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Kelly Johnson

From a project initially nicknamed “Beauty from Ashes,” Eugene artist Jud Turner turned to the legend of the Phoenix, a mythical bird reborn from fire, as the inspiration for his “Viribus” installation in Blue River.

“I felt it was a great honor to be asked, and I have always believed that public art has the power to bring people together, and this seemed like a really good opportunity for that potential,” explains Jud Turner, a Eugene sculptor invited last winter to create a sculpture for the McKenzie River community by a coalition of groups - McKenzie River Development Council, Love for Lane County

and the Arts and Business Alliance of Eugene.

Working with people who live in Blue River, Turner says residents came forward with donated metal salvaged from their home and business sites. “I collected things like pipes, irrigation barrels (the wing feathers and body are cut from these), patio furniture with decorative patterns,

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Rebuilding an icon



New roof trusses, sheeting and shingles should help extend the life of the Goodpasture Covered Bridge in Vida, which was last reroofed in October of 2010.

VIDA: Crews from Oregon Woods are taking advantage of clear skies to do work aimed at upgrading the condition of the second longest covered bridge in Oregon. The 237 foot long Goodpasture Covered Bridge was constructed in 1938 at a cost of \$13,154. The upgrades now underway will total \$641,000.

Officials say current construction activity will repair damage to trusses and the roof from both the snow storm of a couple years back that stressed the roof trusses, as well as some issues from the recent fires. The primary reason for the extensive work, however, is from the snow-damaged roof and structural members caused by

the weight of snow caused by the winter storm of 2019..

The contract requires that special care be taken to keep any debris or storm runoff from entering the McKenzie River. It also includes a completion date of October 29th.

Water towers ready for fire tanker refills

Since 2019, Chief Bucich and McKenzie Fire & Rescue have been seeking alternate water sources as some of their regular draft sites became unusable.

One solution that came up repeatedly is the strategic placement of water tanks throughout the fire district, especially in areas ways of getting down to the river is limited. The result was a decision to construct holding tanks.

The tanks, which hold 15,000 gallons of water, are gravity fed, and designed to be used with minimal personnel, leaving critical personnel on scene in an emergency, instead of pulling crews off to fill

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‘Best of the Best’ Oregon Rivers identified

By Eric Tegethoff
Oregon News Service

A new report identifies some of the most ecologically important rivers in Oregon (including the South Fork McKenzie).

Conservation Science Partners looked at 54,000 miles of unprotected rivers and streams in Oregon, highlighting watersheds with outstanding water quality, recreational value and that support rare or at-risk species.

More than 5,700 river miles were in the range of at least 30 aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

Caitlin Littlefield, lead scientist

for Conservation Science Partners, said many rivers are under threat as the climate warms and a growing population places more demands on fresh water sources.

“Despite that importance and those threats, though, there are very few rivers and streams that are currently protected from those increasing threats,” Littlefield explained. “And so, this report strives to identify the ‘best of the best river’ segments and key places to conserve across Oregon.”

The report, commissioned by The Pew Charitable Trusts, analyzes rivers for their potential for state Outstanding National Re-

source Water or state Wild and Scenic River designation. Only about 2% of Oregon rivers have the highest federal protections as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore., introduced the River Democracy Act earlier this year, which would give nearly 4,700 miles of Oregon rivers Wild and Scenic protections.

Michael LaLonde, president and CEO of Deschutes Brewery, said clean rivers are meaningful not only because they provide water for his brewery, but also to the residents of central Oregon.

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Guest Opinion

Act would fund business advertising

By Brett Wesner

A little-noticed initiative by Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-WA, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-OR and five other senators would boost local jobs, accelerate sales and improve economies. The Local Journalism Sustainability Act, S. 2434, is designed to help local news media support their newsgathering missions.

One provision goes far beyond offering aid to community newspapers, local news websites and other news-gatherers. It would help small businesses to dig out of the economic doldrums by supporting their advertising costs in local news outlets, which in turn will help publishers and broadcasters to hire journalists.

This provision would permit small businesses to claim a tax credit for a portion of their advertising purchases up to \$5,000 a year. Credits would remain, but in declining amounts, for five years.

The legislation, originally introduced in similar form by Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-AZ, and Dan Newhouse, R-WA, would also help subscribers by providing them with a refundable tax credit up to \$250 a year. It provides financial support for hiring as well, assisting news organizations with journalists' salaries.

It is the advertising tax credit that is the unsung hero of this legislation. Like a pebble tossed into the pond of local economies, it will show the ripple effect of benefits in local jobs, enhanced spending, revenues to run local governments and a boost to get American small businesses back in the game after a very tough couple of years.

Every dollar of advertising spending generates \$8.77 in sales, according to a 2010 study by IHS Global Insight, a firm that periodically measures advertising's impact on economies. Advertising is directly responsible for about 20 percent of the American economy by directly generating jobs in media sales, creation of materials and collateral work but it does far more by juicing activity in other businesses.

No surprise to anyone on Main Street: after the 2008 recession small businesses cut way back on their advertising campaigns, dropping from their normal 3-5 percent annual increases to a stunning 6 percent cut in 2009. It is too soon to know what the COVID-19 pandemic has done to this spending, but it would be no great revelation to learn that the cuts equaled or exceeded those following the Great Recession. Expense cuts are what businesses do to stay afloat.

But when they are ready to climb back into the cockpit for a new takeoff, the spending needs to accelerate rapidly. Cash-strapped businesses may be in no position to fuel their journey though. That is why a little boost in the form of the Cantwell tax credit would be so timely. If the economy behaves as it usually does after

economic retraction, the new spending will generate more sales and the public coffers will refill. The bill's benefits end after five years but the growth it generates will pay off for decades.

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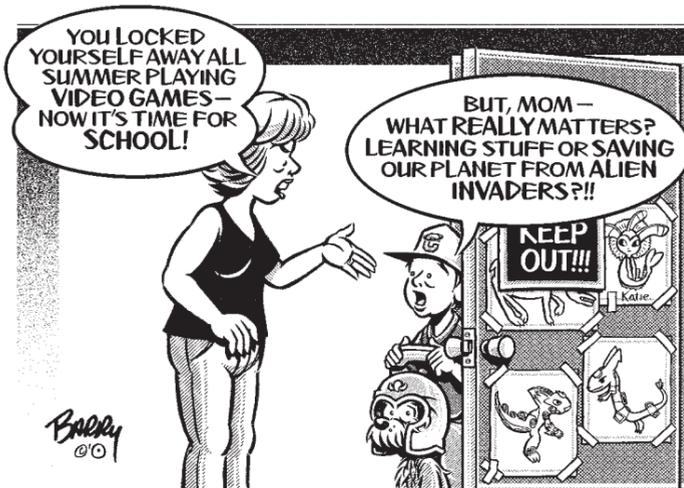
McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

McKenzie Cancels Volleyball Season, Football On The Ropes, Cross Country Will Start

McKenzie Athletic Director Fred Heins announced the cancellation of the Eagle's Varsity Volleyball season this week and the probability that Varsity Football will also not occur. Lack of student/athletes showing up for opening practices and no coaches applying for the Varsity and Middle School Volleyball Coaching positions were the primary reasons for the cancellation of the Volleyball season. Thus far, just four students have turned out for volleyball and Heins stated a minimum of eight would be required to participate in the Mountain West League. The Eagle Athletic Director is also the school's Varsity Football Head Coach and just four students have started fall practices. McKenzie participates in six-man football, but again, Heins is looking for eight athletes, minimum, to qualify for Special District 3 play. Fall Middle School athletics are not faring any better with but three athletes showing up for football and volleyball respectively. The one bright spot may be Cross Country, where Head Coach Corey Culp welcomes eight students which represent a mix of high school and middle school participants. Heins stated he is holding hope for more football athletes coming out when students return to school opening, but that looks to be a long shot. McKenzie High School will start



with in students and teachers in the building this fall. But the small Class 1A school is still reeling from the double-whammy of the 2020 Holiday Farm Fire and the Covid pandemic. Recovery is happening all over the McKenzie corridor and likewise at the school, including plans to rebuild the school's iconic football grandstand, concession stand and score-

board and replace the scoreboards in both high school gymnasiums. McKenzie High School has always prided its community with its facilities, including its athletic venues. The fields and courts are ready for competition. Now the Eagles need to find the athletes to compete.

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and old tools/hardware."

For example, the beak was once a large barn door hinge - two elongated triangles that Turner bent in half longways to create the shape.

Some of the internal structural components of the sculpture needed to be made from new steel, because steel that has been exposed to intense heat loses some of its tensile strength, and wouldn't be as able to support the weight of the sculpture. However, 90% of what people see is from materials salvaged from the fire damage.

The total time to create the sculpture was around 200 hours, and spread out over several months. "As I progressed, I would share photos with the committee to insure people were feeling good about the design and direction I was taking, and they were enthusiastic," Turner recalls.

He took those items back to his metal studio in Eugene, and began to work to see what fit together

to become the framework for his work named "Viribus" - which is Latin for "Strength." Turner chose the name, "To reflect the resilience and strength he observed as the local residents, "Came together to clean up, rebuild, and support each other."

Since the sculpture was installed last Thursday, it has received very positive attention from locals, and on social media.

"I have had many people contact me and say that it moves them to tears, which is a huge honor as an artist, and truly shows me the power and potential that public art has to create meaning and inspiration," Turners says. "It is my hope that it will remain a symbol of the community spirit and strength for many years to come, and that the area around it will rise in new beauty as the landscape regenerates and homes and businesses are rebuilt stronger than ever."

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tankers or pumps.

In addition, the tanks can be used by multiple agencies in emergency situations.

The Camp Creek Church became the first partner in the process. A tank for that site tank was ordered in January 2020 and put

in place in October. Because each tank is a custom order, it takes approximately 8 months from the time a contract is signed until it's delivered.

This July, McKenzie Fire & Rescue installed two additional 15,000-gallon tanks - one

in partnership with Springfield School District on the grounds of WALTERVILLE Elementary and another at the District headquarters in Leaburg.

Currently, discussions are underway with Lane County for approval of a fourth storage tank.

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"Most of us moved here to be outdoors, to do outdoor recreation, whether it's fishing, kayaking," LaLonde outlined. "And maintaining a healthy river system is important to those activities and, really, the attraction of central Oregon for visitors."

Outdoor recreation is a \$7.2

billion industry in Oregon, according to the Outdoor Industry Association.

Littlefield noted researchers also looked at how well rivers are able to maintain cool summer temperatures, which is critical as temperatures rise. She stressed for their size, rivers have an outsized

number of benefits.

"We cannot overestimate the importance of our freshwater systems to supporting not only us as humans but also biodiversity, and affording some degree of climate adaptation into the future, if we think about maintaining these services," Littlefield concluded.

Friday 9/3		Saturday 9/4		Sunday 9/5	
McKenzie Valley Sunny 0% chance precip High: 87 Low: 52	Santiam Pass Sunny 0% chance precip High: 75 Low: 43	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 86 Low: 54	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 75 Low: 45	McKenzie Valley Mostly Sunny 10% chance precip High: 83 Low: 55	Santiam Pass Mostly Sunny 0% chance precip High: 72 Low: 44

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READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM			READINGS TAKEN AT THE EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE						
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
8/24	81	46	0	690 cfs	8/24	78	43	0	2,110 cfs
8/25	78	50	0	690 cfs	8/25	77	47	0	2,110 cfs
8/26	77	54	0	690 cfs	8/26	79	49	0	2,140 cfs
8/27	78	57	0	690 cfs	8/27	83	58	0	2,060 cfs
8/28	91	51	0	680 cfs	8/28	80	45	0	2,080 cfs
8/29	87	51	0	680 cfs	8/29	85	49	0	2,070 cfs
8/30	72	51	0	680 cfs	8/30	85	51	0	2,080 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Aug. 27: 12:00 p.m: Boat Check - 88700 blk, Potter Ln.
1:46 p.m: Citizen Contact - 44500 blk, McK. Hwy.
2:10 p.m: Civil Service - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.
6:30 p.m: Citizen Contact - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:55 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 88400 blk, Gemstone Rd.
Aug. 28: 5:19 a.m: Illegal Burn - 6900 blk, Thurston Rd.
1:15 p.m: Open Gate - Lat: 44.195371 Long: -122.819549.
7:53 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 42700 blk, McK. Hwy.
8:49 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 89200 blk, Marcola Rd.
11:41 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Greer Dr. & McK. Hwy.
Aug. 29: 1:19 a.m: Vehicle In Water - 41100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.
Aug. 30: 10:07 a.m: Abandoned Vehicle - 88100 blk, Millican Rd.
11:58 a.m: Threat, Harassment - 42800 blk, McK. Hwy.
12:11 p.m: Theft - 93100 blk, Marcola Rd.

5:26 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - Millican Rd. & Camp Creek Rd.

Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriffs Office.

State Police Report

Aug. 24: 09:14: Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 16. Troopers were dispatched to a non-injury, single vehicle crash. Investigation revealed a White 1998 GMC P35 van was traveling eastbound when for unknown reason, a White 1999 Ford F350 truck, traveling westbound, crossed into the EB lane of travel. The GMC attempted to avoid colliding with the Ford and drove into the WB ditch, where it came to rest. The operator of the GMC was provided a copy of the crash report. The operator of the GMC contacted his own tow company to assist in removing the GMC from the ditch, but believed the vehicle could still be driven. Trooper will attempt to contact the Ford operator

to provide a crash report, due to the Ford not being on-scene on law enforcement arrival. Involved Parties: 22-year-old male from Oakridge, 39-year-old male from Eugene.

Aug. 25: 13:19: Driving complaint, Hwy. 126E, Mp. 31. Troopers responded to a driving complaint. A driver had run over construction cones and was unable to maintain their lane. The driver was stopped by construction workers who then called 911. Troopers arrived on scene and concluded the driver may have been having a medical issue. The driver was voluntarily transported to the hospital. The vehicle was secured at a local fire station. Involved Vehicle: Jeep Commander.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Aug. 23: 7:33: 87000 block, Lupe Lane. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
7:41: 88000 blk, Bridge St. Medical, General. Patient evaluation /lift assist.
14:48: 42000 blk, McKenzie Hwy Medical, General. Lifting Assistance Provided.
15:21: 88000 blk, East Of Eden Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.
Aug. 24: 13:11: 36000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

23:39: 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Aug. 25: 12:37: 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:52: McK. Hwy./Milepost 31. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

12:58: 8500 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

16:08: Camp Creek Rd./Mp. 1. Smoke Scare. Unable To Locate.

18:11: McK. Hwy./Ross Ln. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-injury, non-blocking.

23:50: 46000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient assessed, to hospital private vehicle.

Aug. 26: 13:17: 38000 blk, Camp Creek Rd. Public Assist. Confirmed Extinguishment of Grass Fire.

13:24: 42000 blk, Holden Creek Rd. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

16:58: 7500 blk, McKenzie Hwy Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal.

Aug. 27: 14:24: Greenwood Dr. Cemetery. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Aug. 28: 5:16: 6900 blk, Thurston Rd. Illegal Burning. False Alarm.

13:06: Echo St./Blue River Dr. Brush Fire. Extinguished prior to arrival, Handled by Upper McK. Fire.

Aug. 29: 17:08: 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

McK. Fire & Rescue will hold

its monthly Board of Directors meeting the Monday; September 20th, at noon, at the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.

Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Aug. 23: 17:25: Medical - 55000 block McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Aug. 24: 13:00: Fire Alarm - 51000 blk, Blue River Dr. General fire alarm and smoke detector inside.

Aug. 25: 21:17: Medical - Taylor Rd./McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Aug. 28: 13:03: Brush Fire - Echo St./ Blue River Dr. 4X4 at bottom of power pole.

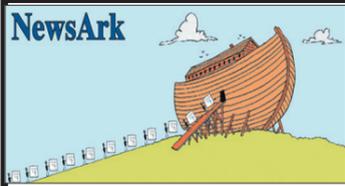
Aug. 29: 02:10: Medical - 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

Aug. 30: 12:38: Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

14:51: Medical - McK. Hwy. / Milepost 42. Male, Not Conscious, Breathing.

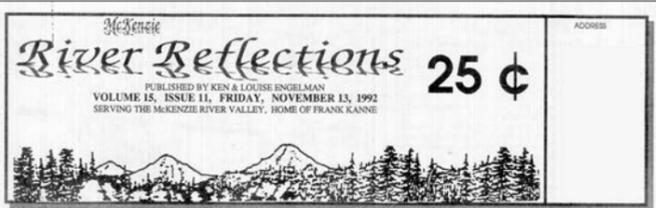
17:09: Electrical Problem - 55000 blk, Delta Rd. Line came down and caused fire in electrical box.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 15th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge, at 7 p.m.



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Two Critically Injured in Leaburg Head-on Saturday Accident Sends Four To Hospital
 A head-on wreck between two trucks critically injured two passengers Saturday in Leaburg. Andrew James McCarthy, 10, of Eugene was a passenger in an outboard pickup involved in the wreck. He was listed in critical condition at McKenzie Willamette Hospital with multiple fractures. Jeff William Lemos, 21, of Beaverton, who was riding in the other vehicle sustained a possible head injury, fractures, and internal injuries.
 Police reports indicate a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban was westbound at 9:40 AM when the driver attempted to pass another vehicle and hit the oncoming 1979 Dodge pickup near milepost 21 of the McKenzie Highway. According to witnesses, the Suburban did not appear to accelerate as it pulled into the eastbound lane.
 Not injured in the accident was the pickup's driver, James Michael Webster, 40, of Eugene, who along with his passengers was wearing a seatbelt. Also in the vehicle was 7 year old Ryan Kott McCarthy, listed in fair condition with a broken leg.
 Kelly Brandon Shand, 16, of Beavert was driving the Suburban and suffered multiple injuries. He was listed in fair condition at McKenzie Willamette.
 According to the Lane County Sheriff's Office the incident remains under investigation.

Motorists Make Last Crossing Of Old McKenzie Pass
 Scenic Route Shut Down By Deep Snowfall
 Some of the last drivers over the Old McKenzie Pass were slip, sliding their way through the Alder Springs snowgate on Sunday. A winter storm, which dumped over a foot of snow on the western Cascade slopes, prompted the Oregon Department of Transportation to shut down Highway 242 for the winter season the following day.
 The narrow, winding National Scenic Highway is closed each year because of deep snow. Maintenance crews on Monday reported a 14 inch snowpack which thwarted plowing efforts several miles below the 5,324 foot pass summit.
 The scenic route, which links Highway 126 and Central Oregon, is expected to reopen to traffic next spring or early summer.



McKenzie Youths Seek Drug-Free Activities
 McKenzie High School students Matt Stauber, Jenna Roche, Jeremy Dandson, and ex-football star Ken Klein, who now gives seminars on substance abuse.
 Pictured above are, left to right: Dr. Cathy Gilham, school counselor; McKenzie high school students Matt Stauber, Jenna Roche, Jeremy Dandson, and ex-football star Ken Klein, who now gives seminars on substance abuse.

McKenzie Youth Seek Drug-Free Activities
 High School Students Say Substance Abuse Continues To Cause Problems
 McKenzie High School students concerned with drug use attended Tuesday's McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meeting along with school counselor Dr. Cathy Gilham. Going figures taken in an anonymous survey at the school, student Matt Stauber said "90-85% of the students used alcohol monthly, with 50% saying they drank on a 'light weekend.'" Marijuana came in a close second, and 60% of students surveyed said they used tobacco.
 Gilham explained a new group, McKenzie Community/Parent Partnership on Substance Abuse, has been meeting to address the problem at McKenzie Schools.
 Stauber, who is Chief Justice of the newly appointed Student Court at McKenzie, was joined by students Jenna Roche and Jeremy Dandson in expressing the "need for something to do besides go to parties." Seeking input and ideas from Chamber members, the trio said there is
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Police Investigate Another Death
 Body Found Near Delta Campground
 A man found near the Delta Campground had been strangled, according to an autopsy report released Wednesday. Police identified the victim as John Arnold Emery, 31, who had been staying at a nearby transient camp.
 The body was discovered shortly before noon on Tuesday by U.S. Forest Service employees who had responded to a complaint of missing signs in the area. The transient camp is located about 300 yards south of the entrance to the Delta Campground on Audubon Drive. Although no one else was at the location, police say there were signs of a struggle.
 Police are looking for another man seen with Emery. Wanted for questioning is a white male in his early thirties, about six feet tall, weighing close to 200 pounds. The subject is said to have blond hair with a reddish beard and tattoos of a triangle and spiders on his elbows as well as a marijuana leaf on the back of his left hand. When last seen the man was wearing a black cap and t-shirt, boots and muddy blue jeans.
 Anyone with information about the incident is requested to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 687-4150.

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By Slim Randles

Almost all of us know how to pronounce pandemic now, and we have a pretty good idea of what it means since everyone we know spent more than a year under virtual house arrest.

But that didn't help Billy much. Billy's our town dog, of course. He's been our town dog since Sally passed away on Doc's porch, and Billy's owner died two weeks later. Sometimes an honored position doesn't require an election.

Billy took right to it. He made his daily rounds to the back door of the Chinese restaurant and the Mule Barn coffee shop. He drifted over to the Rest of Your Life retirement home often to give the old folks another reason to enjoy life.

And there was his job, too. Every weekday morning Billy was on duty at the street crossing where the kids went to school. Martin, the crossing guard, was always there with his vest and his sign, and Billy was the official cross-the-street escort.

But when the pandemic hit, the kids were suddenly home schooled and Martin stayed home as well. This threw a big monkey wrench into Billy's gearbox.

So about once a week, a bunch of us masked coffee drinkers would go to the school intersection and stand there until Billy showed up. He'd look both ways and take us across the street, and then continue on his daily rounds.

Just because we're in a pandemic doesn't mean we can't do our job.

Brought to you by The Fly Fisherman's Bucket List, published by Rio Grande books and written by Slim Randles, who had fun researching it.

Emergency?

Call 911

Palatial Hotel Portland once stood in Courthouse Square

By Finn J.D. John

Next time you're in the neighborhood of Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square, take a minute to look at the wrought-iron fence and archway at its south end. Looks a little out of place, doesn't it?

That ironwork is all that's left of what was probably the grandest hotel in Oregon history.

The Portland Hotel started as a railroad baron's scheme in the mid-1880s, and was opened in 1890 — a riotously colorful yet stolidly tasteful stone palace of hospitality, at the dawn of some of the most colorful and memorable decades of the city's history.

And then, in the early 1950s, the hotel — aging, but by no means gone to seed — was gone, pounded into powder and rubble to make way for a parking garage.

A grand hotel for a Gilded Age

The Portland Hotel got its start in 1882, in anticipation of the coming of the transcontinental railroad to Portland the following year. Railroad mogul Henry Villard wanted a nice hotel at the Portland end of the line. So he bought the property to do so — a city block, across from the courthouse on Sixth Street, in the center of town.

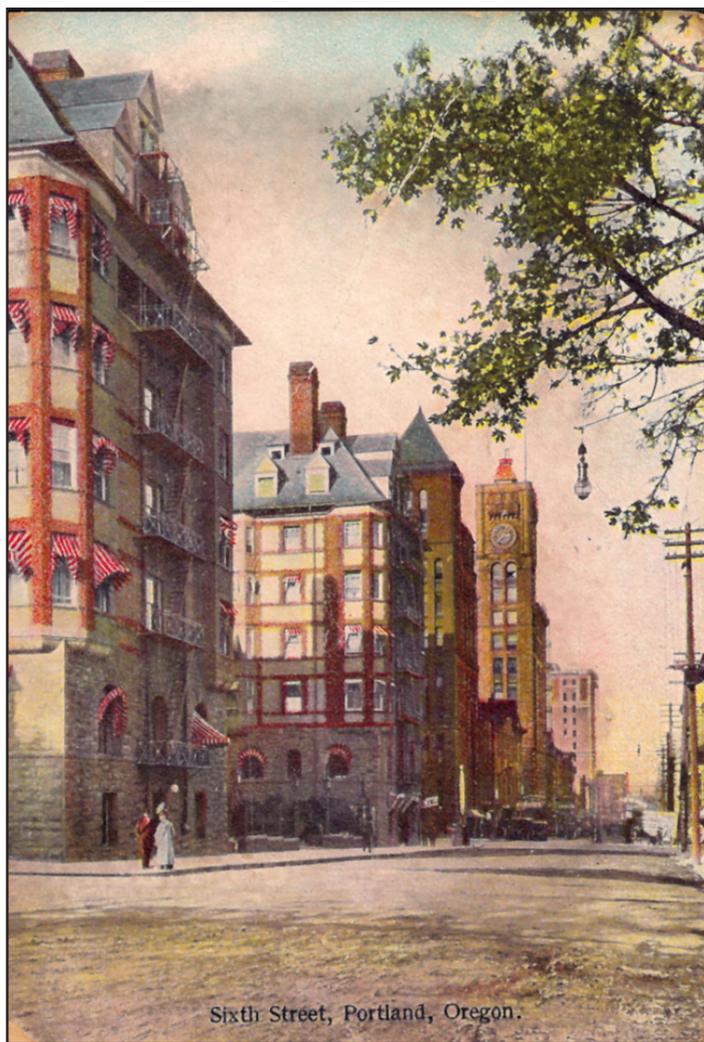
With uncharacteristic overeagerness, though, he failed to read the fine print. He soon learned that his new property contained a deed restriction: The hotel he planned to build there would have to be made of brick or stone.

This was not what Villard had in mind. But at the time he was feeling flush with cash, so he got started on it.

But business in the 1880s was a fickle goddess, and in the winter of 1883 she turned on Villard. Construction on his grand hotel stopped. Then, early the next year, chastened and broke, Villard slunk out of town.

Villard's Ruins

The weed-infested foundation and roofless stone walls of the



Sixth Street, Portland, Oregon.

Postcard image

An image from a postcard postmarked 1910 shows Edwardian-era ladies strolling along Sixth Street next to the Portland Hotel; the building with the red-and-white window awnings is the hotel. This image was probably made at least a decade or so before its postmark date, around the turn of the century. The clock tower in the background is the Oregonian building.

palatial hotel lay there for several years after that. The place soon acquired a sinister reputation as a dangerous place, the kind of reputation an outlaw gang's hideout picks up. It was, as the Morning Oregonian seemed never to tire of pointing out, an eyesore. But there it sat. The problem was, having been half built as a stone structure, it would have to be either completed as one or demolished and built afresh with

cheaper wood. None of the other Portland bigwigs were inclined to spend the money required to do that.

Finally, a newcomer to town named George Markle realized that completing that hotel was his ticket to the inner circle of the Portland Establishment, and took the project on. He went into action, soliciting subscriptions from the cream of Portland's social crop to add to his own investment, and

work got started once again.

While clearing the brush to restart construction, crews found out the evil reputation of "Villard's Ruins" was well deserved. The bodies of two murder victims — a drifter and a prostitute — were concealed in the weeds there.

Grand opening

By spring of 1890, the new hotel was complete. It had cost more than \$1 million to build — the equivalent of \$25 million today. It also may have been the first hotel on the West Coast with electric lights; Markle's father was an associate of Thomas Edison, and Portland had power coming up from Oregon City, so the builders were able to wire the place.

That May it had its debut with a massive high-society party that raged on into the small hours of the morn. And for decades after that, it stood as a sort of monument to the sophistication and refinement of Portland's social elite. This elite was starting to get a little sensitive about the rough-hewn frontier reputation of their city, still commonly called "stumptown." In the Portland Hotel, they sought to build a facility just as refined and sophisticated and elegant as anything in St. Louis, or Chicago, or even New York. And they got it.

Throughout the 1890s this hotel set the high-water mark for West Coast high-class hospitality with gorgeous rooms and spectacular food and drink. The hotel bar's signature cocktail, the "Peach Blow," was served to everyone from shanghaiing victims all the way up to Presidents of the United States; although it's not known if any of the 11 Presidents who stayed in the hotel over the years actually ever tried a Peach Blow, it's likely at least one of them did.

Legendary Oregonian editor Harvey Scott, who had contributed to the fund-raising effort and was a stockholder there, walked the few blocks from the Oregonian's offices to the hotel for lunch each day. The Arlington Club was close at hand as well — as was Madame Fanshaw's establishment, the praises of which Stewart Holbrook sings as the "ne plus ultra of Portland parlor houses." ("Parlor house," of course, is a euphemism for "upscale bordello.")

The fall

A chill must have gone through the staff at the storied old hotel in 1944, when it was learned that Julius Meier and Aaron Frank — owners of the neighboring Meier & Frank Department Store — had bought the place. By Palatial Portland hotel - P 8

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

OSU Extension Service

Ten trees for fiery fall color

When trees get dressed with the colors of fall, it's time to go shopping for a new addition to the garden.

"If you're specifically interested in fall color, it will soon be the time to start looking," said Neil Bell, horticulturist with Oregon State University's Extension Service. "Trees will start to display color in the next few weeks."

First, though, Bell recommends doing some research. Walk around neighborhoods, parks and public gardens to get ideas. If you can't identify the trees you like, snap good photos, pick up several leaves or ask the owner for a cutting. Take them to the nursery or to your local OSU Extension office for identification. You can also cut out pictures from magazines and flip through garden books to find possibilities.

But wait, you're not done. After filtering down your favorites, be absolutely sure about size, soil and sun requirements, Bell said. You don't want to be stuck with a 60-foot tree where a 30-foot tree should have gone.

"The biggest problem people have," he said, "is that a tree gets too large, and then they are forced to prune just to reduce the size of the tree, which can often look horrible. I see it all the time."

Topping – or cutting off the tips of trees – is especially undesirable. It introduces the possibility of disease and gives pests more access. Topping also encourages weaker growth and alters the shape.

"It disfigures the tree," Bell said. "That's my main objection."

Before buying, also find out if the tree needs sun or some shade and if it requires irrigation in summer. Most do, according to Bell. And most want sun, although vine maple, katsura, paperbark maple and 'Eddie's White Wonder' dogwood don't mind some shade.

Fall is an ideal time for planting, Bell added. Soil is warmer than in

spring, so roots get a good head start. The weather is cool so trees are under less stress. Rains will start soon and reduce the need for watering.

"All in all, fall is the perfect time to select and plant a tree," he said. "Wait for the leaves to start changing color and go for it."

Here are Bell's recommendations for trees with excellent fall color:

Red maple (Acer rubrum): A common tree, but for good reason. Not much beats the vibrant scarlet color this maple displays in autumn. Make sure you've got room for it though; red maples grow quickly and eventually reach 60 feet tall and 25 to 35 feet wide. At that size, it makes a great shade tree. In addition to western Oregon, it grows well in the central and eastern part of the state. Hardy to Zone 4.

Big-leaf maple (Acer macrophyllum): An impressive tree all around, big-leaf maple stirs up attention when its 12-inch leaves transform into a rich yellow, sometimes tinged with orange. A large tree up to 50 feet at maturity, this West Coast native is not appropriate as a street tree or in small gardens. However, if you can find it, 'Seattle Sentinel' is a much smaller, narrower alternative, 15 feet tall and 5 feet wide, but only hardy to Zone 6. The species is hardy to Zone 2.

Vine maple (Acer circinatum): Native to the Northwest, vine maple really comes into its own in fall when the foliage lights up in lively shades of red and orange. A useful small tree up to 15 feet that often grows with multiple trunks. Good east of the Cascades. Not suitable for full sun. Hardy to Zone 6.

Paperbark maple (Acer griseum): Unmistakable cinnamon-colored peeling bark and glowing orange-red fall color make this slow-growing, small tree (25 feet eventually) a much-loved specimen in any size garden. Prefers a partially shady exposure. Hardy to Zone 4.

Raywood' ash (Fraxinus

oxycarpa): Big and bold, this tree grows 60 to 70 feet tall and almost as wide, which is a consideration when deciding where and if to plant it. But if you've got the space, you'll be happy with its striking claret-colored fall foliage and the equally appealing texture of the lance-shaped leaves. Drought tolerant and hardy to Zone 6.

Katsura (Cercidiphyllum japonicum): The unmistakable heart-shaped leaves emerge purple in the spring and seem to turn buttery yellow overnight in autumn. Falling leaves smell wonderfully like burnt sugar. The form is tall – up to 60 feet – and rounded, just how you think a tree should be. Hardy to Zone 4.

Sourwood (Oxydendrum arboreum): A little-known, but deserving tree that has the unusual feature of sending out long streamers of fragrant, white flowers in fall just as the foliage turns to heady shades of red, orange and purple. At 25 to 30 feet tall, sourwood fits nicely into a small garden. Hardy to Zone 5.

'Eddie's White Wonder' dogwood (Cornus kousa): A spectacular cultivar of Korean dogwood that is blanketed in large, white star-shaped flowers in spring and strawberry red color in fall. Its 20-foot stature makes it ideal for small spaces. Other kousa dogwoods are outstanding as well; most turn a deep crimson-purple in autumn. Hardy to Zone 5.

Persian ironwood (Parrotia persica): Another smaller tree (25 feet tall and 30 feet wide), ironwood is bathed in every color of the sunset in fall and has the bonus of gray and beige exfoliating bark. An easy tree to grow that handles parking strip situations nicely. Hardy to Zone 4.

'Wild Fire' black gum (Nyssa sylvatica): While the straight species of black gum can be a bit weedy, newer cultivars such as 'Wild Fire' don't go to seed. Glossy green leaves emerge a deep red in spring and end the season with a spectacular show of orange, yellow, scarlet and purple. Has a nice pyramidal shape and grows up to 20 feet. Hardy to Zone 6.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



AUTUMN FOLIAGE, CRAFTS & COOKING

As I drive around town, I notice a few leaves are beginning to turn color. When I mentioned this to a friend, she exclaimed, "It's too early! It's too early!"

But Mother Nature has a way of determining her own time frame. So we'd better stop and enjoy the colors as they come along. The brilliant red, orange and yellow hues will soon be, painting the countryside with nature's palette.

Preserving Leaves as Placemats
We often wish we could preserve the leaves with their vibrant colors, yet somehow they generally become dull when we try. However, there are a few ways to extend autumn in our homes. One is with placemats.

These are projects I made with my 4-H group years ago. They were decorative items for the youngsters' homes or gifts for their mothers as they preserved a bit of fall.

LEAF PLACEMATS

With a dab of glue, attach leaves onto an 11 1/2 x 14-inch piece of construction paper of desired color.

Cut leaves from colored paper

or fabric and attach the same way. Color drawings of leaves with a markers, crayons, or colored pencils on the construction paper.

Then spread clear contact paper over the paper and leaves. Press firmly to placemat back and front. You also can laminate the page. We sometimes incorporated leaves or leaf designs into decoupage projects.

ZUCCHINI BREAD FOR FALL

Beat 3 eggs until foamy. Add 1 cup cooking oil, 2 cups sugar, 2 cups peeled, grated zucchini, and 1-teaspoon vanilla. Mix well.

Sift together 3 cups flour, 1-teaspoon baking powder, 1-teaspoon baking soda, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1-teaspoon salt. Add dry ingredients and 1/2 cup chopped nuts to egg mixture. Stir until well mixed. (Some cooks like to stir in chocolate bits, too.)

Divide batter into two portions and pour into 2 greased and floured loaf pans. Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour (until inserted pick tests done) at 325 degrees F.

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(Mary Emma Allen lives in New Hampshire where she enjoys the colorful foliage. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)

Quote of the Week

"Education isn't something you can finish."

Isaac Asimov

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Community Notes

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in the fair to make up for missing last year due to COVID. Vendors tables will also be available at \$10. Contact Paula at 541-561-3407 to reserve a table space.

September 15 Upper McK Fire Board



7 - 8:00pm. 5 Upper McKenzie Fire District Board of Directors monthly meeting. At the fire station, 6578 McKenzie Hwy, 541-822-3479c

Sept. 20 - Springfield School Board Meeting



7:00pm - 8:30pm. The Board of Directors meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month (except July). Regular business meetings begin at 7 pm on the 2nd Monday and work sessions are generally held at 4 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Administration Building, 640 A St, Springfield.

September 20 McKenzie Fire District Board



12:00pm - 1:00pm. at Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McKenzie Hwy, in Leaburg. 541-896-3311.

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September 11 Walterville Fair



The Walterville Grange has plans to hold the annual Walterville Community Fair this year on September 11, including the 5K Waddle, parade, barbeque chicken dinner, and all the usual fair festivities. People can participate by planning to enter baked goods, canning, flowers, arts, crafts, and handmade creations

McKenzie Football Program receives \$10,000 donation from Marcus Mariota and National Football League Foundation

By Cliff Richardson

The McKenzie High School Football program recently received a \$5,000 donation from Marcus Mariota and a matching \$5,000 grant check from the National Football League Foundation. McKenzie received an award letter specifying the details earlier this summer on July 27.

Mariota, a standout athlete who played for the University of Oregon and started at quarterback for the Ducks from 2012 through 2014, won the Heisman Trophy following his senior season. Mariota was the first U of O athlete to win the Heisman and was also the first Hawaii-born athlete to earn the honor.

The \$10,000 donation conditions that the funds must be used towards the McKenzie Football program and allocated towards non-salary and non-personnel related costs. Those specifics include football equipment purchases, blocking sheds, uniforms, football field refurbishments, AV material, etc.

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Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirchell

The Great Pretender

I identify as a self-sufficient, independent person. I consider myself a beautiful woman, not in a conceited way, but I've been told this my entire life.

I am an empath. I've dedicated my life to working in social services. I am a free spirit, yet an entrepreneur at heart. I love empowering women, and I'm working on becoming a certified self-love coach.

I am 35; my partner is 38. He cheated on me during our entire relationship. He never admitted to the timeline, but he claims it wasn't years. Still, the other woman has photos dating back to 2016.

He said the pictures were old, and she was an ex who was obsessed with him. Honestly, the way she presented herself, I believed him. I also believed he worshipped the ground I walked on.

From late 2016, he was living a double life. He stayed with her during the week, and we saw each other on weekends, vacations, and on random days off. We looked at houses, but he would never commit. The same with engagement rings.

He got caught when I was 20 weeks pregnant, a pregnancy that was planned. On the day he was caught, I told him I would be sharing our pregnancy. I sent him a message saying so. He messaged me, saying he had been told I was cheating on him.

I was distraught. I said, "No. I'd never do that to you. I love you. Who is saying this?" He said, "People you don't know." I said, "People I don't know, know me and know I'm cheating on you?"

I realize now he said this to use against me, because an hour after I posted our pregnancy announcement, his other girlfriend contacted me. When I confronted him, he said, "See, you never believe me! People are saying you are cheating on me, and I believe you. But you can't do the same for me!"

I feel sick thinking back to this. The next day, he eventually admitted he was cheating. For a while, he seemed remorseful. He cried. He was depressed. He lost weight. He begged and apologized all the time.

I also found out he lied about his career. He had been fired from his job in 2016, but he told me he was still working as a pharmacist. I actually think he was a pharmacy tech.

I now believe he was fired for stealing narcotics and selling them. A couple of days ago, I went through his computer and found an apology letter he wrote to the court saying he was sorry for stealing.

On his laptop, I found a video. It was really dark, but I could hear two people having sex. I believe he had sex with a woman while he was visiting his grandparents in 2017. It was a trip I paid for.

Belinda

Belinda, in 1994, a boy went missing in San Antonio, Texas. He was last seen playing basketball with friends. Three years later, a French serial imposter assumed the missing boy's identity. He was flown to the United States and, for five months, accepted as authentic by some of the boy's family.

This was despite the fact he spoke with a French accent and had brown eyes and dark hair, while the missing boy was a blue-eyed blond. Released from prison in the U.S., this imposter repeated the deception in Spain and again in France.

Your boyfriend is a serial imposter, but he doesn't pose as an orphan. He poses as a man who loves women he does not love, like you.

Men like him are without mercy and without remorse.

An empath can feel things. A social worker knows to verify everything she is told. That is why she does home visits and verifies employment. But you turned all of that off because your need for someone was so great.

You never met his friends or family. You never confirmed he had a job. You accepted everything at face value.

When it comes to love, we cannot toss out everything we know about life. You followed a recipe for tuna casserole and continued on, even when you saw no tuna in the list of ingredients.

All you can do now is learn a bitter lesson and be the best parent you can be.

Wayne & Tamara

write: Directanswers@WayneAndTamara.com

Fishing Report

McKenzie River: All hatchery rainbow trout released into the McKenzie River are marked with an adipose fin clip and anglers must release all non fin-clipped (wild) trout in the mainstem river. The lower 11 miles of the McKenzie River below the Hayden Bridge - and the McKenzie River upstream from Forest Glen Boat Ramp at Blue River - are restricted to angling with lures and flies only, and all trout must be released.

Trout Stocking Schedule: Trout stocking is underway on many lakes and reservoirs throughout the state. Releases of 8" to 10" hatchery fish this week were: Leaburg Lake - 1,000.

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber (www.rick-steber.com)

September 2 - William Johnson, a native of the British Isles, deserted a British ship in Boston and ventured west as an employee of the North West Fur Company. He visited Oregon in 1817, and when his trapping days were over, he settled in the Willamette Valley. He was among the 52 men who met at Champoege and voted that the Oregon Country should be part of the United States. In 1842 Johnson built a cabin and farmed a tract of land in what was soon to become Portland. As more settlers moved in, he gave up his claim and disappeared from Oregon history.

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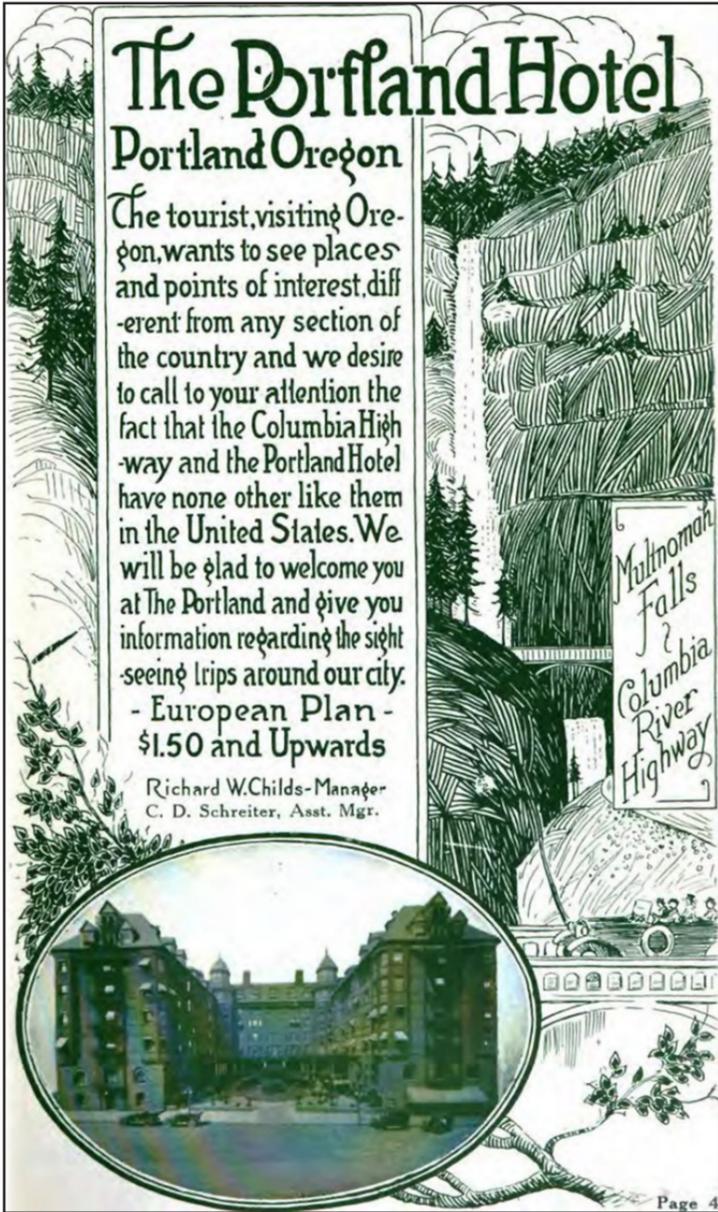
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keep transients out, which would have meant tossing all the design submissions into the bin and starting over.

Ivancie's faction backed down, though, in the face of near-universal resistance, and construction began on the site. It was completed in 1984.

The traces that remain There are a few bits of the Portland Hotel still at the square today. Of course, there is the ironwork along the south side, looking very Edwardian and out of place surrounded by the square's more modern features.

But if you took up a few of the bricks that make up the floor of the square, you'd likely find a giant block or two of cut stone — cut 125 years ago to make the foundation of what may have been the finest and most luxurious hotel in Oregon history.

(Sources: MacColl, E. Kimbark. *Merchants, Money and Power. Portland: Georgian Press, 1988; Pintarich, Dick. Great and Minor Moments in Oregon History. Portland: New Oregon, 2003*)

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American Life in Poetry

By Kwame Dawes

It's been some months since our last election, but it is always good to be reminded, in this poem by Kamilah Aisha Moon, of how precious and hard-won the right to vote and the act of voting are.

1st VOTE

By Kamilah Aisha Moon

It was hers. She had this choice behind curtained bliss, Dad's chest full on the other side as her tapered hand pulled the lever.

No matter how wide the final margin, a lone ballot

never counted so much.

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Automobile Blue Book An advertisement from the 1919 Automobile Blue Book, offering European tourists first-class accommodations during their hoped-for visits to see the Columbia River Gorge.

now automobiles were common in Portland, and it didn't take a champion chess player to figure out what the department store's next move was going to be.

They made that move in 1951. The last day of operations was August 15, and two weeks later all the hotel's fixtures and dishes and furnishings were auctioned off — including furnishings and sets of china used to serve Presidents of the United States.

Then the wrecking balls were deployed, and the rubble cleared away, and a two-story parking garage arose where once the finest hotel on the West Coast had stood.

Pioneer Courthouse Square The parking garage lasted only a few dozen years. By the early 1980s it was gone, and Meier & Frank happily sold the land to the city — which now wanted to make it into public space.

In planning what became

the square, the city launched a nationwide design competition, and more than 150 submissions came in. There followed a short squabble over the vision for the place — soon-to-be Mayor Frank Ivancie and some other downtown businessmen wanted to build it as an enclosed atrium with an admission charge, to

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