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A housing needs study being done by the city of Coos Bay shows more than 500 new homes will need to be built over the next 20 years.

## Coos Bay preparing new housing needs analysis

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**  
The World

Few will contest that housing, especially affordable housing,

remains one of the greatest needs in Coos Bay.

To get a better look at the need and possible future development, the city has spend six months

working with the Lane Council of Governments to create a 2022 Housing Needs Analysis.

Last week, Jacob Callister presented his finding with the Coos

Bay Planning Commission. He will make the same presentation to the city council this week, and

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## Making summer fun for all children

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**  
The World

More than 100 children in North Bend got out of their homes over the weekend for a movie, close-up look at big rigs and food and drinks, and no one paid a dime.

The festivities Friday and Saturday were the latest free events hosted by the city of North Bend thanks to a K-12 summer grant from the state of Oregon.

Best of all, the fun is just beginning, with more events added in the coming days and weeks. Stephanie Kilmer has helped set and run the free summer events, and she said the goal is get as many children as possible out for some fun.

To reach as many children as possible, North Bend is providing free bus rides for many of the events. Kilmer said her goal is to get the word out to all children in the city.

"I think this will help, having these activities open to everyone," Kilmer said. "When you have a kid that's never been to the beach, and he's 7 years old and lived here his whole life, that's amazing. Even if it's one kid you can reach, it's worthwhile."

On Friday, the city hosted a free movie in the park, and close to 100 children, most with their parents came to watch.

On Saturday, the fun turned to the North Bend Community Center as the city hosted "Big Rig Bash."

During the event, children had the opportunity to look at climb on and around vehicles like the city's fire engine, a police car, tractors, an ambulance and even a log truck loaded with 90,000 pounds of wood.

That was just the beginning. Inside the community center, children could dig for toys, draw pictures, get their face painted and even get a balloon animal made.

There was also free food with hot dogs, Philly cheesesteaks, popcorn, sodas, Kona Ice and much more. And thanks to the grant, all of it was free.

Kayla Quillin brought the log truck from her dad's company,



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Wila Spence, 2, and Howard Spence, 5, get their hands painted during the Big Rig Bash at the North Bend Community Center. The city of North Bend hosted the event that allowed children to see and crawl around different big rigs while also enjoying free food, music and games. Below, Chris Foltz carves a truck out of ice much to the joy of the children watching.

Richard Quilling Trucking. She said the children were intrigued by the massive logs loaded onto the truck.

"So far, they seem to like them," Quillin said. "They're almost scared the them until they go up and touch them. Then they light up."

Quillin has worked for her dad's company for almost a decade, most of it as a truck driver. She said the challenge is not what many would expect.

"Being in the woods and sliding down dirt roads is not bad," she said. "It's when you get into town and hit traffic."

Over the many events, the one that stuck out to Kilmer was a trip to the Charleston Marine Life Center.

"At the Charleston Marine Life Center, I think some kids finds a career path," Kilmer said.

With every summer event free, Kilmer said she hoped more children would participate.

"I think it's had an impact and the families come back because they realize all the barriers are gone," she said.

Removing the barriers and making it easy for all children to participate was one of the key goals North Bend set when



coming up with the summer activities, City Administrator David Milliron said.

"Our goal is to get as many children as possible," he said. "That's why we're running the buses. Some people don't have transportation, so we are running the buses."

For a complete list of upcoming events and details on registration and bus rides, visit <https://www.northbendoregon.us/newsview.aspx?nid=7301&fbclid=IwAROXWeMEB59HI-9UmiaUTN27cEgkriHm-kVLI55yIPYXWVT4slHcd-DP-0pdM0>



## State working to control monkey-pox outbreak

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**  
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As monkeypox cases continue to climb in Oregon, the state is working to control the outbreak before it becomes a statewide pandemic.

Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state health official, said the Oregon Health Authority is working to spread information and a limited number of vaccines to help slow the spread of the virus, which has so far mostly impacted gay and bisexual men.

As of Thursday, 95 cases have been confirmed in Oregon, with 92 among men. The three women infected are among the most recent cases confirmed in the state.

Coos County announced its first case last week, and Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health and Wellness, said no additional cases have been located in the county.

Sidelinger said while another pandemic on the heels of COVID-19 is disturbing, monkeypox is a vastly different kind of virus.

"It might seem like too much to now have another outbreak of another infectious disease as we continue to recover from COVID 19," Sidelinger said. "The good news is although monkeypox is a severe public health concern, it is not another COVID-19. It does not spread the same as COVID 19. Fortunately, there have been no deaths in Oregon and the United States. We are not recommending vaccinations for the general population."

While the virus has spread mostly in the LGBTQ community, Sidelinger emphasized anyone can catch it if they come into close contact with someone who has been infected.

"Right now, in Oregon and other states, most cases of monkeypox have been diagnosed in gay and bisexual men," he said. "While this disease does not spread just among men and one's sexual orientation does not make one more susceptible to the virus, the virus is spreading more among those groups."

Sidelinger said in response to the growing cases and growing concerns, OHA will launch a new website dealing specifically with the virus. The page will share information on testing, vaccines and treatments and offer answers to many questions people may have.

In addition, he said the state recently announced those getting tested or vaccinated for the virus can now do so with no out-of-pocket expense.

The cases in Oregon are spread across seven counties and are among the 9,500 cases in the United States and 31,800 cases worldwide.

"Anyone can be diagnosed with monkeypox, and this not a gay disease," Sidelinger said.

Almost all cases of monkeypox are diagnosed after a person comes into close skin-to-skin contact with someone who has it. It can be passed by contacting clothing, sheets, towels or other items used by an infected person, but those cases are rare.

"Monkeypox may start with a fever, achiness or sore throat, but it may also start with a rash or sores," Sidelinger said. "If you have symptoms you believe to be

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# MISSING PERSON

## Douglas County searching for missing woman

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is searching for 20-year-old Delmagene "Dallas" Elvira Smith, who has been reported as missing.

Smith was last seen leaving her residence in the evening hours of August 7. Her vehicle was located abandoned out Cow Creek Road on August 8, 2022. It is believed that Smith could be in the company of her 15-year-old cousin, Charlize Gibson, who is the subject of a runaway juvenile case taken by the Roseburg Police Department.

Smith prefers the name "Dallas" and is described as 5-4, 248 pounds with green eyes and brown hair. Her clothing description is unknown.

Gibson is described as 5-03, 135 pounds, with brown hair with red highlights and brown eyes. She was last known to be wearing a backless white and black shirt, long jean shorts, and black high-top shoes.

If you have any information as to the whereabouts of Smith or Gibson, please contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at (541) 440-4471 referencing case #22-3326.

## Suspect tracked down by K9 officer

On August 10, at about 8:46 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a report of a burglary in progress at Hauser Dunes Storage, 68512 Highway 101 in North Bend. Upon arrival, deputies were told by employees that they had security camera footage of a male subject breaking into the storage units. The male suspect had gained access to the attic area and broke through the drywall on several other units.

Deputies requested a K9, and K9 Raven from the Sheriff's Office arrived on scene to assist. Deputies were able to narrow down the unit the suspect was most likely in. After gaining access to that unit, K9 Raven was deployed and located the suspect attempting to hide under several blankets and clothing items.

The suspect was identified as 30-year-old William Landon Michael of Roseburg. The damage to the drywall and building was estimated at over \$2,500. Michael also had a warrant for failure to appear on attempt to elude and parole violations. Michael was transported to the Coos County Jail, where he was booked and lodged.



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Coos County Sheriff's Office K9 deputy Raven helped find a man who was breaking into storage units in North Bend.

## 38th annual Blackberry Arts Festival coming soon



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The Blackberry Arts Festival will return to downtown Coos Bay for the 38th time later this month with art, music and great food.



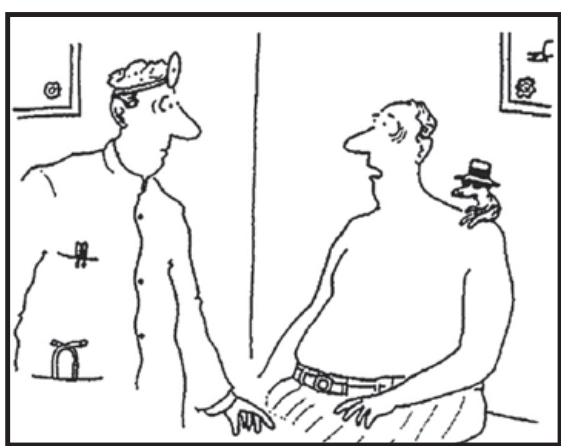
The Coos Bay Downtown Association presents the 38th annual Blackberry Arts Festival on Saturday, August 27, and Sunday, August 28. This is a free event with activities centered on Central Avenue and will feature an impressive array of talented artisans, music and great food, including lots of blackberry items. Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Music is provided Saturday and Sunday by K-DOCK Radio.

The fourth annual "It's All Berry Good" Blackberry Recipe Contest will be held on Saturday, August 27. Recipes featuring

blackberries will be accepted at 10 a.m. at the Coos Bay Elks #1160 located on Central Avenue in downtown Coos Bay. Judging will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the winners will be announced no later than 2 p.m. Prize awards will be made at 2 p.m. at The Elks. For information, call 541-266-9706.

Keep an eye out for the sign of the blackberry throughout the festival and downtown. This year several local restaurants will be joining in the blackberry celebration. You will know it when you see it.

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# OHA, DCBS require health insurers to cover administration of monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccinations

Oregon insurers are now required to cover the cost of monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccination administration for their health plan members in Oregon, based on a declaration of a disease outbreak from Oregon Health Authority.

According to federal and state health officials, monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccines are safe and effective tools to protect people from monkeypox (hMPXV)

infection, reduce how long symptoms last, and make the disease less severe (including preventing serious complications and even fatalities). The monkeypox (hMPXV) vaccines are vital prevention measures that also can slow the spread of monkeypox and eventually bring this outbreak to an end.

While Oregon awaits additional federal vaccination supplies, state health officials want to

ensure that everyone who is at risk for the virus has simple, affordable access to the two vaccines available for monkeypox (hMPXV). The new insurance coverage requirement removes financial barriers to vaccination, such as requiring people to pay costs of administering the vaccines.

State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger said, "We know more vaccines are coming from the

federal government. We're doing everything we can to keep people safe and encourage people to take common sense precautions — like getting vaccinated when they're eligible and supplies are available — so we can all prevent monkeypox from spreading."

Department of Consumer and Business Services has issued a bulletin further detailing the requirements for health insurers. It is available at <https://dfc.oregon.gov/laws-rules/Documents/Bulletins/bulletin2022-04.pdf>.

The number of cases of monkeypox (hMPXV) in Oregon stands at 89, as of Aug. 8, and that number is expected to rise as access to testing increases. There are no treatments specifically for monkeypox (hMPXV), although antivirals may help people with, or at risk for, severe monkeypox (hMPXV) disease or complications from the virus.

## Housing

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the council will consider accepting the study next month.

The biggest takeaway from the study is that there is enough available land in Coos Bay to build sufficient housing and the majority of housing expected in the next 20 years will be multi-family units.

Callister told the commission while Coos Bay has the land it needs for new housing, getting businesses to develop has been a struggle the city needs to address.

"Although we seem to come up with objective, analytical surpluses of developable land, it doesn't seem that land is developed," he said. "So, there's definitely a need to look at why, despite the need, are we not seeing developments occur that address the housing need.

"This housing crisis has escalated over the years in your community. One of the things we determined staff needs to revisit is we have all this developable land, why isn't it developing. Every time you have a different dynamic, whether it's environment or cost constraints, you're putting an obstacle in front of a developer. So we want to revisit some of these constraints."

As a major part of the study, Callister did a

buildable lands inventory in Coos Bay.

According to a report from the city, the inventory looked at any land that could be used to build housing.

"Vacant parcels and parcels with the potential for infill or redevelopment for future multi-unit and other dwellings have been analyzed resulting in an informed projection of current and future housing needs and demand for developable land," the report read. "There is sufficient buildable capacity and residential land use opportunity with existing zoning categories to accommodate Coos Bay's projected housing needs, including consideration of affordability, for the next 20 years."

The inventory showed there is currently 279 acres in Coos Bay that could be developed for residential properties. To determine that number, Callister looked at empty land, removed property that was sloped to much to build on, and determined how much was left.

The study estimates the city will see an increase of 1,336 residents over the next two years and an increase in housing from 7,633 units to 8,176

The study shows there is a need for all kinds of housing, but the greatest need is affordable homes and rentals.

"The analysis reveals that for current renters,

the greatest demand is for units at the lower to middle end of the affordable rent level range," the report read. "Rental demand is greater than supply at the lowest income level, indicating that the residents most likely to spend greater than 30% of their income on housing do not have adequate affordable options. In 2022, Coos Bay was designated a severely rent-burdened city—26.5% of renter households spend greater than 50% of their household income on gross rent. The analysis suggests that middle- to higher-income categories should have income-appropriate rental opportunities."

While the lower-income residents are struggling to find rentals, those in the higher-income brackets are more likely to look for housing to purchase.

The deficit in housing also extends to ownership, again with the lower-income most impacted.

"The analysis determined that 543 new rental and ownership housing units are needed by 2042 to meet future demand," the report read. "There will be a projected deficit in ownership units at nearly all lower price ranges and housing types. The greatest need for rental units will be at the lowest price points in the "middle housing" categories, but there is also some support for new, more expensive rental supply."

While it is just a guess, the analysis shows that most development over the next two decades will be multi-housing. Callister reported 4% of the new units are projected to be single-family home, with 77% anticipated as "middle housing," which includes duplexes, triplexes and other housing up to five units. Larger multi-unit projects are anticipate to cover 19% of the new construction, primarily manufactured home parks.

Callister said study shows the city has the room and will likely get the development needed for its new housing needed over the next 20 years.

"The analysis demonstrates that there is sufficient capacity to accommodate all projected new unit types to accommodate housing needs for the planning period," the report read. "There is a projected need for 45.5 acres of new residential development (3.5 acres of lower density, 32.3 acres of medium density and 9.7 acres of higher density). Coos Bay's residential buildable land capacity is 279 acres, leaving a surplus of approximately 233 acres. Additional consideration for the practical unlikelihood of needed affordable housing realizing on moderately sloped, expensive to develop, lands still result in a surplus of buildable lands of all types within Coos Bay's UGB."

## Limited camping opens at Loon Lake Recreation Site

The Bureau of Land Management is pleased to announce that a part of the Loon Lake Recreation Site is now open for week-end camping. Seventeen campsites will be open for camping each Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

The campsites are available by reservation only. Visitors can begin making reservations through recreation.gov. Sites number 34 through 53 are available. These sites are located in the lower part of the campground nearest to the lake and day use area.

There is no potable water available onsite. Visitors should bring all the water they will need for their visit, including drinking water. Non-potable water will run the flush toilets in the day use restrooms.

The day use area also is still open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The beach and swimming area, picnic tables, charcoal grills, boat ramp, and waterfall trail will be open.

"The water wells and holding tanks are keeping up with demand in the park since we opened for day use in July," said Steve Lydick, Coos Bay District Manager. "We are excited to open more of the site now that we know we can reliably operate basic facilities for visitors."

The BLM is opening limited areas in the park

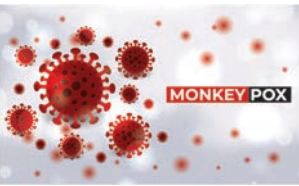
while contractors continue work to bring the water treatment system online. The BLM plans to open more campsites later this summer if the water system successfully handles the increased use from limited camping. It is unlikely potable water will be available this season due to construction delays.

The site will remain closed from 11 a.m. on Mondays to 8 a.m. on Fridays. Entering closed areas in the campground is prohibited to protect public safety while work continues on the water treatment and distribution system.

Nearby East Shore Campground is also open on the shore of Loon Lake. Six campsites available on a first come, first served basis. A valid East Shore camping permit also allows entry for one vehicle to Loon Lake Recreation Site for day use.

The BLM closed Loon Lake Recreation Site since 2019. Heavy snow that year toppled trees around the site. Falling trees destroyed the potable water treatment system, a restroom in the day use area, and the maintenance shop. The repairs at the site are being partially funded through the Great American Outdoors Act.

The BLM will post regular updates at [blm.gov/office/coos-bay-district-office](http://blm.gov/office/coos-bay-district-office) and [recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234076](http://recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234076)



## Monkeypox

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monkeypox, contact your health provider."

The vaccine for monkeypox is effective and has a long record of success. But supplies are very limited. Since the first case was diagnosed in June, Oregon has received 6,803 doses, and fewer than 50 are available at OHA today. Individual county health departments across

the state do have some vaccines, but they are being given to only the most at-risk people.

Sidelinger said the state is concentrating on getting first doses to those at risk, with second doses often waiting for up to three months. Only the most at-risk or pediatric cases, which there have been none so far in Oregon, will get the second dose at four weeks as recommended. "Anyone can be infected by monkeypox," Sidelinger said. "Plan ahead if you're attending events where there may be close, skin to skin contact"

Katie Cox, the executive director of the Equity Institute, which reaches out

to the gay and lesbian community in Portland said there is a lot of fear and confusion in the LGBTQ community.

"I'm hearing many of my community express confusion about hPMX4," she said. "Several people I spoke to didn't even know there was a vaccine available. Lack of urgency from the federal government has been concerning. Would that response look any different if it wasn't based in a marginal community?"

Like Sidelinger, Cox emphasized the virus is not a gay disease, and she feels the focus should be on behavior rather than orientation.

"We need to focus on

risky behavior and not identity," Cox said. "Anyone who has skin can get this disease. At this point it's not an if, but a when if will start impacting our communities. Gay, bisexual and queer men are not the only people engaging in skin-to-skin contact."

Cox urged the state and federal governments to support groups like hers that can reach the most at-risk people.

"Information, health and risk access and vaccine availability is not widely known," she said. "That is why it's vital that community health organizations that are more nimble and tied into their communities get immediate support."

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# Oregon approved to issue an additional \$46 million in Pandemic EBT food assistance

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) received approval from the federal government to provide additional food benefits for young children whose families received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits between September 2021 and May 2022.

These additional food benefits will provide approximately \$46 million in additional food assistance for 80,000 young children in Oregon. The additional food benefits will be issued to families' existing EBT cards in Fall 2022, with the exact dates yet to be determined.

"We are grateful to be able to provide these

additional food benefits to families with young children in Oregon," said Jana McLellan, interim director of the ODHS Self-Sufficiency Programs. "As communities continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and the rising cost of food, we know that many families are experiencing hardship and are struggling to get enough healthy food for themselves and their children. We encourage anyone who is struggling to meet their basic needs to contact our partners at 211, the Oregon Food Bank and their local Community Action Agency for support during this difficult time."

**Eligibility for P-EBT food benefits**

Families must have received SNAP benefits at any time between September 2021 and May 2022.

Children in the family who were age 5 and under at any time during this period are eligible to receive additional food benefits.

Families will receive the additional food benefits for every month during this period that:

One or more children in their household were ages 5 and younger

The family was receiving SNAP benefits.

Eligible families will receive an extra \$63 food benefit per child on their EBT card for every month the children were ages 5 or younger and their family was receiving SNAP benefits.

Families can receive up to \$67 in additional food benefits for each child who is eligible.

These additional food benefits are part of the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program, a temporary COVID-19 program meant to provide additional food support for children whose access to adequate and quality food may have been impacted by COVID-19.

Families whose EBT card has been lost or stolen should call the toll-free replacement card line at 1-855-328-6715 to request a replacement card as soon as possible. The replacement line is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit [pebt.oregon.gov](http://pebt.oregon.gov) for more information about the P-EBT program.

P-EBT does not replace any child nutrition program already offered and families are encouraged

to continue to participate in meal programs in their communities.

P-EBT food benefits are issued in addition to regular SNAP benefits including emergency allotments that are also being issued due to the impact of COVID-19. P-EBT benefits are not considered in a public charge test.

**Resources to help meet basic needs**

Find a food pantry: [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](http://foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org)

Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or [www.adrcforegon.org](http://www.adrcforegon.org).

Dial 2-1-1, or text your zip code to 898-211, [www.211info.org](http://www.211info.org)

Find local resources and support by contacting your local Community Action

Agency: [www.caporegon.org/find-services/](http://www.caporegon.org/find-services/)

Oregon Department of Human Services COVID-19 help center

**About SNAP**

Administered by ODHS, SNAP is a federal program that provides food assistance to approximately 1 million eligible, low-income families and individuals in Oregon, including many older adults and people with disabilities. Oregonians in need can apply for benefits, including SNAP, child care, cash assistance and Medicaid. Learn more at <https://govstatus.oregon.gov/or-dhs-benefits>. For local resources in your area, such as food or shelter, please call 2-1-1 or reach out to the state's Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) at 1-855-ORE-ADRC or 1-855-673-2372.

## Obituaries

### Gary Craig Briggs

November 18, 1938 – August 10, 2022



Gary Craig Briggs – November 18, 1938 – August 10, 2022 - logger, father, son, brother, friend, larger than life optimist who loved a good and hearty laugh with friends, family and anyone he encountered. He also loved two-stepping, fast cars, large photos of himself and his man jewelry.

Born in Roseburg, Oregon, Gary grew up on the family homestead up South Myrtle near Myrtle Creek, Oregon. When the family home burned, he moved to Roseburg with his family, where he graduated from Roseburg High School in 1956. After high school, Gary joined the Marine Corp and spent most of his military time at

Camp Pendleton. When he returned home to Oregon, he studied business at the University of Oregon and Southern Oregon College. He joined the family business of R.A. Briggs & Sons, and in 1960, married Jeannie Simpson, the mother of his 5 children. They spent summers with the family living and working at Briggs Logging Camp near Diamond Lake. He loved being in the woods logging, hunting and fishing. The family moved to Coquille, Oregon where he started 3 Son Loggers, Inc. These were good, but also tumultuous times, with losing his son Todd, and surviving a shooting in Dora, Oregon in 1977.

Gary's love for his work was present in every conversation. Each day was focused on logging, but it didn't stop him from taking a photo of a stunning sunrise on his way to work. He was the president of the Associated of Oregon Loggers in 1979, and in 1995 he was proudly quoted in National Geographic as a local logging expert on forest issues. He later started D-9 Construction then moved to Lookingglass, Oregon. His logging career took him too many areas around the west including Baker City, Oregon; Pocatello, Idaho;

Logan, Utah; and Naches, Washington. He finally returned to Bandon, Oregon to be closer to his family.

Preceded in death by his son, Todd Adrian at age 8; parents, Russell and Trudy Briggs; brothers, Bruce and Jim Briggs; and nephews, Bruce and Jimmie Briggs. Gary is survived by his children and their families, Craig and Colleen Briggs; Jennifer (Briggs) and Dean Criscola; Josie Briggs and Robert Murray; and Neel Briggs. He was the proud grandfather of their 12 children – Nick, John, Cate and Claire Briggs, Piper (Criscola) and Zach Rouse, Joe, Lexie and Sam Criscola, Vivian and Willa Murray, Ellie and Maren Briggs. He loved his nieces and nephews and was survived by Stephen and Jennifer Briggs, Jamie (Briggs) and Randy Gill, Jonnie (Briggs) and Jon Lauch, and Rusty and DeAnn Briggs. His extended family includes many cherished great and great-great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at The Coquille Christian Community Church, 625 East 10th Street, Coquille, Oregon.

Friends may offer condolences online at [westrumfuneralservice.com](http://westrumfuneralservice.com) Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon.

### Death Notice

**John T. Wilhelmson**, 91, of North Bend, passed away on August 10, 2022 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com), 541-756-0440.

## Access and Habitat board members sought for Southwest Oregon

ODFW is looking for two hunter representatives to serve on the Access and Habitat Program's Southwest Region Council. Positions are voluntary.

The Southwest region covers Douglas, Coos, Curry, Jackson, and Josephine counties and applicants should live or work in these counties.

Council members participate in up to four public meetings yearly in various communities in this region.

At the meetings, council members review and consider funding A&H project proposals and conduct other business.

A&H projects open private land to hunting access or improve wildlife habitat for game animals.

The A&H Program is funded by a \$4 surcharge on hunting licenses and the sale of deer and elk raffle entries and auction tags. Over the years, the program opened millions of acres of private land to hunting and has improved game animal habitat. Find A&H properties available to hunt at <http://oregonhuntingmap.com/#/map>

For information, contact Dylan Edwards, A&H Southwest Council regional coordinator, at 541-857-2408.

## OHSU advancing first-of-its-kind strategy to overcome infertility

Scientists at Oregon Health & Science University have received significant philanthropic support to advance a first-of-its-kind method to turn an individual's skin cell into an egg, with the potential to produce viable embryos.

The technique, initially demonstrated in mice, could eventually provide a new avenue for child-bearing among couples unable to produce viable eggs of their own.

Even though the proof of concept in mice shows promise, significant challenges remain to be resolved before the technique could be ready for clinical trials under strict ethical and scientific oversight. Even then, Congress currently precludes the Food and Drug Administration from providing oversight for clinical trials involving genetic modification of human embryos.

"It will take probably a decade before we can say we're ready," said Shoukhrat Mitalipov, Ph.D., director of the OHSU Center for Embryonic Cell and Gene Therapy. "The science behind it is complex, but we think we're on the right path."

This type of research is not funded by the National Institutes of Health, so it depends on philanthropic support. For this project, Open Philanthropy awarded \$4 million over three years through the OHSU Foundation.

Paula Amato, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the OHSU School of Medicine, sees the potential for an enormous benefit to families struggling to have children if the technique proves successful.

"Age-related decline in fertility remains an intractable problem in our field, especially as women are delaying childbearing," said Amato, who is the principal investigator for the grant award.

The technique holds promise for helping families to have genetically related children, a cohort that includes women unable to produce viable eggs because of age or other causes, including previous treatment for cancer. It also raises the possibility of men in same-sex relationships having children genetically related to both partners.

"The skin cell can come from somebody who doesn't have any eggs themselves," Amato said. "The biggest implication is for female, age-related infertility. It can also come from women with premature ovarian insufficiency due to cancer treatment or genetic conditions, or from men who would be able to produce a genetically related child with a male partner."

### Advancing medical research

The award from Open Philanthropy will enable OHSU researchers to develop the technique in early human embryos

using eggs and sperm from research donors. As with other groundbreaking research at OHSU — including a gene-editing discovery that generated worldwide attention in 2017 — none of the early embryos will be allowed to develop past the early blastocyst stage.

Researchers will build on a study in mice published this January in the journal Communications Biology.

The study demonstrated that it is possible to produce normal eggs by transplanting skin-cell nuclei into donor eggs from which the nuclei have been removed.

Known as somatic cell nuclear transfer, the technique was famously used in 1997 to clone a sheep in Scotland named Dolly.

In contrast to a direct clone of one parent, the mouse study published earlier this year required OHSU and collaborating scientists to cut the donor DNA in half and then fertilize the resulting egg with sperm to generate a viable embryo with chromosomes from both parents.

The process involves implanting the skin cell nuclei into a donor egg, and then allowing the egg to discard half its skin cell chromosomes — a process similar to meiosis, when cells divide to produce sperm or egg cells. This results in a haploid egg — with a single set of chromosomes — with precisely half the chromosomes of the diploid skin cell — with two sets of chromosomes. At just the right phase of the cell cycle, the new egg is combined with sperm chromosomes through in vitro fertilization.

An embryo then develops with the correct diploid number of chromosomes from each parent.

"We had to show in the mouse that this hypothesis works," Mitalipov said. "Open Philanthropy saw the implications for fertility with a new way of looking into this. The key is inducing haploidy."

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## DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

### WOMAN AND HER SON ENDURE BOYFRIEND'S ODD BEHAVIOR

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. It's silly. They are both great kids (and dogs) in their individual ways, and I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she's "great." He often criticizes my son. He also has "house rules" for us that he doesn't hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they're together because it's always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I'm around. I realize I can't change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I'm a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. I don't want to help this way. Can you help me come up with a different

way of reacting to it? -- WEARY IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR WEARY:** Frankly, your question, "Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats you and your son?" surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you've tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son -- who by now probably thinks there is something wrong with himself -- because of it. Put your foot down (better late than never!) Insist that he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double standard. If he doesn't comply, for both your sakes, end the relationship.

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### Guest Column

## Marijuana Potency Warrants Greater Education and Regulation



Paul Armentano

By PAUL ARMENTANO  
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Those offering dire warnings about the alleged dangers of so-called “highly potent pot” — and demanding that these products be recriminalized — are taking their cues from an age-old playbook.

From the onset of criminal cannabis prohibition, criminalization advocates have sought to rationalize their position by greatly exaggerating the supposed strength of marijuana. In the 1930s, while lobbying for the passage of the first-ever federal ban on cannabis, Bureau of Narcotics Commissioner Henry Anslinger testified to Congress that the marijuana of a century ago was so uniquely potent that it was “entirely the monster Hyde, the harmful effect of which cannot be measured.”

By the 1960s and '70s, public officials claimed the so-called “Woodstock weed” had grown so strong that smoking it would permanently damage brain cells and, therefore, its simple possession needed to be heavily criminalized to protect public health.

In an attempt to justify the marijuana crackdown of the 1980s, former Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates opined that advanced growing techniques had increased the potency of THC, the primary psychoactive ingredient in the plant, to the point that “those who blast some pot on a casual basis ... should be taken out and shot.”

A few years later, during congressional hearings on strengthening federal anti-drug laws, then-Sen. Joe Biden publicly weighed in on the issue, opining, “It’s like comparing buckshot in a shotgun shell to a laser-guided missile.”

Looking back, it is apparent that each of these previous generations’ claims was nothing more than hyperbole. Nonetheless, these sensational claims had a lasting influence on marijuana policy — in many cases leading directly to the passage of detrimental public policies that caused the undue stigmatization and criminalization of millions of citizens. The latest recycling of the “It’s not your parents’ pot” claim is a little different.

Let’s face facts. The availability of more potent cannabis products is not a new phenomenon. In fact, higher potency cannabis products, like hashish, have always been available. Typically, when consumers encounter higher potency products, they ingest lesser quantities of them. This self-regulatory process is known as self-titration.

Moreover, higher potency THC products do not dominate state-legal markets. In fact, most consumers tend to prefer and gravitate toward products of more moderate potencies, not concentrates.

This phenomenon should hardly come as a surprise. After all, the overwhelming majority of alcohol sales in this country consist of relatively low potency beer, while less than 10 percent of sales are from the purchase of distilled spirits. However, unlike hard liquor — which can readily cause death by overdose when overindulged yet is sold in “lethal dose quantities” in every liquor store in America — THC is incapable of causing a lethal overdose, regardless of its potency or the quantity consumed.

That’s not to say that cannabis products cannot be overconsumed. They can. But in such instances, consumers typically experience only temporary dysphoria (commonly referred to as a panic attack) — the effects of which dissipate within a few hours. Nonetheless, to discourage overconsumption, most states regulate certain cannabis products, like edibles, to single-serving sizes.

Reports of more severe effects due to the consumption of highly potent products are relatively atypical. For example, Canadian researchers recently assessed marijuana-related hospitalizations among a cohort of more than 23,000 patients authorized to access cannabis products. Specifically, investigators tracked incidences whereby subjects were hospitalized because of either “cannabis poisoning” or “mental or behavioral disorders due to the use of cannabis.” During the course of the trial, investigators reported that 14 patients were hospitalized for issues related to cannabis toxicity, and 26 were admitted for either mental or behavioral disorders.

Ultimately, proposed product bans will only perpetuate the unregulated market. That is because outlawing these products will drive their production and sale exclusively underground. This result undermines the primary goal of legalization, which is to disrupt and ultimately replace the underground market with a transparent, regulated marketplace, wherein products are tested for safety and are clearly labeled so that consumers can make educated choices.

Rather than reintroduce cannabis criminalization, regulators and other concerned parties should seek to provide the public with more comprehensive safety information about the effects of more potent products, and they should continue to ensure that legal products do not get diverted to the youth market. Such actions will ultimately be far more productive than calling for a return to the failures of marijuana prohibition.

#### ABOUT THE WRITER

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### Guest Column



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You’ve heard about gullible suckers buying the Brooklyn Bridge and smooth talkers selling swampland in Florida.

But in the 1920s and '30s, one scam artist was so brazen he actually sold Paris’ beloved Eiffel Tower — not once, but twice. He stole money from a notorious gangster and made lawmen snatch out their hair in frustration.

That’s the remarkable legacy of “Count” Victor Lustig, the con man’s con man.

Born in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Lustig was unusually bright, exceptionally charming and spoke several languages. A better life beckoned beyond his little village, and he set off to find it.

After World War I his criminal career started with crossing the Atlantic on luxury liners. He dressed like a GQ model, displayed impeccable manners, and was smooth as silk. He made friends easily and soon was on good terms with the richest passengers.

Asked the source of his wealth, Lustig confided a secret: He had a “money box” that printed \$100 bills. Intrigued, his victims always begged to see it. Amid great secrecy, he eventually showed a wooden box supposedly containing a complex contraption with rollers and printing plates that, fueled by radium, printed perfect C Notes. The only problem, Lustig lamented, was the time. It took six hours to print a single bill. He would twist a few knobs and buttons, turn off the lights and lock the room. When they returned, a crisp \$100 bill was coming out of the machine. They came back again six hours after that just as another fresh hundred was emerging.

By that point, dupes were begging him to sell them the machine, which he always did with great reluctance. Each money box fetched between \$10,000 and \$30,000. One reportedly brought \$47,000. By the time Lustig was safely off the ship, the buyer discovered the box produced only blank paper after it had dispensed the two authentic \$100 bills Lustig had loaded into it.

He needed a lot of money because in 1919 Lustig married an innocent Kansas girl and started a family. He also began a long-term affair with a millionaire madame in New York named Billie Mae Scheible. (More on her later.)

In 1925, Lustig went big. He moved to Paris and began his boldest scheme yet: selling the Eiffel Tower. It wasn’t as absurd then as it sounds today.

Built for the 1889 Paris Exposition, the tower was intended to stand for only 20 years. When Lustig showed up in the City of Light it was 36 years old and a rusting eyesore. Incredible as it sounds now, many Parisians wanted it gone.

Lustig had official-looking stationary printed identifying him as Deputy Director of the Ministre de Postes et Telegraphes. He sent letters to six leading scrap metal dealers, inviting them to a hush-hush meeting to discuss removing the landmark. Absolute secrecy was critical, he insisted, to avoid a public uproar.

When “Count” Lustig pulled a scam (the “count” title was as genuine as his money boxes), it was a five-star operation all the way. He got a suite in the elegant Hotel de Crillon and met the dealers there. Then they all went by limo on an inspection tour of the tower. Back at the hotel, he invited them to submit sealed bids the next day.

One dealer was especially eager to win the con-

## HOLY COW! HISTORY: The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower

tract. Andre Poisson asked for a private meeting with Lustig. He explained he was new to Paris and didn’t have the insider connections the other dealers had. Lustig said he understood; he also lamented that as a government bureaucrat, he was having trouble making ends meet. (Wink wink.)

Poisson took the hint. He paid the equivalent of \$20,000 to purchase the tower and an additional \$50,000 to guarantee his bid would win.

Lustig was on a train speeding to Vienna within an hour with \$70,000 in cash (worth \$1.1 million today). Incidentally, when Poisson realized he’d been conned, he was too humiliated to call the cops.

Now here’s the most amazing part of all: A month later, Lustig was back in Paris pulling the very same scam. But it didn’t go well this time. When Lustig sent letters to six more scrap dealers, one smelled a rat and alerted the police. Lustig got wind of it and was on an ocean liner for America when officers showed up at his hotel.

Armed with 47 aliases and dozens of fake passports and IDs, Lustig charmed his way from one con job to another.

He wound up in Chicago, where he had the chutzpa to hustle Scarface himself. He told Al Capone he had a great stock deal. (This was the Roaring Twenties, remember, when Wall Street was red hot.) But he needed \$50,000 to finance it. Lustig promised to double the gangster’s money in two months. Exactly 60 days later, he sadly returned all \$50,000, telling Big Al the deal had fallen through.

Impressed with his “honesty,” Capone gave Lustig \$5,000 to invest, which Lustig pocketed as he hurried out of town.

He was arrested more than 40 times and either beat the rap in court or slipped out of his cell. In 1930, he partnered with a chemist and fellow con man named Tom Shaw. They soon were producing \$100,000 a month in excellent counterfeit bills. The Secret Service couldn’t discover who was floating all that phony money.

Their break came in 1935, courtesy of the green-eyed monster. Lustig was still carrying on his affair with high-priced madame Billie Mae. Until he put the moves on Shaw’s mistress, who promptly told Billie Mae. The enraged madame went to the police and spilled the beans.

Now that the Feds knew who they were looking for, it was just a matter of time. When they finally caught him on a New York sidewalk, Lustig’s wallet held a hidden key; it opened a subway station locker stuffed with \$51,000 in bogus bills and the plates that had printed them.

Alcatraz was the next stop for this remarkable criminal, where he was sentenced to 20 years. In early 1949 he contracted pneumonia and died in a prison hospital.

In a final irony, Lustig’s death certificate listed his occupation as “apprentice salesman.” Some apprentice! Victor Lustig knew more ways to get people to part with their money than Steve Jobs, Zig Zigar, and other great salesmen ever learned.

It’s a shame he used all that charm and skill for selfish gain.

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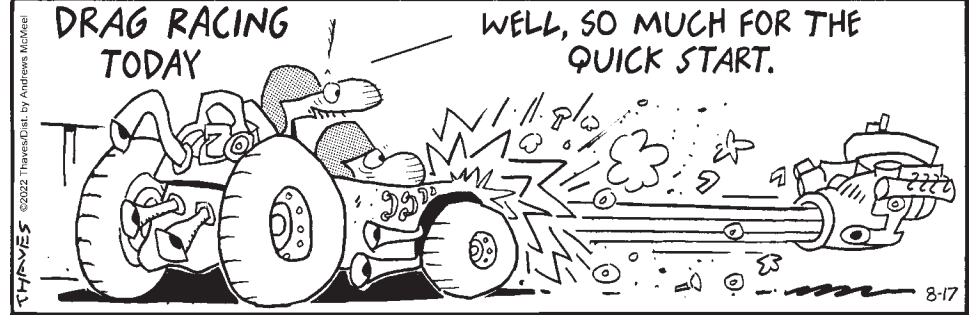
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST



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- 1 Fortelling danger
- 5 Dawdles
- 9 Famous mummy
- 12 Sub outlet
- 13 Touched down
- 14 Mess up
- 15 Spring bloom
- 16 Outlaw
- 18 Deliberately vague
- 20 Worth
- 21 Literary collection
- 22 Itch
- 23 Mild
- 26 Eager (hyph.)
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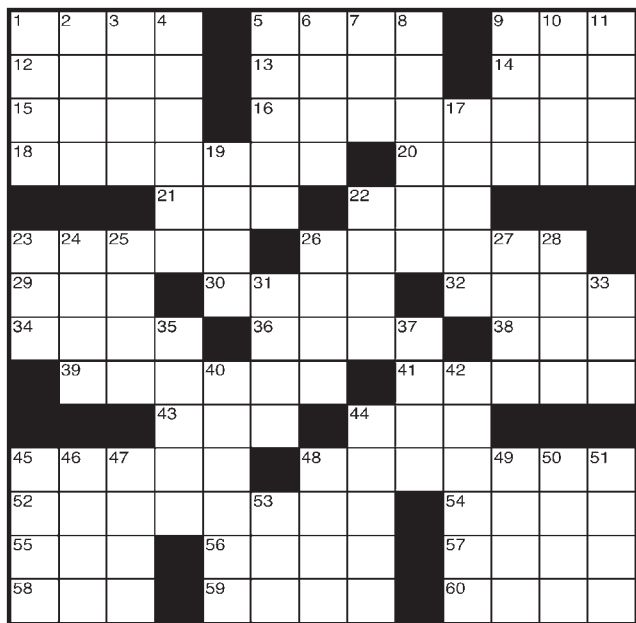
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- 43 WNW
- 44 Computer key
- 45 Warms up for a bout
- 48 Bundles
- 52 Think about
- 54 Roof part
- 55 Ozarks st.
- 56 Had an intuition
- 57 Earnest request
- 58 Give — break
- 59 Slangy OK
- 60 Kind of caterpillar

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 5 Cocoon dweller
- 6 Helm position
- 7 Tonic partner
- 8 Mr. Spielberg
- 9 Bluish-green
- 10 Language of Pakistan
- 11 Fir or spruce
- 17 Crews
- 19 — 500
- 22 Raucous laughs
- 23 Mercedes rival
- 24 Fertile soil
- 25 Twisted
- 26 Delighted
- 27 Throw
- 28 Switch positions
- 31 Monstrous giant
- 33 Potato st.
- 35 Big pitchers
- 37 Discreet summons
- 40 Become inflexible
- 42 Swallow
- 44 Astronaut's base
- 45 Swindle
- 46 Study hard
- 47 "Diana" singer
- 48 Composer — Bartok
- 49 Strong and healthy
- 50 Steady
- 51 Bicycle part
- 53 "Gidget" actress



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ACROSS

- 1 Poodle's doc
- 4 Kind of meditation
- 7 Lascivious look
- 11 Gladiator's hello
- 12 Radiate
- 14 Stare impertinently
- 15 Cosmonaut's station
- 16 Kind of shirt
- 17 Home for la familia
- 18 Dilemma
- 20 Worked in the garden
- 22 Reuben bread
- 23 Make lacework
- 24 Garden favorite
- 27 Merriment
- 30 "Quite contrary" lass
- 31 Notorious pirate

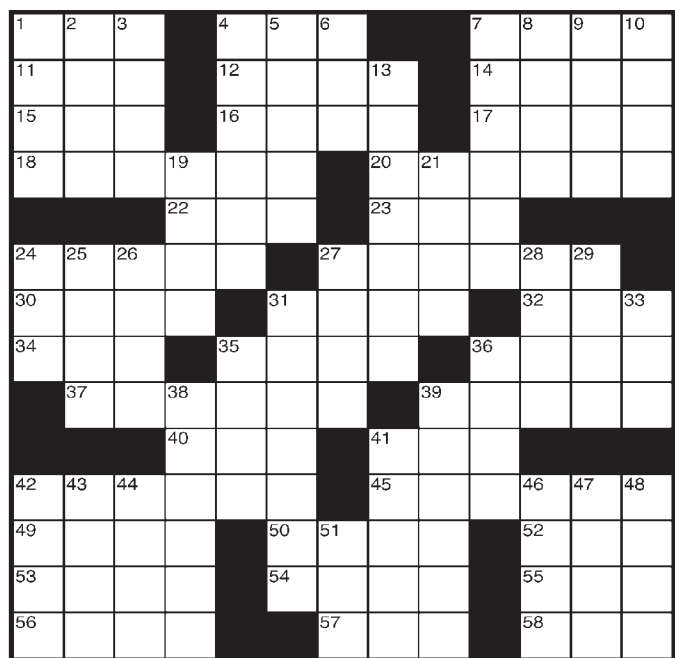
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- 39 —turvy
- 40 — Alamos, N.M.
- 41 Wordplay
- 42 Ink shooters
- 45 Solution
- 49 Parka insulation
- 50 Protuberance
- 52 Ill temper
- 53 Redding of soul music
- 54 Meditation guide
- 55 Pat on
- 56 Gamblers' mecca
- 57 GOP member
- 58 LAX info

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 3 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 4 Gentle breeze
- 5 Overdo a role
- 6 Goose egg
- 7 Find
- 8 Major
- 9 Hoople's word
- 10 Skimmed through
- 13 Mexican menu item
- 19 "Dirty Dancing" actress Jennifer
- 21 Forked out
- 24 Roadie's gear
- 25 Door frame
- 26 Small combo
- 27 Contribute
- 28 Cook's meas.
- 29 Canine noises
- 31 Smooching
- 33 Whichever
- 35 Send by parachute
- 36 Billions of years
- 38 Maria Conchita —
- 39 Garage job
- 41 San Diego pro
- 42 Fragrance
- 43 Dove shelter
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- 48 "Fancy" singer
- 51 Royal pronoun



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# SPORTS

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## Ferner wins Circle the Bay for second time

By JOHN GUNTHER  
For The World

Brad Ferner was a runner for Southwestern Oregon Community College the first time he competed in, and won, the Circle the Bay road run.

That was back in 2016.

On Saturday, wearing his old SWOCC jersey, Ferner became a two-time winner of the race around the waters of Coos Bay, finishing the 30-kilometer (18.6-mile) course in 2 hours, 4 minutes and 55 seconds.

"It was a little cooler then," Ferner said, comparing the two races. "I was in better shape."

Ferner was about 6 minutes faster when he won the race the first time.

Ferner, who lives in California now and is in the U.S. Marine Corps and preparing to leave for Japan, was still plenty good to win the race Saturday, despite a cast on his right arm for a broken thumb.

The cast makes running awkward, Ferner said, adding that it rubs against his chest if he doesn't swing his arm out further than normal.

"It's not the best," he said.

He overcame former Myrtle Point High School student Aidan Lilienthal several miles into the race and led the rest of the way.

Lilienthal was second overall in the individual run, finishing in 2:15:42 just ahead of Hugo Ecija of Madrid, Spain, who crossed the line in 2:15:48.

Fourth overall was Ferner's close friend and former SWOCC teammate Austin Hutchins of Roseburg, who finished in 2:16:41.

Hutchins, like Ferner, wore his old SWOCC uniform. Unlike Ferner, though, he had never competed in Circle the Bay, or any race that long, before Saturday.

"We were both free this weekend and he asked if I wanted to do it with him," Hutchins said of Ferner.

Hutchins is preparing for the Rogue Marathon in October, and Ferner, who is more experienced in the longer distances, said Circle the Bay is ideal for marathon prep.

"It's like the perfect race," Ferner said. "Right when your body starts to run out of energy, the bridge is it."

The bridge is the famed McCullough Bridge, which the runners cross in the final mile of the race that starts and ends in North Bend's Ferry Road Park.

Hutchins and Ferner, who ran for Douglas High School in Winston before SWOCC, have been friends since their days at the college, though only Ferner came to the college to run. Hutchins was a wrestler and a thrower in track and field for Roseburg High School, but a shoulder injury his senior year of high school changed his perspective.

"When I came to SWOCC, (coach) Dan (Neal) turned me into a runner and I've been a runner ever since," Hutchins said.

The second person across the finish line Saturday was Gene Wooden, who was part of the relay team Not Quite Over The Hill with Lawrence Cheal and Jason Richardson. All three Bay Area residents are longtime members of the South Coast Running Club, which sponsors



Photos by John Gunther/For The World

Brad Ferner makes his way around the 30-kilometer course to win the Circle the Bay road run for the second time. He first won the race in 2016. Below, Jenny McGriff smiles as she nears the finish line to win the women's race at Circle the Bay.

the event.

Wooden, who ran the challenging anchor leg that includes the hills between the Kentuck Inlet and the bridge, passed Lilienthal during his leg, anchoring his team home in a final time of 2:13:35.

"We killed it," said Cheal, who ran the opening leg. "I was slow, Jason was faster and Gene was great on the hills."

Wooden agreed the team ran well.

"When a bunch of old farts finish second overall, it's good," he said.

The second relay team was the Bandon-area group Two Beauties, One Beast which included Riley Wahl, Claire Ledig and Stewart Lyons and finished in 2:24:30. Next was a Marshfield High School group including Talon Thomas, Ethan Flood and Riley Mullanix that finished in 2:33:54.

The female champion was Jenny McGriff of Coos Bay, who crossed the line in 2:40:18.

The conditions, which were splendid for regular people with bright sun and warm temperatures, were not ideal for the long race, McGriff said.

"It was just hard," she said. "It was hot and muggy."

Still, she said she was happy with how she did.

"I didn't have high expectations (for time)," she said. "I finished better than I expected. That was good."

Carol Aron of North Bend finished in 2:41:44, while Jane Baccheieri of Portland was third among women in 3:03:23 and Jenna Beh of Coos Bay fourth in 3:05:19.

The race also drew four walkers, led by Nathaniel Jaeggli of North Bend, who finished in 4:37:20, about eight minutes ahead of both Sandra Merritt and Richard Gearhart of Coos Bay.

The race is one of the signature running events on the annual South Coast calendar.

Next up is the Sunset Bay Trail Run, held every Labor



Day weekend. That event on the challenging trails linking Sunset Bay with Shore Acres and for the longer races Cape Arago state parks, includes distances of 4 miles, 15 kilometers and a half marathon, as well as a 1-mile beach run for kids.

For registration information for the Sept. 3 event, visit [www.southcoastrunningclub.org](http://www.southcoastrunningclub.org).

### Circle the Bay results

Overall Winner: Brad Ferner, Twentynine Pines, Calif., 2:04:55.

Female Champion: Jenny McGriff, Coos Bay, 2:40:18

### MALE

15-19: 1. Aidan Lilienthal, Myrtle Point, 2:15:42.

20-29: 1. Austin Hutchins, Roseburg, 2:16:41.

30-39: 1. Ryan Mill, Coos Bay, 2:28:45.

40-49: 1. Ryan Jones, Eugene, 2:53:07.

50-59: 1. Hugo Ecija, Madrid, Spain, 2:15:48; 2. Tim Hyatt, Charleston, 2:58:38; 3. John Greif, North Ben, 3:18:58.

60-69: 1. Bryan Selby, San Francisco, 3:02:48; 2. Jamie Fereday, Coos Bay, 3:05:15; 3. Jim Littles, Bandon, 3:32:38.

### FEMALE

30-39: 1. Kyla Tersigni, Portland, 3:20:53; 2. Jennifer Dungee, Coos Bay, 3:33:20.

40-49: 1. Carol Aron, North Bend, 2:41:44; 2. Jenna Beh, Coos Bay, 3:05:19; 3. Rachel Elizalde-Powell, Renton, Wash., 3:14:38.

50-59: 1. Jane Baccheieri, Portland, 3:03:23.

### WALKERS

Nathaniel Jaeggli, North Bend, 4:37:20; Sandra Merritt, Coos

Bay, 4:45:19; Richard Gearhart, Coos Bay, 4:45:20; Ali McGeehon, Coos Bay, 5:13:44.

### RELAYS

Overall Champion: Not Quite Over The Hill (Lawrence Cheal, Jason Richardson, Gene Wooden), 2:13:35

Other Teams: 1. Two Beauties, One Beast (Riley Wahl, Claire Ledig, Stewart Lyons), 2:24:30; 2. Marshfield (Talon Thomas, Ethan Flood, Riley Mullanix), 2:33:54; 3. Stalling (Michael Sperling, Jeff Sperling, Michael Stappler), 2:40:23; 4. Run DMC (Melissa Loudonbeck, Jennifer Dungee, Clayton Willett), 3:10:43; 5. Hot Mess Express (Dylan Fox, Jake Wright, Joy Suppes), 3:15:44; 6. Runner Girls (Kellye Beaker, Nicole Cline, Melanie Simpson), 3:33:15.



Photos by John Gunther/For The World

Nathaniel Jaeggli of North Bend was the top overall walker at Circle the Bay. Left, Aidan Lilienthal of Myrtle Point finished second overall in the race.

# SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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- 5 Cement section
- 9 Situate
- 12 Love, to Claudius
- 13 Fizzy beverage
- 14 Yalie
- 15 About 2.2 lbs.
- 16 Border st.
- 17 1980 Turner launch
- 18 Limerick locale
- 20 Mineral analysis
- 22 Devotee
- 23 Choke or joke
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- 35 "Ugh!"

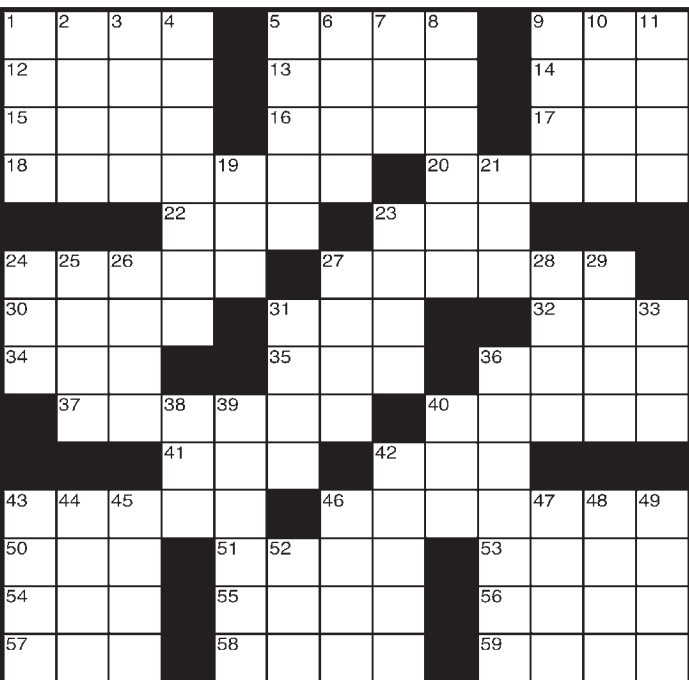
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- 46 Ruler
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- 51 Where Anna taught
- 53 Demolish
- 54 Sonnet cousin
- 55 Cuzco founder
- 56 River in Russia
- 57 Unsed of the NBA
- 58 Jeannie portrayer
- 59 Bacterium
- 1 Munro's pen name
- 2 Arab VIP
- 3 Actor's part

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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RENO			REP
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- 4 Romps
- 5 Barely enough
- 6 Nobleman
- 7 Ring champ
- 8 Harper's —
- 9 Chest muscles
- 10 Wrist-to-elbow bone
- 11 Like microbes
- 19 Get nosy
- 21 Barracks off.
- 23 Yucky residue
- 24 Family mem.
- 25 Roulette color
- 26 Feed the kitty
- 27 Diving position
- 28 Orpheus' harp
- 29 Ocean dwellers
- 31 Employ
- 33 Small fry
- 36 Home furnishing (2 wds.)
- 38 Rx givers
- 39 Brisbane native
- 40 Not rosy-cheeked
- 42 Chariot race bettor
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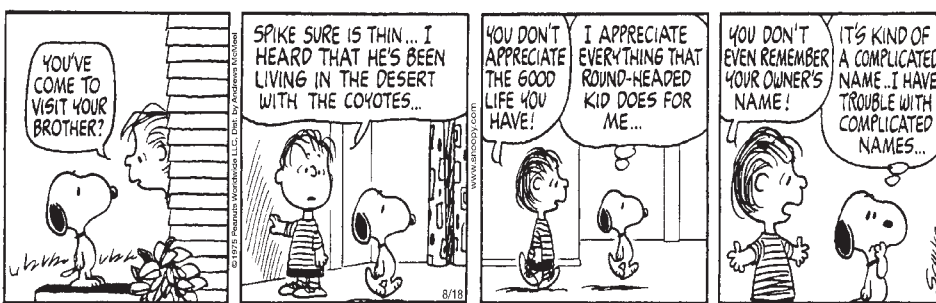
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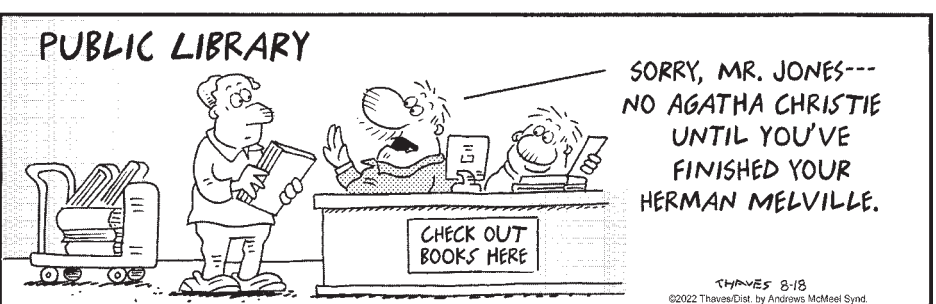
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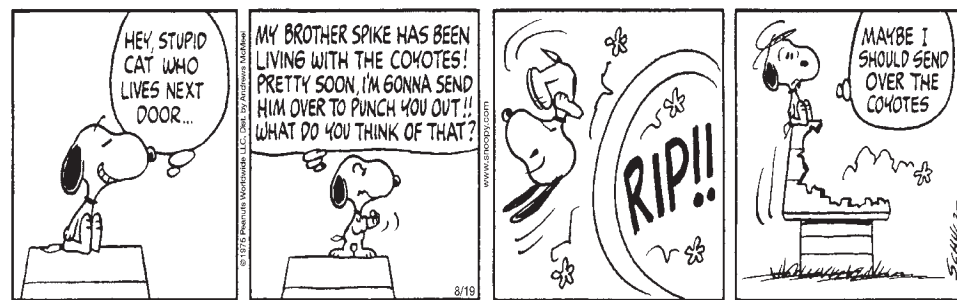
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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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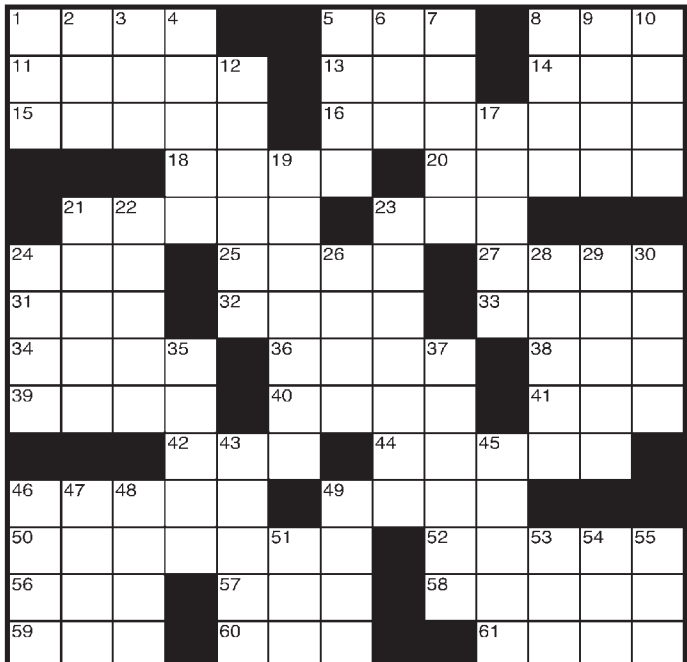
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- 15 Eminent
- 16 Gathered up
- 18 Robins' beaks
- 20 Bonn's river
- 21 Fill with joy
- 23 Guitar's kin
- 24 Wall Street deg.
- 25 Wyatt the lawman
- 27 Increases the number
- 31 College degs.
- 32 Somber
- 33 Horse's brake
- 34 Geologic formation
- 36 Urgent

### DOWN

- 38 Actress — Longoria
- 39 Uproars
- 40 Imported cheese
- 41 Old garment
- 42 Heel
- 44 "Ghosts" writer
- 46 Wilt
- 49 Bede of fiction
- 50 Begin again
- 52 Brings in the hay
- 56 Plumbing bend
- 57 Shad's eggs
- 58 Out of order
- 59 Mont. neighbor
- 60 Baking pan
- 61 After-bath wear
- 1 — Francisco
- 2 In time gone by

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Prayer ending
- 10 Bare
- 12 Polished, as text
- 17 Cut closely
- 19 Like Fidel
- 21 Dwindled
- 22 Soccer sitcom, "Ted —"
- 23 Scold
- 24 Nursery word
- 26 Police bust
- 28 Steel plow inventor
- 29 Couch
- 30 Unforeseen difficulty
- 35 Wide tie
- 37 Set sail
- 43 By itself
- 45 Campaign tactic
- 46 What the gunslinger did
- 47 Feel sure of
- 48 Fjord city
- 49 — -foot pole
- 51 Louis XIV, e.g.
- 53 GI mail drop
- 54 Tavern
- 55 Fr. holy woman

# 2022 Oregon Average Hourly Wage Information

By **JASON PAYTON**  
Guest Article

Understanding how your take home pay compares with others in your field, or someone in a different career, is vitally important. It can inform you about how your work is being valued, and whether you may want to pursue more lucrative career options in the future.

Likewise, hiring employers benefit from knowing the range of wages paid to workers in positions similar to those they are looking to hire, in their area of the state.

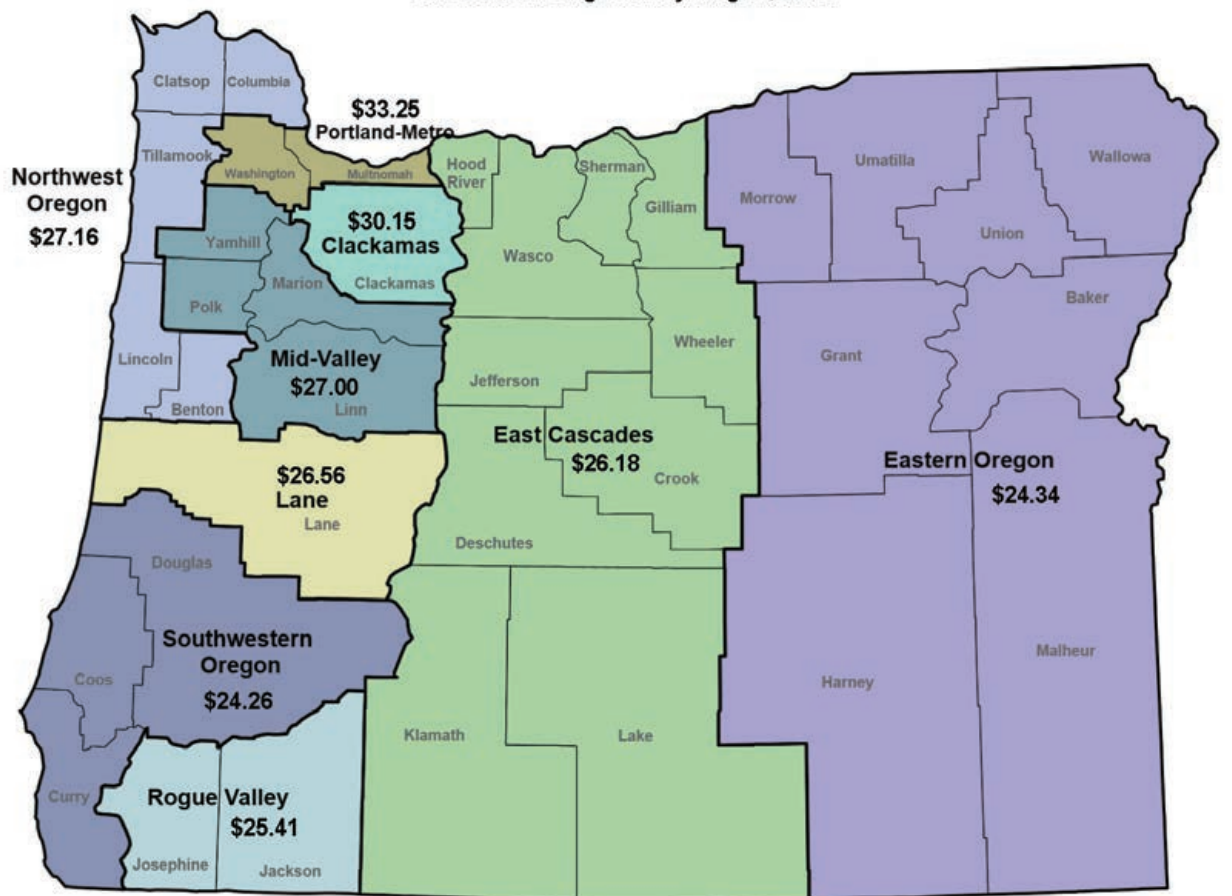
Thanks to survey responses from employers around the state, the Oregon Employment Department publishes wage estimates for over 750 occupations, as well as hundreds of occupations in every region of the state. The 2022 version of Occupational Wage Information is now available.

leisure and hospitality jobs focused near the coast.

Wage estimates reflect these differences. The average hourly wage for Multnomah and Washington counties (the Portland-Metro region) was \$33.25, and Clackamas County came in at \$30.15 in 2022. Jobs in Eastern Oregon (\$24.34) and Southwestern Oregon (\$24.26) had lower average wages than jobs around the Portland tri-county area.

Wage estimates are not immune from the influences of the pandemic. We have seen shifts in employment levels and wages in different parts of the state. As we started to release wage data over the pandemic we began to see the average wage for Northwest Oregon (\$27.16) was greater than the Mid-Valley (\$27.00), something we had not seen since 2016.

2022 Oregon Average Hourly Wages for All Occupations by Area  
Statewide Average Hourly Wage: \$29.55



Source: Oregon Employment Department, Oregon Wage Information 2022

## By the numbers

The annual average wage for all occupations in Oregon was \$61,465 in 2022, or \$29.55 per hour. Of the occupations with published data, gambling dealers had the lowest average wage of \$14.29 per hour. General internal medicine physicians had the highest average wage (\$138.86 per hour). Medical specialists like general internal medicine physicians have such a high average wage because it takes many years of education and experience in order to perform that level of work.

The cost of living, mix of industries, and available workforce can be different across the state. We may see a higher number of software engineers and folks working in corporate headquarters in Portland, while natural resource jobs may be more concentrated in rural communities, and

## Leisure and hospitality employment

While variations from one year to another can usually be stocked up to adjustments for inflation and changes in the composition of businesses sampled in the survey, national data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show the states that experienced a higher relative decline in leisure and hospitality employment saw higher than expected changes in average wage.

Prior to the pandemic, Northwest Oregon had a higher share of workers employed in leisure and hospitality than the Mid-Valley area. Leisure and hospitality jobs in many cases pay a lower than average wage. If the shutdowns from the pandemic adversely affected jobs on the lower end of the pay scale, then the average wage for the

jobs that remain in the area will increase because those lower-paying jobs are not counted. That may be what we are seeing in Northwest Oregon, and generally across the country.

We will have to watch wage estimates for the next couple of years to see if average wages in Mid-Valley move ahead of Northwest Oregon as leisure and hospitality employment recovers.

## Average Wages

Looking at average wages is like trying to diagnose a patient by only taking their temperature. You can get a sense that something is off, but you may not be able to fully understand the many reasons why. We need to scan the wage ranges of different occupations to better assess how pay for one career aligns with another. Wage ranges give

us a better idea of what we could expect if we were to hire, or work in a particular occupation.

We provide wage ranges by publishing a series of percentiles for each occupation. A percentile wage shows the percentage of workers in an occupation that earn less than a given wage and the percentage that earn more. In most cases, wages in the 10th or 25th percentile likely reflect workers just entering a career, or who have less education attainment than others performing similar work.

To better our understanding of wage ranges let's look at the wages for some nursing occupations in Oregon.

## Nursing Wages

Many front-line health care providers begin their career working as a nursing assistant, home health aide,

or some other personal care provider. Workers interested in becoming a registered nurse usually need to have previous related experience, and these entry-level positions are a great way to do that. Registered nurses work in a number of settings, and many nurses have either an associate degree or bachelor's degree as well as retaining the necessary licensing.

Most registered nursing jobs in Oregon pay between \$37.95 and \$63.60 per hour. We can see that those who continue on their career path and move into other jobs, such as nurse practitioners, may also see significant wage increases. About half of all nurse practitioners in Oregon earn more than 90% of all registered nurses.

Wages can also be different based on the setting health care providers work in. According to the US

Bureau of Labor Statistics, registered nurses working in a hospital setting typically earn wages more than 20% higher than their counterparts working in nursing and residential care settings. A higher minimum education requirement, as well as challenging work conditions may be some of the reasons we see higher wages for hospital nurses.

Occupational wage information allows us to better understand what people get paid for the work they do, and how that may differ across the state.

To get additional wage estimates for hundreds of careers, visit: [QualityInfo.org](http://QualityInfo.org).

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# Newly identified fossil insect used 360-degree vision and sticky feet to find and snare its meals

By **STEVE LUNDEBERG**  
Guest Article

With bulging eyes, an elongated mouth and feet that oozed resin, a fossil insect identified by Oregon State University research is so different from anything alive today that it needed to be placed in its own, extinct family.

George Poinar Jr., professor emeritus in the OSU College of Science, named the insect *Palaeotanyrhina exophthalma* in a paper published in *BioOne Complete*. Encased in 100-million-year-old amber from Burma, *P. exophthalma* is a member of the Hemiptera order – a “true bug,” Poinar said.

“It is a small predator that used its protruding eyes to locate

insect prey,” said Poinar, an international expert in using plant and animal life forms preserved in amber to learn about the biology and ecology of the distant past.

More than 80,000 species including cicadas, aphids, planthoppers, leafhoppers, bed bugs and shield bugs comprise the order of Hemiptera, an ancient Greek word meaning half-winged.

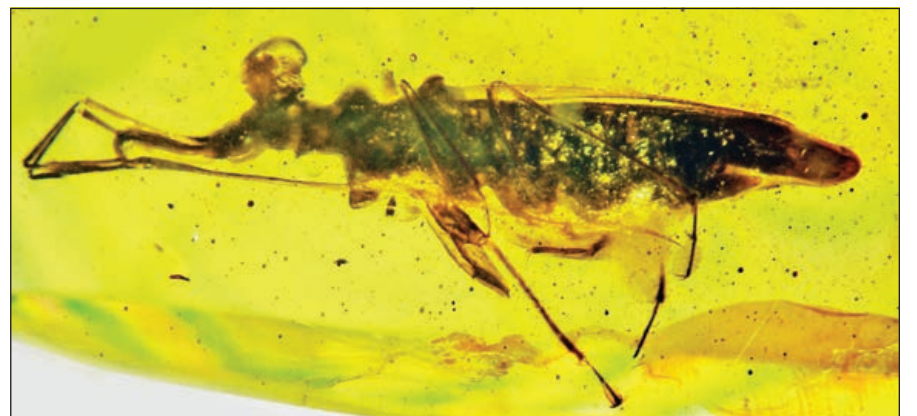
True bugs’ size varies widely, from as small as 1 millimeter to as large as 15 centimeters, but they all have a similar arrangement of sucking mouthparts.

*P. exophthalma* has a body length of just over 5 millimeters. It shares some features with members of the Reduvoidea superfamily, which includes the assassin bug and the kissing bug, but its long la-

bium (lower mouth), its head shape and its forewing veins disqualify it from placement in any modern Reduvoidea family, Poinar said. Thus he assigned it to a new family: Palaeotanyrhinidae.

“Its eyes provided a clear, 360-degree view of its habitat so it could see prey that might appear from any side,” Poinar said.

It reminded Poinar of the phrase, “Big brother is always watching you,” from George Orwell’s novel “1984” in which security cameras followed individuals’ every movement.



The other strange feature on this fossil is an extended sheath on the final leg segment of the front tarsus, he added.

“That sheath was filled with a resinous substance,” Poinar said. “The sticky substance was produced by dermal glands and

helped the insect grasp potential prey.”

Péter Kóbor of the Plant Protection Institute at the Centre for Agricultural Research in Budapest collaborated on this research, as did Alex E. Brown of Berkeley, California.

# COVID-19 shutdowns caused delays in melanoma diagnoses, study finds



## COVID-19

Disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic have affected every area of health care. A new study published in the *American Academy of Dermatology* found that more melanomas in advanced stages and with aggressive features were diagnosed during the pandemic, suggesting COVID-19 shutdowns caused a delay in the diagnosis — and a delay in treating the dangerous skin cancer.

Sancy Leachman, M.D., Ph.D., chair of the OHSU

Department of Dermatology and the director of the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute’s Melanoma Program, co-lead the study in collaboration with Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and colleagues at 12 academic centers with dedicated melanoma clinics across the country. She says the study’s findings, coupled with declining rates of new melanoma diagnoses nationally, suggest that melanoma cases went undiagnosed during the COVID-19 pandemic and were identified only after the cancer had progressed to later stages.

“As someone who is dedicated to treating and preventing melanoma, the results of the study were sobering,” Leachman says. “It appears that some patients with

melanoma couldn’t be seen as readily due to COVID-related restrictions, leading to worse, and potentially more life-threatening, cases of melanoma.”

The study observed increased rates of patient-identified melanomas and decreased rates of provider-identified melanomas during the COVID-19 pandemic, and the cancers were in more advanced stages at diagnosis — emphasizing the importance of screening high-risk individuals. Melanoma is the most dangerous type of skin cancer in part because it’s much more likely to spread to other parts of the body if not caught and treated early.

Leachman says it’s a problem that needs to be taken

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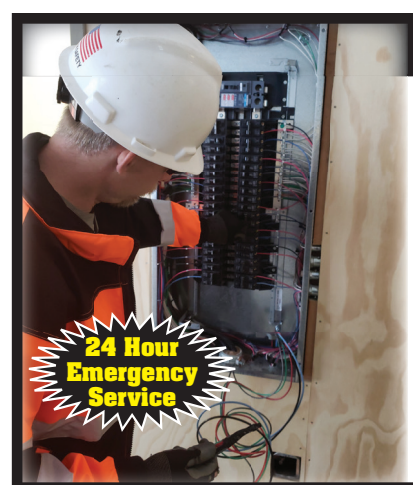
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# Registration is open for SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup



Come together with thousands of Oregonians on Saturday, September 17, for SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery. Volunteer registration is now live, and all Oregonians, from Astoria to Brookings, Pendleton to Sunriver, are encouraged to sign up for this statewide cleanup event.

For nearly four decades, SOLVE has hosted the annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup. With the support of SOLVE, community leaders and partner organizations host restoration events, urban litter cleanup projects, and beach cleanups. Each volunteer project is aimed at caring for one of Oregon's most precious resources, our water, from source to sea.

Thanks to the efforts of over 3,000 dedicated volunteers who participated in last year's Beach & Riverside Cleanup, over 60,385 pounds of trash and marine debris were removed, and 32,717 square feet of invasive plants were cleared.

Removing invasive plant species, nurturing native plants, and collecting litter are all easy ways volunteers can positively impact Oregon's water quality.

Each piece of litter collected removes the possibility of it entering a nearby river, waterway, or storm drain, where it can eventually make its way to the sea and contribute to our global marine debris crisis. Invasive plant species crowd out native plants and typically have shallow roots, leading to increased erosion and poor water filtration.

"Since 1969, SOLVE has been mobilizing volunteers to restore and preserve Oregon's natural spaces," says Oregon Lottery Director, Barry Pack. "The Oregon Lottery is proud to continue supporting SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup.

Now more than ever, it's important for Oregonians to come together for a common cause. SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup provides the perfect opportunity."

Interested community members are encouraged to visit solveoregon.org to see a list of volunteer projects and sign up. To create a culture of sustainability around litter cleanups, it is suggested that you bring your own reusable gloves, buckets, and safety vests. The Beach & Riverside Cleanup is a great way to bond with family members, coworkers, and neighbors, all while collectively giving back to some of Oregon's most beautiful places. Join the action today at solveoregon.org.

SOLVE's Beach & Riverside Cleanup is in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, with additional support from Metro, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Transportation, Onpoint Community Credit Union, Rogue Ales & Spirits, Chevron, Fred Meyer, Bamboo Sushi, Clean Water Services, City of Beaverton, Next Adventure, and Deep Blue Pacific Wind.

### About SOLVE

SOLVE is a statewide non-profit organization that brings Oregonians together to improve our environment and build a legacy of stewardship. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots group to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains tens of thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, and build a legacy of stewardship for our state. Visit solveoregon.org for more information.

## Melanoma

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into consideration in future pandemics and balanced with the need for control of the virus.

"If you are a high-risk melanoma patient or you see something suspicious — even if it is during a pandemic — it is incredibly important for you to be seen by a provider, even if it is done virtually or by sending a photograph," she says. "Death is not the outcome we want for anyone, whether it is from COVID or melanoma, so risks during a pandemic need to be balanced."

### Deferring care

Hospitals continue to experience heavy demand and backlog due to the pandemic. Because delays in care often exacerbate health conditions, patients are arriving at OHSU with more complex and acute health care needs because of delays in care during the pandemic.

OHSU leaders advise people to stay abreast of preventive health care, like skin cancer screenings; get regular check-ups; and don't ignore health concerns.

"Following the COVID-19 shutdowns, our team has seen more people in my clinic with more advanced melanomas, and that plays out in the data from this national study," said Elizabeth Berry,

M.D., associate professor of dermatology in the OHSU School of Medicine and a co-author on the study.

"We are also seeing this trend in other types of skin cancer. Fortunately, people are now seeking care, but it will take us a while to catch up."

### "Start Seeing Melanoma"

Caleb Freeman, M.D., is a second-year resident in the department of dermatology who led the OHSU data collection for the study.

He says the delays in diagnosis of melanoma due to COVID-19 reinforce the importance of routine self-skin exams.

"Of the cases of melanoma diagnosed

in the first year of the pandemic, over 50% were first detected independently by the patient," he says. "We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the skin findings of melanoma and to seek further evaluation by a health provider with any concerns. Any delay in diagnosis can be costly."

To raise awareness about what people can do to check their skin, the dermatology team created a public health campaign called "Start Seeing Melanoma," explaining what to look for, how to properly do skin exams, and what to do if you find something suspicious.

Funding for this study was provided by the Melanoma Research Foundation.

## Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia - ARE YOU AT RISK?

According to a new study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging, men and women with hearing loss are much more likely to develop dementia and Alzheimer's disease. People with severe hearing loss, the study reports, were 5 times more likely to develop dementia than those with normal hearing.

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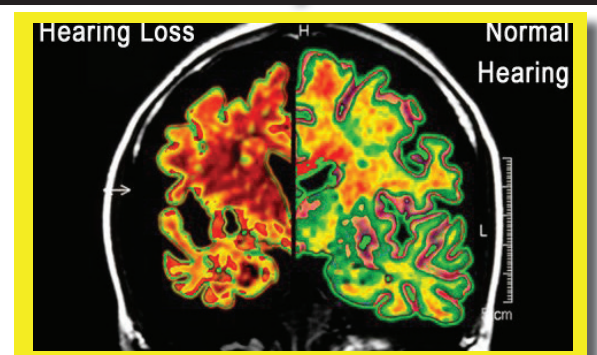
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