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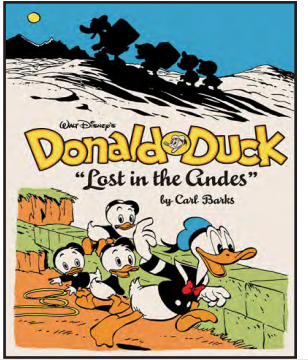
Driver lost control due to the snow-covered road and poor driving conditions, crossing into the oncoming lane of traffic, striking the guardrail.

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"The Duck Man"

Comic book readers started to notice that some of the comics signed by Walt Disney were better than others

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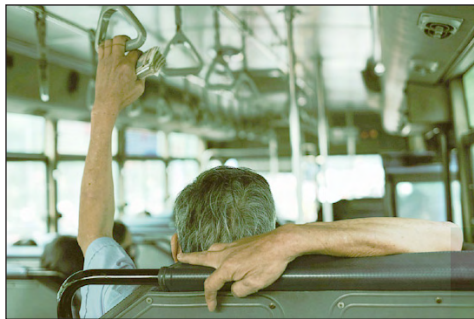


Briefs...



"Linda Henry recently retired as Deershorn Ranch Acres Community Organization (DRACO) secretary. Besides serving over 40 years as DRACO scribe and historian for one of Lane County's largest homeowner associations, she also served as secretary during that period for the Deershorn Community Water Association. Linda and her late husband, Don, plus a few other residents, initially formed the water and homeowners associations and were instrumental in residential security that led to the

Henry honored - Page 2



People who ride the Lane Transit District's Route 91 now have a new way to connect to scheduling for McKenzie area service. The public can now subscribe to text messages about projects, service alerts, and other news. LTD officials say the new feature is intended "to improve the customer experience, as well as increase equity in terms of access to information."

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Saint Patrick's Day may not be a legal holiday in the U.S.A. but it is nonetheless widely recognized and observed throughout the land by people of not just Irish and Irish-American cultures.

"A light heart lives longest," so the Irish say...so the people at the McKenzie Valley Presbyterian Church are having a party to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. All are invited to come join neighbors in this long-standing McKenzie Valley tradition!

The meal that became a St. Patrick's Day staple across the country—corned beef and

St. Pat's Dinner- Page 2

EWEB dewaterers Walterville Canal

Seepage detected in the 110-year-old canal's earthen embankment

WALTERVILLE: EWEB dewatered the Walterville Canal on Tuesday after receiving an automated alert from a device that monitors water seepage that also triggered a dam safety process.

Officials say the leak was detected near the Walterville Powerhouse's 110-year-old earthen canal embankment. When an increase in seepage occurs, it triggers a dam safety risk mitigation process that requires dewatering of the canal for close-up inspections.

The Eugene Water & Electric Board says the issue is not a public safety concern. The utility's generation staff inspected the site on Tuesday and confirmed that the seep-

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The inlet gates to the Walterville Canal are now blocked after a leak was detected in a portion of the 4-mile-long diversion channel. It had been ranked 26th out of 60 Oregon hydro plants in terms of net electrical generation.

Garbage haulers cry foul

Lane County plans \$150 million waste processing facility for Goshen site



The BHS facility has been designed to process residential garbage, commingled recycling, and organic waste to produce marketable recycling commodities (and biogas for transportation) from over 80,000 tons of material from Lane County's landfill.

EUGENE: A state-of-the-art garbage handling facility approved by the Lane County Board of Commissioners is being challenged by an association of family-owned garbage and recycling processors. Membership of the Lane County Garbage and Recycling Association includes Apex Recycling & Disposal, Royal Refuse, Ecosystems Transfer & Recycling, McKenzie Disposal, Coburg Sanitation, and Rexius.

Last week, the LCGRA sent a letter to Lane County detailing major legal issues with their 25-year \$150,000,000 contract to utilize technology and equipment designed and built by a local manufacturer, Bulk Handling Systems (BHS) of Eugene.

"By taking this legal action, we are looking out for Lane County citizens - our loyal customers," Jake Pelroy, a spokesman for LCGRA, said in a statement. "We will not be complacent in an illegal \$100 million corporate loan bailout in the current IMERF proposal. These kinds of facilities are extremely risky, and the three

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First Amendment doesn't protect senators who walked out

Appeals court confirms Supreme Court reelection ban

By: Julia Shumway
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The First Amendment doesn't protect state senators who walked out in protest for six weeks from losing their chance to run for reelection, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

The Leap Day decision is a final nail in the coffin for a handful of Republican senators who have been trying to evade a voter-approved constitutional amendment meant to discourage quorum-denying walkouts by punishing lawmakers who miss 10 or more days of work. Ten Republican senators, six of whom would have been up for reelection this year, ground the Senate to a halt for six weeks in 2023 in the longest walkout in state history.

Earlier this month, the Oregon Supreme Court unanimously rejected arguments

from some of the affected senators that they should be eligible to run for reelection because the law was poorly written. Sens. Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, and Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, pinned their hopes on the federal courts, hoping federal judges would agree that they were engaged

in constitutionally protected protests by walking out.

U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken rejected their argument in December, and a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed her decision on Thursday.

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Sen. Brian Boquist, then I-Dallas, sits on the Senate floor in December 2022.

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Guest Opinion

Sometimes all we could do was hold hands and listen

By Eric Mortenson

My first column about The Whip appeared in the Eugene Register-Guard in Oregon in December 1994. She called the newspaper because the DMV wanted to yank her license.

I don't know if those people still call or write to media outlets. I hope they do. So me of them from my newspaper days became legendary figures, such as the "Rain Lady" who badgered reporters at The Oregonian for years.

During her, yes, reign of terror, any reporter who dared write cheerfully of sunny weather or who disparaged dampness was sure to get a hand-written cursive thunderbolt from the Rain Lady. She despised the wicked, wicked sun and said many people, such as her, LOVE the rain and the wet.

Reporters were commonly assigned to do breezy weather stories after any stretch of particularly hot, cold, dry or wet days. Generally, weather stories were considered quick and dirty assignments, done to acknowledge what was going on in people's lives and handed out to whoever might be standing near an editor at the wrong time. But as a result, dozens of Oregonian reporters received Rain Lady letters, and getting your first one was cause for a round of congratulations in the newsroom. I received at least two, I think; others received dozens, and phone calls, too. Many of us apparently saved our Rain Lady letters; I think mine are in a plastic tub in the basement storage room. I hope so.

I posed a question about the Rain Lady on an Oregonian alumni Facebook page and got tons of comments. The question prompted recollections about other cranks who called or wrote to newsrooms about various conspiracies or perceived slights. One former editor vividly recalled a guy he'd nicknamed "Mr. Benghazi." The caller hated Hillary Clinton and called frequently to rage about her alleged responsibility — and the Oregonian's outrageous coverup — for the 2012 attack in Libya that killed four Americans, including the ambassador. She was Secretary of State under Obama at the time and the rabid right wingers did, and still do, hate her guts.

At the Register-Guard in Eugene, prior to The Whip, I had correspondence from the Balloon Lady. She sent what seemed like a charming letter suggesting we all wear balloons so that, if we collided, we would all bounce away unharmed. I thought she was one of Eugene's warm-hearted old hippies, and this was her fanciful way of wishing everyone peace. What a cheerful story. So I went to interview her.

She wouldn't let me in, but spoke to me through the living

room glass. She didn't want to be interviewed, and I realized she was mentally ill in some fashion. I worried I'd scared her. Later, she sent me a letter saying the Kennedys were planning to kill her because she knew too much.

I called the county mental health office and said: Look, I know you can't even acknowledge this woman is a client. I don't expect you to, that's fine. I just want to let someone know that it might be a good idea to go check on her. She thinks the Kennedys are going to kill her. Mentioned the Mafia, too.

The person I spoke to was a study in neutrality. She said thank you for your call, we have received your information. I didn't hear from the Balloon Lady again, so hopefully a caseworker went to see her. Or else the Kennedys did indeed rub her out.

The Whip was something else. Old, lonely and bedeviled by bureaucracy, or maybe just by the passage of time, but in full possession of her wits.

Her name was Helen Mary Moon. She said "The Whip" was a nickname she picked up during World War II when she and the third of her four husbands — the

one descended from Blackbeard the Pirate — herded convoys of newly-made Army trucks from Detroit to various seaports, where they were shipped off to war. Her job was keep the convoys organized and moving, "The Whip," see? She said most of the drivers were retired cops who wanted to loiter in any coffee shop that had a pretty waitress. The Whip had to roust them out to get back on the road.

That was the sort of the thing The Whip told me. She was dramatic. She said she'd associated with gangsters in Detroit and seen a guy stabbed to death with an ice pick right before her eyes. "I've lived a full life, and I've lived a dangerous life," she told me. "When I look back, I shudder, I shudder."

The Whip — Helen — originally called the newspaper because the DMV was going to yank her driver's license. She'd gotten a speeding ticket from a Eugene cop and then they flunked her for wobbling during a driving test. In her opinion, it was the DMV guy's fault because he made her nervous, sitting in the car with her during the test. She said he just should have followed in his own car.

The Register-Guard was then in its golden days, with a national reputation as one of the best mid-sized daily newspapers in the country, but our local readers



still expected us to pay attention to their woes. I sat within view of our redoubtable news aides, Lisa and Sue, who fielded many scattershot calls from troubled readers, and often transferred them to me when they didn't know where else to send them.

Helen was a month shy of 91 when she called. She stood about

Briefs...

Henry honored

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formation of the current Deerhorn Neighborhood Watch Association. Linda has enthusiastically contributed to our growing community, and has been a consistent role model and source of information for us who call the McKenzie Valley our home."

Conrad Brown, President
DRACO

Bus texting

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St. Pat's Dinner

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cabbage—will be on the menu with all the fixin's. It will be served with a suggested donation of \$10.

Look for tables to be set for the meal from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 17th, at 88393 Walterville Loop.

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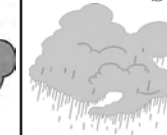

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WEATHER REPORT									
READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
2/27	41	32	0.28	2,275 cfs	2/27	45	33	0.26	5,920 cfs
2/28	52	32	1.11	NA	2/28	45	36	0.03	5,770 cfs
2/29	38	32	0.73	NA	2/29	43	32	1.48	6,610 cfs
3/1	38	32	0.73	1,265 cfs	3/1	39	33	0.60	7,390 cfs
3/2	37	32	0.50	NA	3/2	49	32	0.53	6,480 cfs
3/3	33	32	NO.35	843 cfs	3/3	45	32	0.20	5,960 cfs
3/4	36	32	0.72	902 cfs	3/4	43	32	0.85	5,710 cfs

Sheriff's Report

Feb. 23: 9:08 p.m: Suspicious Vehicle - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy. A deputy contacted two intoxicated subjects in the park after hours. One had previously been warned for the same reason, and was issued a citation for violation of posted restrictions. A family member retrieved the vehicle.

Feb. 24: 12:32 a.m: Disorderly Subject - 39400 blk, Upper Camp Creek. A resident was in crisis, but safe with family members who were able to assist.

10:17 a.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40100 blk, York Ln. Deputies responded to a verbal dispute. Everyone was able to separate for the evening.

12:35 p.m: Suspicious Subject - 8300 blk, McK. Hwy. A male was observed opening mailboxes. a deputy patrolled, but did not locate him.

Feb. 26: 8:34 a.m: incomplete 911 call - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.

10:24 a.m: Welfare Check - Terwilliger Hot Springs.

1:39 p.m: Civil Service - 39400 blk, Ann Ln.

10:28 p.m: Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 41800 blk, McK. Hwy.

Feb. 27: 10:51 a.m: Civil Service - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

1:13 p.m: Reckless Driving - Marcola Rd. & Donna Rd.

1:24 p.m: Civil Service - 39400

blk, Ann Ln.

4:31 p.m: Hit & Run - 48100 blk, Conley Rd.

11:04 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. Deputies responded to a dispute and contacted both of the involved, who had separated for the night.

Feb. 28: 8:20 a.m: Citizen Contact - Wlterville area.

2:43 p.m: Assault - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

3:18 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

4:18 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

4:35 p.m: Littering - Bruckart Landing.

4:39 p.m: Warrant Service - 38900 blk, Bunker Hill Rd.

6:18 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd.

6:52p.m:SuspiciousConditions - 8900 blk, McK. Hwy.

7:21 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 37700 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

7:53 p.m: Vehicle Stop - 40500 blk, McK. Hwy.

Feb. 29: 12:57 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. Milepost 42.

1:25 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. mp48.

2:43 p.m: Assault - 8600 blk, Thurston Rd. Deputies responded to a dispute and contacted both of the involved, who had separated for the night.

6:28 p.m: Assist Fire Department - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

6:52 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 8900 blk, McK. Hwy. The resident's motion lights turned on and off and an outside door slammed closed. The resident searched his garage but found no one.

7:21 p.m: Suspicious Conditions - 37700 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. A homeowner called in

concerned a trespasser might be on his property. This was related to a person who ran from a traffic stop nearby. Deputies cleared the property as they searched, but found no one.

March 1: 2:34 a.m: Foot Patrol - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

2:42 a.m: Foot Patrol - 37700 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

11:56 a.m: Warrant Service - 90900 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

12:13 p.m: Abandoned Vehicle - Marcola Rd. Milepost 3.

1:34 p.m: Animal Complaint - 37900 blk, Maranatha Ln.

3:38 p.m: Traffic Hazard - Deerhorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

4:44 p.m: Illegal Dirt Bikes - Deerhorn Rd. & Trout Creek mainline gate.

5:13 p.m: Welfare Check - 37800 blk, MJ Chase Rd.

7:00 p.m: Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Thurston Rd. & McK. Hwy.

9:49 p.m: Emergency Message - 40300 blk, Booth Kelly Rd.

March 2: 12:04 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

12:20 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

12:32 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Hill Rd. & Donna Rd.

12:36 p.m: Harassment - 36600 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

1:10 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Sunderman Rd.

1:45 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

1:58 p.m: Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

2:07 p.m: Disabled Vehicle - Lat: 44.19933. Long: -122.99184.

3:11 p.m: Gunshot Wound - 8700 blk, Thurston Rd.

4:58 p.m: Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

5:53 p.m: Vehicle Stop - McK.

Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

5:57 p.m: Impound Vehicle - 92100 blk, Marcola Rd.

6:23 p.m: dog at large - 39100 blk, upper Camp Creek Rd.

6:53p.m:SuspiciousConditions - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

March 3: 5:24 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 90300 blk, Marcola Rd.

9:05 a.m: Suspicious Subject - 35200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

4:00 p.m: civil service - 39200 blk, Camp Creek Rd.

5:50 p.m: Incomplete 911 Call - 91500 blk, Cougar Dam Rd.

9:08 p.m: Lost Subject - Lat: 44.28652. Long: -122.91259.

March 4: 2:52 am Assault - 87800 blk, Upland St.

2:19 p.m: Stranded Vehicle - Lat: 44.177157. Long: -122.976094.

4:35 p.m: Reckless Driving - Donna Rd. & Marcola Rd.

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

State Police Report

March 4: 09:26: Crash, Non-Injury – 45000 block, McK. Hwy. Received a call regarding a crash involving an SUV that struck a guardrail near Goodpasture Bridge. Upon speaking with the driver, it appeared she lost control due to the snow-covered road and poor driving conditions, crossing into the oncoming lane of traffic, striking the guardrail. The vehicle was moved to a pull-out prior to police arrival. The driver called for their own tow. Involved: white Ford Explorer, 19-year-old female from Vida.

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Feb. 26: 15:30: 38000 block, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

Feb. 27: 12:11: 89000 blk,

Old Mohawk Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded En Route.

Feb. 28: 209:36: 7000 blk, Thurston Rd. Public Assist. No Patient Found.

Feb. 29: 7:46: McK. Hwy./ Milepost 28. Motor Vehicle Accident. Non-Injury, Non-Blocking, Patient Refusal Obtained.

19:31: 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Fire, Structural. Fire Extinguished, Overhaul.

March 1: 8:10: 91000 blk, Yeager Rd. Mutual Aid. Disregarded Prior to Going En Route.

16:51: 40000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

17:26: 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 2: 12:50: 37000 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, Refusal Obtained.

15:11: 8700 blk, Thurston Rd. Medical, Trauma. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

18:18: 44000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

21:47: 88000 blk, Tiki Ln. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

March 3: 5:22: 90000 blk, Marcola Rd. MVA. Cancelled En Route.

March 4: 6:57: 40000 blk, Booth Kelly Rd. Power pole

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Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

Feb. 29: 18:13: Medical – 91000 block, Mill Creek Rd. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

March 1: 08:09: Medical – 91000 blk, Yeager Rd. Male found deceased.

March 4: 09:26: Medical – 54000 blk, McK. Hwy. Male, Conscious, Breathing.

March 5: 06:08: Medical – 49000 blk, McK. Hwy. 18-year-old female and 20-year-old male report they had a mishap last night.

The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20th, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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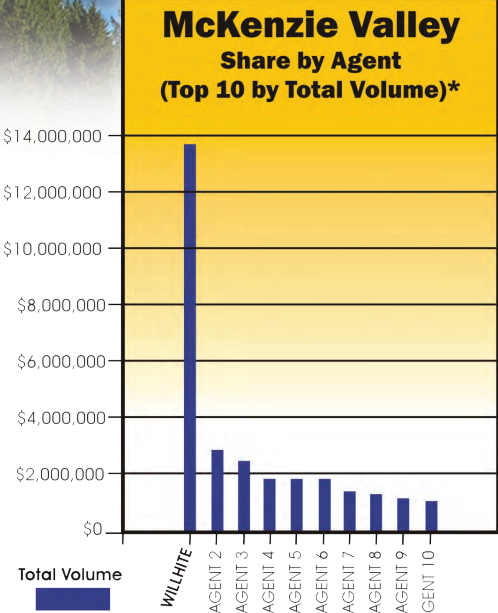
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By Slim Randles

That thick old hide shifted beneath me as I got my handhold in the bull rope. I watched his horns. Looking straight ahead in the chute. So far, so good. You know, just like the jumper said as he passed the 26th floor.

And then you find yourself asking the big question: if I take a little more time here in the chute to get set on him, will he start chute fighting? Men have been killed by bulls who fight in the chute.

The guys who have had this bull before say he behaves himself pretty well. He's known to spin to the right about one full jump out of the chute, but I think I can handle that all right.

Okay, I'm as set as I'm going to be, so I nod my head and I hear the hinges of the gate squeak as they swing open and I'm climbing. Going up, and when I get up about as high as I should, I follow this horned monster down. Down to the right as he starts his spin. I loosened just a bit on that first spin, but I hooked that left spur and tried to make it back to where a bull rider belongs.

He just spun faster on the next jump and I tasted dirt without even having the knowledge I'd been bucked off. The bull fighters had him busy with them and it gave me time to get up and limp to the gate.

Let the next guy do it. Bull riding the way I do it works out pretty well. I'm safe here in my recliner at home watching the television. Have my dog in my lap and a cold one sitting on the stand next to me. My shirt isn't even dirty. I've done it the other way, a long time ago, and this is much better. And the best part is, my dog doesn't even know I bucked off.

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Quote of the Week

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Norman Vincent Peale

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Lonely Oregon boy grew up to be a legendary comic-book artist

By Finn J.D. John

PART ONE

Sometime in April of 1960, a shy, retiring, hard-of-hearing comic-book artist named Carl Barks got a letter at his quiet suburban home.

When he opened it, he found that it was a letter from a stranger named John Spicer. And to his astonishment, he found that it was — a fan letter.

“Believe it or not, I have been planning this letter for about four or five years,” Spicer wrote. “I have been kept from doing so for the simple reason that I knew not your name or address. I tried several times, however, but all were in vain.”

Spicer’s letter was how Barks found out that he was, and had been for at least a decade, a legend — and the most popular comic-book artist in the world.

And at first he refused to believe it. Wary of some trick, or a prankster pretending to be a fan to humiliate him, he hesitated to engage with it. But then he decided, why not?

“After eyeing your letter with dark suspicion for several weeks, I have decided to answer it on the assumption that it could be a genuine fan letter,” he wrote back.

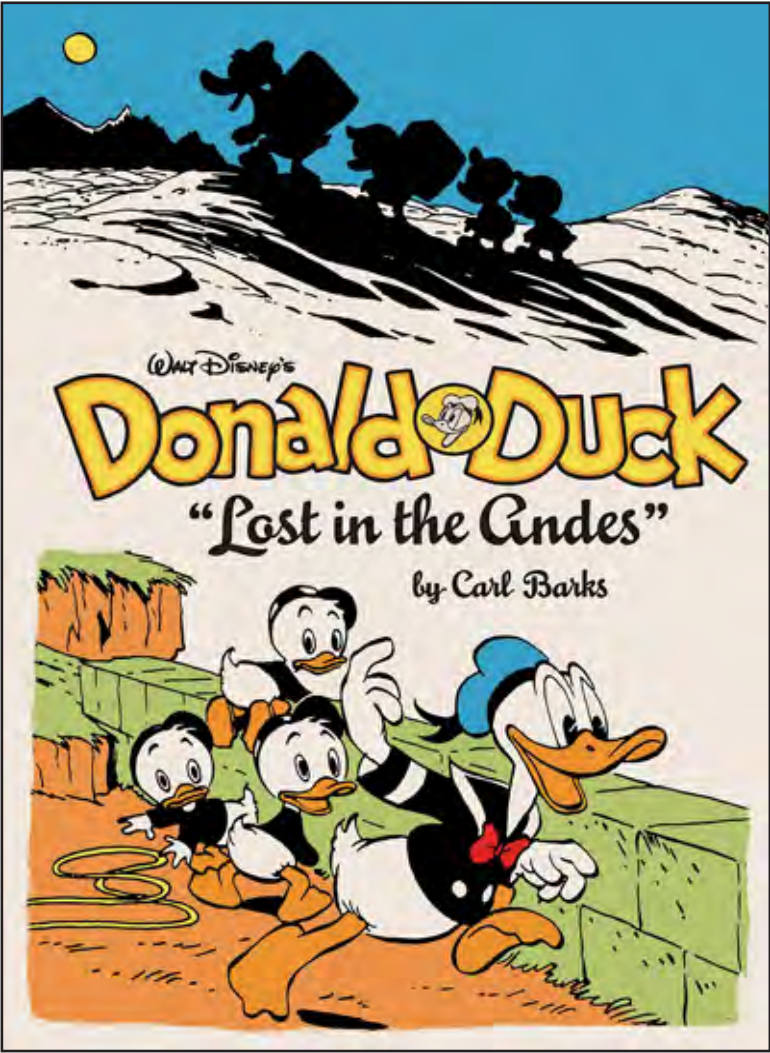
And that’s how the world started to learn, for the first time, who Walt Disney’s elusive, anonymous “Good Duck Artist” was.

Shortly after the Second World War, comic book readers started to notice that some of the comics signed by Walt Disney were better than others. The kids mostly assumed that everything came from the pen of the great man himself, but everyone who knew anything about comic art knew that couldn’t be the case. Walt had a stable of writers and illustrators, they knew. Some of these writers and illustrators were better than others.

And one particular artist stood head and shoulders above everyone else at Disney. He was the anonymous artist who wrote, designed and inked Donald Duck and Uncle Scrooge comics published under Disney’s license by Dell Comics, a division of Western Publishing (best known for its Little Golden Books series of children’s books).

This artist was good enough, and his style was distinctive enough, that fans and fellow artists started to recognize his work. They called him “The Good Duck Artist,” or simply “The Duck Man.”

And everyone wondered who on Earth he was!



Walt Disney Co.

The front cover of a modern reissue of “Lost in the Andes,” originally published in April 1949. The reissue is Volume 7 of The Complete Carl Barks Disney Library.

Finally, the editor of an amateur fan magazine called *Destiny* published a long, flattering article about Walt Disney and his company, forwarded a copy of it to Western Publishing, and asked if they might do an interview with The Duck Man.

Someone at the company apparently found the article charming enough to respond, and revealed Barks’ name and address.

And that’s what led to that fan letter finally arriving at Carl Barks’ desk — seventeen years after he took on his role as the lead Donald Duck comic-magazine writer and artist.

As a side note, it would be another ten years before the world at large would be allowed to know about Carl Barks. That’s because of the Disney policy of pretending Walt himself created all the comics and cartoons. It wasn’t until 1968, four years after Disney’s death, that the company allowed interviews with him to be published, so that folks outside the little world of comic fanzines and comic-cons could learn about him.

By that time, though, he was for the most part done — at age 67, ready for a well-deserved retirement.

Carl Banks was born on March

21, 1901, on a large dryland wheat farm homesteaded by his parents, William and Arminta Barks, near Merrill, about 20 miles southeast of Klamath Falls and just north of the California border.

“We had to work all the time,” Carl recalled later, “so we had very little time to play. We went to school in a little one-room schoolhouse, and there were very few kids to play with. The school was several miles away from a town of any kind — just a little old schoolhouse sitting out there in the sagebrush.”

In the time he had, though, Carl drew comics every chance he got, imitating the styles he saw in the Sunday comics. He got no encouragement from his parents, but he kept at it.

In 1908 the family moved to Midland, about 30 highway miles away from Merrill. There, Carl’s father went into the livestock business. Carl, of course, was pressed into service building stock pens, feeding animals, and helping load them onto train cars. In his spare time, he and his brother Clyde liked to hang around with the cowboys who drifted through Midland looking for work.

As he grew up, Carl got to spend some time working as a cowboy himself, riding horses around Southern Oregon with a six-shooter on his hip. It was just one of the many experiences of working life that would inform his

art, many years later.

Something else that would influence his storytelling was the experience of watching his father’s career. William Barks was from Missouri originally, and came to Merrill to try and prove up a homestead as a dryland wheat farm. Fate (as well as the weather) was kind to him for the first few years, and he successfully proved up the claim, leased it out, and expanded into the livestock business in Midland. Then he moved the family to Santa Rosa, down in California, where he bought a prune orchard for \$4,000. But he’d overextended himself, and a combination of a dry year and a sharp drop in prune prices ruined him just as Arminta was diagnosed with cancer.

William lost the prune farm and the family retreated to the feedlot in Midland, which they soon lost their lease on. Then they had to move back to the farm in Merrill. All William’s optimism and striving had been for nothing, and the family was back where they had started.

It was a darker version of the “hard-working unlucky Everyman” persona that would become very familiar to Donald Duck fans in future years.

Carl ended his schooling with the eighth grade. Work desperately needed to be done around the feedlot and farm, and the nearest high school was more than five miles away — too far to walk. After that, for the next decade or so, Carl set out to build a pretty standard-issue working man’s life for himself, polishing his craft as an artist as a side hobby that he hoped might someday grow to become his life’s work. For the time being, though, life conspired to keep him very busy making a living with his muscles.

An early attempt to break into animation in San Francisco ended when his father got sick and he had to hurry home and help on the farm.

Then in 1921, Carl fell in love with a local logger’s daughter, Pearl Turner, and took a job on her father’s crew as a swamper. When the job ended, he took what jobs he could to keep the money coming in. He ended up laboring on a riveting crew in a railroad shop. By now he and Pearl had two daughters, Peggy and Dorothy.

But Carl was always working on cartoons and drawings, trying to develop a comic strip or something that he could try to get some traction with. Art consumed all his evenings and spare time. It became a sore point with Pearl, who wanted a normal social life like every other couple she knew.

Finally, the couple split up, and Carl moved back to Oregon.

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Tips



Methods to control blackberry thickets



Hope Stephens

Himalayan blackberry thicket.

Himalayan blackberry has become a common weed that chokes out native vegetation from Northern California to British Columbia. Blackberries are well adapted to our region – a single blackberry plant can grow into a six-square-yard thicket in less than two years.

Blackberries keep popping up because of their tremendous and effective dispersal potential,” said Brooke Edmunds, Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturist. “Blackberry canes can produce hundreds of berries, each full of seeds. Birds and animals feed on the berries and help spread the seeds over long distances. Even banana slugs are known to feed on blackberries and help spread the seeds!”

Nevertheless, with good timing and dedication, a sprawling blackberry thicket can be reduced to a few manageable stragglers. Digging up canes or plowing

under thickets can eliminate existing plants. But this also creates an ideal seedbed for the next generation of blackberry plants. Make sure to replant the area with a perennial plant, such as grass, which will outcompete any new blackberry seedlings. Physical removal is the best practice for long-term control.

If digging isn’t an option, look into goats or mechanical mowing. Both work by removing the leaves so the plant can’t turn sunlight into food. The plant eventually starves. Both goats and mowers must be brought back often, however, and both have the same drawback: They destroy everything else in their path.

Another problem with goats is that they will eat only around the edges of a patch. “A lot of people find inventive ways to get goats to the center of the patch, such as mowing pathways or placing boards that goats can walk on or

smashing down canes so the entire patch can be grazed,” Edmunds said.

Effective herbicides are available and used to control blackberries throughout the year. Each has different use rates and application restrictions depending on the intended use area; always refer to the product label for specific instructions for use on blackberries. If you are managing blackberries on a residential property then check OSU’s Solve Pest Problems website for advice. Specific herbicide use instructions for commercial pesticide applicators are summarized in the Control of Problem Weeds Chapter of the online version of the “Pacific Northwest Weed Management Handbook.

Don’t walk away after treatment

Contrary to some popular misinformation, it is usually best not to cut down blackberry plants before treatment with herbicides unless the plants are too big to reach with spray equipment, Edmunds said. Cutting down the plant reduces the leaf area, and the plant may not absorb enough herbicide to kill the large root.

No matter if you’ve dug, chopped, or sprayed after you’re rid of your blackberry plants, don’t forget to replant the area with hardy alternative vegetation that can crowd or shade out new blackberry seedlings.

“You can’t treat a patch of blackberry and then walk away,” Edmunds said. “The control methods can take several years, at least, to eradicate a large patch. Don’t take a break and let the blackberries regain their strength. Check the area each year and remove new seedlings to stay ahead of the problem.”

Want to learn more about this topic? Explore more resources from OSU Extension: Invasive species, Weeds, at: /tinyurl.com/mrxutvmf



Country Kitchen
By Mary Emma Allen



DO WE STILL HAVE
BEDTIME STORIES?

Do parents read stories to their children at bedtime these days? Or do they send the youngsters to bed with an iPhone or iPad to entertain themselves?

Bedtime stories have been a tradition for at least three generations in my family. I recall my mom reading to my sister, brothers and me...Heidi, Robert Louis Stevenson’s A Child’s Garden of Verses poetry, Robinson Crusoe and Bible stories come to mind.

My husband and I took turns reading to our daughter. He often didn’t at bedtime, but while I was preparing supper. “Daddy, you skipped that part!” I’d hear her exclaim when Jim tried to get through a story more quickly. My daughter and son-in-law both started reading to their children while they were infants. Reading and children went hand-in-hand with bedtime with our family.. Will that continue in future generations?

Stories in the Kitchen

Although most of the bedtime story reading of my youth occurred in the evening in one of our bedrooms as we sprawled on the bed. However, on cold winter evenings, Mother often gathered us in front of the wood-burning cook stove in the kitchen (a favorite family congregating place) and read stories. While she read, we might munch on cookies

and milk or cocoa.

Story Time Cookies

Do you have special traditions and foods that accompany your story times?

SUGAR JUMBLE COOKIES

- Mix together 1/2 cup soft shortening, 1/2-cup sugar, 1 egg, and 1-teaspoon vanilla.

Sift together and stir into creamed mixture: 1 1/2 cup sifted flour, 1/4 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees about 8 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned. Cool, then remove to rack.

TOLLIES - These are easy to stir up and bake. Cream 1/3-cup shortening and 1 cup brown sugar. Add 1 egg and 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat well.

Sift together 1-cup all-purpose flour, 1/4-teaspoon baking soda, 1/4-teaspoon salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in 1/2 to 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces and 1/2 cup chopped walnuts. (In the South, cooks often use pecans.)

Spread in greased 11 1/2 X 7 1/2 x 1 1/2-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 20 to 25 min. Cut into bars while warm.

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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Community Notes

March 7

Children’s Story Time

The O’Brien Memorial Library has Story Time on the 1st Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Enter the world of imagination and learning by joining our staff volunteer who will read a story and lead an activity for the young ones - at the Upper McKenzie Community Center, 54745 McKenzie River Drive.

March 8

Art Walk

The Second Friday Art Walk is scheduled from 4 to 7:30 p.m. It starts at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St, in downtown Springfield.

March 9

Living River Day

The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd, Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

March 9

Dime At A Time

The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

March 11

Parks Committee

The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Goodpasture Room, 3050 N Delta Hwy. in Eugene. It advises the Board of County Commissioners on park needs, recommends priorities for projects - including financial and operational development and acquisition. The committee also provides recommendations regarding long-range planning for future park programs and needs, and serves as a liaison group representing the concerns of the

community.

March 11

Spfd School Board

The Board of Directors of the Springfield School District meets twice during most months during the school year. Regular business meetings begin at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. Work sessions are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Board Room of the Springfield Public Schools Administration Building, 640 A Street.

March 12

Tiny Dental Van

The Tiny Dental Van will be at the Orchid McKenzie River Clinic, 54771 McKenzie Hwy. in Rainbow from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A first visit will include a patient assessment, intraoral photos, teeth cleaning, charting, and X-Rays. Call 360-449-9500 or 800-525-6800 to schedule new patient appointments or teeth cleaning.

March 12

Board of Commissioners

Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

March 12

Tourism Committee

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee meets via Zoom every second Tuesday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. Please join us even if you are not a Chamber member. The committee strives to strengthen the support of locals interested in improving tourism and the economic vitality of the entire McKenzie River Valley. Email the Tourism Chair to get on the meeting email list: Treasurer@McKenzieChamber.com

March 12

Family Story Time

From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

March 12

McKenzie Food Pantry

Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday - McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy.

March 12

Save Leaburg Lake

The “Save Leaburg Lake” members meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Vida Windermere Office in Vida from 6 to 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Vida Windermere Office in Vida. For more information, call Nadine Scott at 541-915-0807 or email nadine@windermere.com to join the email list.

March 13

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March 13

Watershed Wednesday

Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the Mckenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

March 13

McKenzie School Board

The McKenzie School District board meeting (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.) will held at 51187 Blue River Dr. It will also be live-streamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/@mckenzieschooldistrict6756/streams>. Submit Public Comments to public.comment@mckenziesd.org comments submitted before noon on the day prior to the meeting will be presented to the Board for review and submission to the meeting minutes.

March 13

Wacky Wed. BINGO

Craig’s Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry’s Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Cards go on sale at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning - spots fill up quickly. Burger and brew special all day!

Reckless Driver eludes deputies after tires spiked

On February 29th, a Lane County Sheriff’s deputy assigned to the McKenzie District observed a white Mercedes SUV driving at a high rate of speed west on McKenzie Highway. The deputy attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle only accelerated. Due to the high rate of speed, the deputy continued following, but did not attempt to catch up.

Deputies, Springfield Police Officers, and a Eugene Police Officer who was passing through the area all responded. Spike strips were placed on possible roads the suspect could take.

Soon after, a deputy observed the vehicle driving west on Camp Creek Road, still at a very high rate of speed. He deployed the spikes, disabling the front two tires of the vehicle.

An area resident then called to report the suspect vehicle was driving on its front rims on a side

street. Deputies searched the area, but due in part to the time delay, were unable to locate the driver.

They were, however, able to identify him as Robert Fraser Stewart of Springfield. Stewart was on probation for an Elude by Vehicle conviction.

On March 1st, Stewart was arrested by the McKenzie Deputy and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Elude by Vehicle, Elude by Foot, Reckless Driving, and Driving While Suspended – Misdemeanor.

“We would like to remind any would-be eckless drivers and eluders that you still cannot out-run a radio, and our deputies are very thorough investigators,” according to Timothy Wallace with the Lane County Sheriff’s Office. “And thanks to Springfield Police, Eugene Police, and especially the observant resident who called in the vehicle!”

March 14

VMCC Board

The Vida McKenzie Community Center Board meets from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at 90377 Thomson Lane.

March 14

McK Watershed Council

The McKenzie Watershed Council’s mission is to foster better stewardship of the McKenzie River watershed resources, deal with issues in advance of resource degradation, and ensure sustainable watershed health, function, and use. Location varies, please contact Melanie Giangreco, McKenzie Watershed Council Operations Assistant. Meetings are from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Contact: Melanie Giangreco (458-201-8150) melanie@mckenziawc.org

March 15

Women’s Retreat

A Hot Springs Women’s Retreat will be held on Friday March 15th at 4 p.m. to Sunday the 17th at 2 p.m. at 59296 Belknap Hot Springs Road in McKenzie Bridge. The event is open to the public and will include coaching and mindset training, and kills to navigate difficult conversations and build vision towards future-self goals.

March 30

Grange Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter egg hunt will begin right at 10 a.m. so don’t be late (they go fast). Be sure the kids bring their own baskets to put the eggs they find in. There will be some special eggs with special prizes in them. Every egg will have a surprise in it. There are three age groups: 4 and under; 5 and 6; and 7 and

above. There is no charge, and all are welcome. We are still collecting donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building if you care to donate.

April 6

VMCC Grand Opening

After three and ½ years of planning and fundraising, Vida McKenzie Community Center is opening its doors to the public on April 6th at 2 p.m. for a Grand Opening Celebration. There will be wines to taste, offered by McKenzie Crest Winery; non-alcoholic beverages; delicious appetizers; live music played by Kimberly Reeves Parker on VMCC’s beautiful baby grand piano; and at 3 p.m. there will a drawing of the winning ticket for a \$1,000 Jerry’s Home Improvement Shopping Spree.

Mark your calendars so you do not miss this pivotal event. For more information, go to vidacommunitycenter.com.

Paver Sales Remain Open

The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and provide for additional enhancements. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or willmarlys@gmail.com.



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Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting on March 6

Holiday Farm Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting Planned for 3/6/24 On Wednesday, March 6 the PIER Committee will meet online and in-person from 2 to 4 PM at McKenzie Fire and Rescue in Leaburg, 42870 McKenzie Highway.

The agenda and materials will be posted on the Lane County PIER website two days before the meeting: <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER>. To receive an online meeting link, register for the meeting on the website. Background info: The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation.

A committee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly online and in-person to make recommendations. There is time set aside at the beginning and end for public comments and questions.

The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to access meeting materials, provide comments, confirm meeting dates/timeframes/locations, sign up for project updates, and register for the meeting zoom link. Email megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov or call 541-852-8259 to submit comments or questions.

The Committee is formally voting on priorities during these public meetings.

Note: People needing special accommodation (e.g. in-person accommodation, hearing impaired, language translation, chemical sensitivity needs, and large print copies of the agenda or other application materials) are instructed to submit their request at least 48 business hours prior to the meeting by calling Megan Heurion at 541-852-8259 or emailing megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov.





Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mitchell

Inheritance



Joshua Rawson-Harris

I have a mother who is constantly yelling at me for the smallest things, regardless of whether or not it is my fault. She tells me how hopeless I am, even though I get really good grades and excel in all my extracurricular activities. Whenever I defend myself, she tells me I have an attitude problem. She puts words in my mouth and denies anything she ever did wrong. She told me she is going to kick me out of the house because she thought I was rebellious. She doesn't even know what that means because most of the time I don't say anything when she makes false accusations and yells at me. There is no one at home I can talk to about this. My dad is afraid of her, and whenever I cry after taking all my mom says to me, he ends up telling me to apologize to

her. The thing is, I know I may raise my voice sometimes when I am angry, but I am angry because she exaggerates and overreacts. I need help. I can't go on any longer. This happens almost every day, and I have been skipping meals and becoming depressed. The only time I can forget what home is like is when I am at school and with my friends. I suggested going to therapy with my mom, but she just yelled at me for telling her that we have problems. Emma Emma, there is a fable about an old man who lived with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. The old man was hard of hearing, and he sometimes spilled his food. His son and daughter-in-law were so disgusted by this that they made the old man eat by himself out of a wooden bowl behind the stove. One day, the old man's grandson, who was only four, began gathering bits of wood. When his father asked what he was doing, the boy replied, "I am making a wooden trough for you and your mother to eat out of when I am big." Ashamed, the couple took the grandfather to the table, and if he spilled a little food, they never said anything. Emma, like the boy in the tale "The Old Man and His

Grandson," there is a lesson you could teach your parents, but they aren't listening. You're really in a pickle! You are so grown up, we think you will understand this. Your mom is who she is. Whether there is provocation from you or not, she is going to act the same way toward you. But you have some real positives in your corner. You are good at school and extracurricular activities. Focus on them. Channel the maximum of your energies on them. They are your future. Once you accept that you can't talk to your mom or dad, there is another logical step. Who can you talk to? Try talking to your school counselor or favorite teacher, not with the expectation they can materially change your life, but so you can vent your feelings and frustration. Often venting feelings has two results. First, it releases pressure, thus reducing tension. Second, it acts like a sounding board for thoughts and ideas that can help you figure out how to deal with your parents. Your parents may be in power now, but in a few years, the only power they will have over your life is the power you choose to let them have. We heard a story about a man, it might have been the writer Tracy Kidder, who worked on a project in a nursing home. When the project ended, he told his wife and young daughter that he never

wanted to end up in a nursing home. His daughter then looked up at her father with a glint in her eye and said, "Well then, Daddy, you'd better be nice to me." Wayne & Tamara Wayne & Tamara are the authors of *Cheating in a Nutshell* and *The Young Woman's Guide to Older Men*—available from Amazon, iTunes, and booksellers everywhere. White Egret By Chris Abani A stream in a forest and a boy fishing, heart aflame, head hush, tasting the world—lick and pant. The Holy Scripture is animal not book. I should know, I have smoked the soul of God, psalm burning between fingers on an African afternoon. And how is it that death can open up an alleluia from the core of a man? How easily the profound fritters away in words. And the simple wisdom of my brother: What you taste with abandon even God cannot take from you. All my life, men with blackened insides have fought to keep the flutter of a white egret in my chest

from bursting into flight, into glory. Chris Abani, "White Egret" from *Smoking the Bibe*. Copyright © 2022 by Chris Abani. Reprinted by permission of Copper Canyon Press, www.coppercanyonpress.org. Novelist, poet, essayist, screenwriter and playwright Chris Abani grew up in Afikpo, Nigeria. Abani earned a BA in English from Imo State University, Nigeria; an MA in English, Gender and Culture from Birkbeck College, University of London; and a PhD in Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Southern California. Although Abani's writing is inextricably linked to suffering experienced under Nigeria's military dictatorship, the author once stated of literature, "The art is never about what you write about. The art is about how you write about what you write about. I was a writer before I was in prison." In an online interview with Southern California Poetix contributor Carlye Archibeque, Abani further commented on his work: "The problem is we're looking for something that doesn't exist. We're looking for authenticity. There is no such thing as authenticity. There is either good art or bad art."

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52. Make a mistake
53. Landlord’s due
55. Small lump
57. *State Farm Stadium state
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69. Cuckoo
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29. *School with most NCAA basketball titles
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51. Speech at a funeral
54. Lacking guile
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58. Indian princess
59. Turkmenistan’s neighbor
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64. What means justify
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Events from Mar 7th

Springfield Museum closure

We have big news to share here at the Museum! We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 31, 2024, while our staff and ...

Storytime

Thursday 7:00 pm

Children's Story Time

The O'Brien Memorial Library has Story Time on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. Enter the world of imagination and learning by ...

EMERALD ART CENTER

Fri Mar 8th 4:00pm - 7:30pm

2nd Friday Art Walk

Emerald Art Center in downtown Springfield

Lane County Parks

Mon Mar 11th 8:00am - 7:30pm

Lane County Parks Advisory Committee

The Parks Advisory Committee meets 2nd Monday of each month (except during July & August). It advises the Board of County Commissioners on ...

SPRINGFIELD Public Schools

Mon Mar 11th 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Springfield School Board Business Meeting

Springfield Public Schools is led by a five-member elected school board. The Board of Directors meets twice during most months during the ...

Lane County Board of Commissioners

The Board of Commissioners meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board ...

KIDS EAT FREE

Mon Mar 11th

Kids eat free!

Every Monday (with adult meal purchase). Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 729-9588.

MEKENZIE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Mar 12th 9:00am - 11:00am

Family Story Time

Some special FIC at Central Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!

FOOD DRIVE

Wed Mar 13th - Wed 20th

Walden Elementary School Food Drive

Benefiting Walden students and families in need. The Food Drive helps students come together as a community to make a positive impact. ...

McKenzie Watershed Council

The Mar 12th 5:00pm - 8:30pm

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McKenzie School District Board of Directors

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McKenzie School District Board of Directors

Meeting will be livestreamed viewing available at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCCH4-c9Rf-uaw5D4L5MCwQ Address: Sublim Public

BINGO!

Wed Mar 13th 8:00pm - 9:00pm

Wacky Wednesdays Bingo

Cards go on sale at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call 361-729-9588 for reservations in the morning spots fill up quickly. Budget and more ...

St. Patrick's Day

Mon Mar 18th 5:00pm - 7:00pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17, 5-7 pm. Come visit with your neighbors over a corned beef dinner with all the fixins. Suggested donation, \$10 per person. & ...

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A Moment
in Oregon
History

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March 2 - Joseph Lane was a decorated war hero and a legislator from Indiana when President Polk appointed him the Governor of Oregon Territory. He arrived at Oregon City on March 2, 1849 and served as Governor until 1850. He enjoyed a long career in politics; was elected as Oregon’s first state senator and ran for vice-president on the Democratic ticket in 1860. But after the Civil War, Lane’s pro-slavery stance and strong Southern sympathy, ruined his political ambitions. He moved to the Umpqua Valley and died in 1881. Lane County is named in his honor.

Ski Report

March 5, 2023
The Hoodoo Ski Resort’s report from Sunday was cautioning people if they strayed off trail due to super deep snow. Another 6 – 12 inches was expected. For more information call 541-822-3337.
Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 19 degrees at the base and 16 degrees near the summit on Tuesday. 8 inches of new snow fell overnight, bringing the snowpack to 129 inches. Snow was continuing to fall this morning with another 2 – 3 inches expected. Winds were mild from the West and diminishing. The Summit was closed for the day due to a storm in progress – check the resort for updates. 80 of 122 trails were open, along with 10 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

There he took whatever jobs he could find and continued working on getting work as a freelance cartoonist.
At last, that started to happen. A Minnesota-based risqué gag magazine called The Calgary Eye-Opener started buying his work.
Then a new owner took over the Eye-Opener, laid off the entire staff, and offered to hire Carl for \$110 a month. This was in 1931.
At the eye-opener, Carl Barks learned his job was basically to crank out as many drawings and write as many gags as he possibly could. The magazine would then buy a few freelance pieces from other artists to fill the issue.
Carl was fast enough that the magazine became almost entirely a one-man show. To disguise this, Carl signed his work with a variety of house names or pseudonyms.
It was a good job, good enough to ride out the first few grim years of the Depression at any rate; and Carl met and married a woman in Minneapolis, Clara Balken, a gorgeous telephone operator at the hotel he lived in.
Then in 1932, a new owner, Annette Fawcett, who called herself the “Henna-Haired Hurricane of Joy and Laughter,” bought the business and fired the editor. Her chaotic, ebullient management style spilled over into the finance department, and Carl and the other employees started regularly getting stiffed on their paychecks. Figuring the Eye-Opener was about to go belly-up, Carl started looking around for another job.

Comic-book artist

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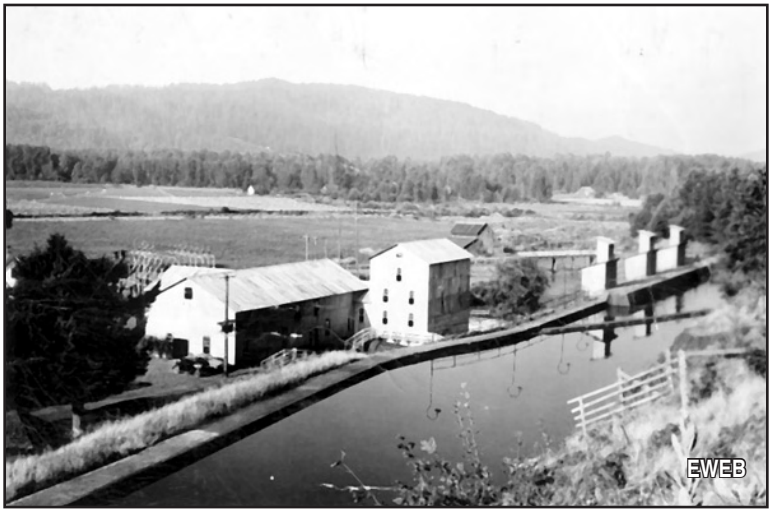
Alan Light
Carl Barks as he appeared in 1982, at age 81, at an art gallery.

After Carl submitted his application, he was immediately invited to come out to California and join the Disney crew — on probation. It was not only a big pay cut, but a big risk as well. If someone at Disney decided he wasn’t good enough, or fast enough, or even the right fit — he’d be out on his ear with a month and a half’s meager pay in his pocket, and maybe not even enough scratch to slink back to Minneapolis.
But he didn’t hesitate. And we’ll talk about what happened after Carl Barks moved to California in Part Two of this story.
(Sources: Carl Barks and the Disney Comic Book, a book by Thomas Andrae published in 2006 by University Press of Mississippi; “The Hunt for the Anonymous Cartoonist Who Transformed Pop Culture,” a video essay by Matt TT (youtube.com/@mattwith4ts) published Jan. 20, 2024, on YouTube; Funnybooks, a book by Michael Barrier published in 2014 by University of California Press.)
Finn J.D. John teaches at Oregon State University and writes about odd tidbits of Oregon history. His most recent book, Bad Ideas and Horrible People of Old Oregon, published by Ouragan House early this year. To contact him or suggest a topic: finn@offbeatoregon.com or 541-357-2222.

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Walterville Canal

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A leak detection device that registered the alert is located near the Walterville Powerhouse, on Kickbush Lane, off Camp Creek Road.

age monitoring device was working correctly. They were unable to identify any obvious reasons for the increased seepage.
To fully investigate the seepage change and stop it from increasing, EWEB decided to dewater the canal to look for issues. Crews will conduct additional investigations over the next several weeks to determine the causes and timing for rewatering the canal and returning

to service.
All investigations will be performed under the oversight of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC’s) dam safety program. EWEB must receive FERC approval to resume normal generation activities.
The review process may include oversight of the investigatory procedures, certification of the findings, and approving a planned course of action if needed. EWEB says it will provide an update after determining more about this developing issue.

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Guest Opinion

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"What's that?" she'd say in that shaky voice. "This darn phone..."

Afterward, people would say, "Was that The Whip?"

Helen wanted me to write a regular column about her views. She had a lot of things to say about Ronald Reagan, for example, although he'd been out of the presidency for years by then. I told her three times the editors wouldn't be interested, but she persisted.

"They wouldn't have to pay me a salary, just expenses," she'd say.

Helen died in January 1996 at the age of 92. The manager of the trailer park where she lived said she died of a heart attack. She hadn't been feeling well and she took a piece of bread to bed with her, to nibble on, he figured. A grandson came out from Michigan to handle the burial arrangements. The park manager said there was a rumor that Helen had \$60,000 squirreled away in her trailer, but now nobody could find it. I doubt that was true.

So that was about it. I wrote about her, and listened to her. I went to see her a couple times, and she made us lunch once. I showed her how to use her microwave. I didn't make her nervous when she drove.

And I held her hand when we walked through the senior center. I hope reporters today, busy as they are in the frenetic news cycles, are able to do the same, sometimes.

Eric Mortenson is a Pacific Northwest writer who spent 37 wondrous years at Oregon newspapers. Per Eric: "I'm a husband to one wife, dad to four kids, and a useful human to two dogs and two cats." Subscribe for free at: eric-mortenson@substack.com.

Garbage haulers

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Lane County is scheduled to issue a Capital Improvement Bond in Spring of 2024 to cover up-front costs to build the BHS facility. Revenue from landfill tipping fees would be used to pay for the facility.

commissioners who approved this deal imposed significant garbage tipping rate increases on county taxpayers to offset costs associated with the project."

When voting to approve the project, commissioners Heather Buch (East Lane), Pat Farr (North Eugene), and Laurie Trieger (South Eugene) reviewed staff reports that cited benefits including mitigation of methane from the Short Mountain Landfill.

Public Works Director Dan Hurley called the plan "an exciting opportunity for our community," that he felt would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions "to the tune of taking 30,000 cars off the road."

Hurley added the project should create 190 jobs during the two-year construction period, followed by "65 ongoing family-wage positions to operate the IMERF after it opens."

Voting against the plan were David Loveall of Springfield and Ryan Ceniga of West Lane County, who said they were concerned about costs and whether the county had fully informed the public.

In his letter, Pelroy says that at the time of the vote, commissioners were presented with an incomplete contract, "with 'BHS PROJECTS @ LANE COUNTY LLC,' a shell LLC that did not win the bid. Additionally, a provision in the contract states if either defaults on the contract, Lane County will be responsible for purchasing the private company's equipment, valued at \$100 million."

McKenzie Fire & Rescue

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McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 18th

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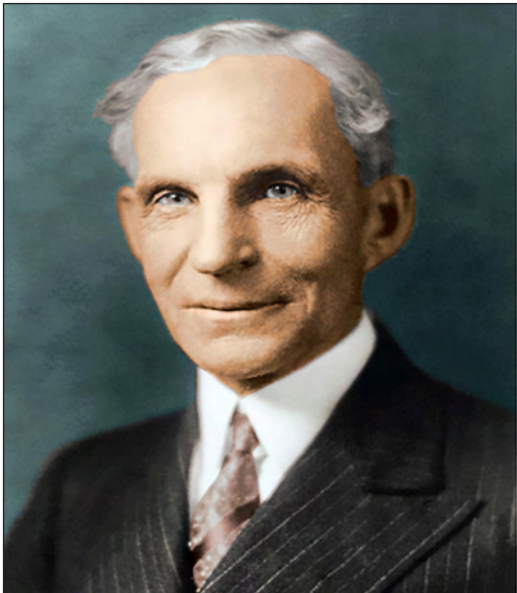
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