán al Concejo Municipal para su consideración en una audiencia pública.

Los borradores del CAPER están disponibles para revisión pública en el Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de Grants Pass, 101 NW A Street, Room 202, la sucursal de Grants Pass de Josephine Community Libraries, 200 NW 'C' Street; y en la página web de la Ciudad en: <https://www.grantspassoregon.gov/886/CDBG-and-Consolidated-Plan>.

Los comentarios por escrito deben dirigirse a la Coordinadora de CDBG de la Ciudad, Anne Ingalls, en 101 NW 'A' Street, Suite 202, Grants Pass Oregon, 97526, o por correo electrónico a aingalls@grantspassoregon.gov

FECHA: 4 de Noviembre de 2025 CITY OF GRANTS PASS

Por: Anne Ingalls

Coordinadora CDBG

No. 00521556 - November 4, 2025

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES – Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-4 CRYPTOQUOTE

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C V V Q P V N M L I Q V F K P V N

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Sunday's Cryptoquote: EVERY INDIVIDUAL MATTERS. EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A ROLE TO PLAY. EVERY INDIVIDUAL MAKES A DIFFERENCE. — JANE GOODALL

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Commercial Property & Offices 606

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Miscellaneous Wanted 700

Wanted
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Antiques & Collectibles 701

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Firewood & Equipment 710

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Private Party Miscellaneous 714

Diamond Ring 1 K+ Solitaire w/ 12 princess cut melee diamonds in 18K gold. \$3,500 OBO. **EGL certification. (541) 821-0151 WebID#521550**

Odds & Ends 715

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Free Merchandise 719

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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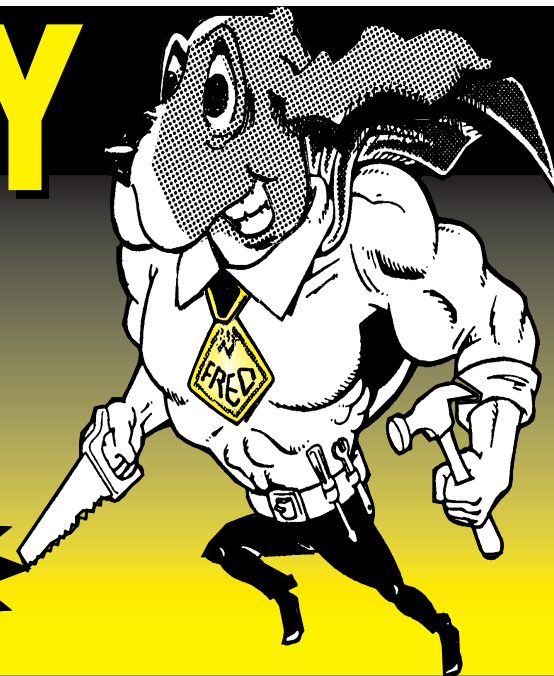
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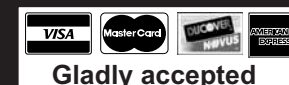
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