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Business owners seek to wipe out graffiti problem

SPRINGFIELD — Believe me, there are many, many more crimes that occur in our community that warrant significant attention and resources above something like graffiti.

Violent crime, hate crime, robbery, and so many more leap to mind. If those crimes are like a cancer on our society, graffiti might be more akin to a bad cold.

But like a cold, graffiti is incredibly frustrating, and like a cold, it tends to spread easily.

In Springfield, we've seen a real uptick in graffiti and leading voices in both the business community and law enforcement stress that the entire community cannot become complacent if we hope to put a real dent in the problem.

"We are trying to solve the problem in the moment," said Vonnie Mikkelsen, president.

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Michael Dunne
Business member

CHASING HISTORY

BOB WILLIAMS / THE CHRONICLE

Cloe Chase, a Springfield resident who attends Marist Catholic, is one of the state's top soccer players. Chase has 31 goals on the season — best in the state — and is 3 goals away from becoming the 15th athlete in Oregon history to score 100 career goals.

EUGENE — If the name Cloe Chase isn't familiar, here's a quick rundown of the senior Marist Catholic girls soccer star: 97 career goals; 31 goals in 11 games this season; defending Class 4A state champion; University of Oregon commit; Portland Thorns academy player.

Quite the list of athletic accomplishments.

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WORLD'S BIGGEST BOVINE?

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Volunteers Blaire West (left) and Tracey Hulick-Nowell give Romeo, a potentially soon-to-be world record holder, some love. The Guinness World Record for tallest cow is 6-1; Romeo measures in at just over 6-3.

Creswell cow gunning for Guinness record

BY AMANDA LUREY
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CRESWELL — Romeo oh Romeo, how tall art thou Romeo?

Romeo is a 6-year-old Holstein cow who lives at Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary — a non-profit established in 2016 which cares for 79 abused, neglected, abandoned, injured, and special needs farm animals — in Creswell, and he might be the tallest cow in the world.

"For years, my husband's been telling me, 'He is such a tall cow. He's probably the tallest cow in the world.' I was just like, 'He's a Holstein, so he's tall,'" said Misty Moore, who is the founder and operator of Welcome Home. "I just knew Holsteins were tall, but then we saw that the world record was like 6-1, and we were like, 'Well, we know he's taller than that.' So we had our vet come out and measure him, and that's when we found out he's 6-3 3/8."

Current Guinness World Record holder Tommy, a 13-year-old Brown Swiss steer from Cheshire, Mass., was measured at 6-1. Although they live on opposite coasts and are different breeds, Romeo and Tommy share similar backgrounds, having both been saved from dairy farms.

Six years ago, a woman, with no capacity to own cows, saved five from a veal crate at a dairy farm. Romeo was only 10 days old, and Moore took him in with his crate mate Milo. Moore said Romeo is a rare survivor of the dairy industry since "male calves are considered waste products ... because they do not produce milk."

"Every animal here has a story, not a great story," Moore said. "They've overcome their past and learned to accept kindness again — and learn kindness maybe for the first time for some of them. They're all so forgiving. Animals are amazing."

Moore said her love and passion for animals has always been part of who she is. Prior to opening Welcome Home, Moore fostered and rescued cats and dogs, but she said her heart was always with farm animals.

"From my earliest memories, I can remember worrying about the welfare of animals," Moore said. "I founded Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary."

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TREASURE VALLEY RELOAD CENTER

Smith bails out, what’s next?

By Lee Zales
The Enterprise

NYSSA – The Treasure Valley Reload Center, hobbled by mismanagement, is now without a leader.

Project manager Greg Smith unexpectedly walked away from Malheur County, resigning on Feb. 17 without explanation and in the face of intensifying questions about his work.

He didn’t respond to messages seeking comment, but leaves behind a project that is far from done, millions of dollars short and nowhere near ready to move colts out of the Treasure Valley.

Smith gave officials just 11 days’ notice he was quitting his supervision of what has become a \$40 million public works project in Nyssa.

Greg Kitamura, president of Malheur County Development Corp., said he expects a smooth transition.

“The parting of company between Smith & Company and MDCDC is totally unaccompanied,” he said in an email to the Enterprise.

The public company, established by the county to build the Treasure Valley Reload Center, has no plan on how to replace Smith. Members, Kitamura and other board members face other urgent tasks for their beleaguered shipping center.

Construction on the reload center stopped in December and contractors cleared out. To get going again, the development company must finish new financing deals with Malheur County officials and with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

That would allow construction to return for two key tasks – raising the warehouse building shell and putting in a fourth rail spur required for operations.

But more money is needed to equip that building, put in streets, power and sewer and to buy an engine to shuttle rail cars on the 65-acre site.

Getting the money to do any of that presents one of the development company’s most daunting tasks: convincing legislators for the third time to bail out the Nyssa project. Smith has failed in most of his efforts to get more money from any source but the Legislature.



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TINY DANCERS, BIG SMILES



Above: The Tiny Dancers team from Jordan Valley performs on Tuesday, Feb. 21, during a break in the high school state girls basketball playoff match between Jordan Valley and Josephine. Left: Bailey Smith smiles over the pom-poms as the girls, who range from pre-kindergarten to fourth grade, put on a show.

(ANGIE SILLONIS/Special to the Enterprise)

Police, schools faced with spate of swatting calls

By Pat Caldwell
The Enterprise

ONTARIO – The caller was insistent. Shots had been fired at an Ontario home. A resident was injured. The shooter was still active and a threat.

The Oregon State Police, the Ontario Police Department and the Malheur County Sheriff’s Office all deployed to the home and surrounded it.

For 45 tense minutes they searched the area and prepared for the worst.

Then an elderly woman walked out the door of the house.

“Can I help you boys?” asked the 78-year-old woman.

There was no active shooter. No one was shot. The incident several years ago was triggered by what is known as a swatting call, and the same type of hoax played out last week at Ontario High School.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, a caller notified the Malheur County Dispatch team was a shooter at the high school and that several students had been shot.

Police from across the county responded, soon establishing the call was a hoax. A similar race played out at the same time at other locations in Oregon.

Ontario High School teachers and staff responded fast to the potential threat as the school was placed in a lockdown status.

In a statement on the Ontario School District website, officials wrote, “Thankfully, due to current safety measures we have in place within the district, our exterior doors are already locked to the public, and all classroom doors are locked from the inside.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, a rash of swatting calls also spread across Idaho.

The calls put police in a difficult position. They must respond to every emergency yet the hoaxes drain resources.

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Rural housing bill stalls as opposition grows

By Steven Mitchell
The Enterprise

A legislative fix intended to unlock housing in Malheur County is facing a flood of opposition that could hinder years of efforts to address the region’s shortage of affordable homes.

A technical definition in state law that is blocking housing on farmland in irrigation districts prompted Senate Bill 70, proposed by state Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Idaho. The legislation aims to clear that hurdle by changing the legal definition for certain high-value farmlands.

However, the bill, assigned to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, saw significant pushback from several conservation groups during a public hearing Wednesday, Feb. 8. No more action has been scheduled for the bill.

The legislation two years ago was proposed as a limited way to create new home sites on farm land that was of marginal agricultural use. No more than 300 homes would have been allowed in Malheur County under that 2021 reform, proposed by Findley.

Critics like Elizabeth Dix, legislative committee chair with the Oregon Storm Club, said during the hearing that the passage of Senate Bill 35 in 2021 set a bad precedent in ending Oregon’s land use planning system. That legislation was supposed to open up 200 acres of farm land to housing development in the eastern Oregon border region.

The proposed fix “would further erode agricultural lands protections,” Dix said.

Mary Kyle McCurdy, deputy director of 1000 Friends of Oregon, the primary land use watchdog in Oregon, said in an interview that the land in question would not meet the housing challenges facing Malheur County.

According to McCurdy, the parcels of land that could be unlocked for homes are not in agricultural areas and wouldn’t meet the needs of families whose kids are going to schools in Ontario or whose jobs are located in population centers.

McCurdy added that Ontario has available land in its urban growth boundary and more in its urban reserve, which is land set aside for population growth. With that, McCurdy said there is no need to open up farmland.

Sharon Penman, executive director of the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board, a public body established to grow the economy within the region and a vital piece of the legislative strategy, said the border board opened up housing incentives to build in the urban growth boundary in Ontario.

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In the HOT SEAT



Anniversary of Riverside Fire begs question: Are intense fire seasons the new normal?

By Alan, Christopher Keizer, Anna Dui Savio and Karlo Salinas

Many have heard the local catch phrase of U.S. Forest Service mascot Smokey Bear: "Only you can prevent wildfires." With the anniversary of the Riverside Fire that devastated 120,000 acres of rural Clackamas County in 2020 upon its, the question looms: How do we prevent wildfires? And are these fires set to be expected in the new August?

Over the past decade, fire seasons in western and eastern Oregon have become progressively longer and more intense. A record number of wildfires raged across the landscape, with people living on high alert as areas as far as 100 miles away have felt the impact.

With the Riverside Fire, the anniversary of the Riverside Fire is a reminder of the impact of these fires on the community and the environment. The fire, which burned for 10 days, destroyed 1,000 homes and 1,000 acres of forest. It was the largest wildfire in the history of Clackamas County.

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Sandy community invited to conversation with city manager finalists

Sandy City Council plans to announce decision on Sept. 15

By Alan, Christopher Keizer, Anna Dui Savio and Karlo Salinas

With former Sandy City Manager James "Bud" Dwyer's departure on May 31, the city began its search for a new leader. The city council has invited five finalists to a public conversation on September 15th.

The finalists are:

- ALAN DUI SAVIO
- CHRISTOPHER KEIZER
- ANNA DUI SAVIO
- KARLO SALINAS
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By Pamela Media Group

The hundred days ago this Saturday, the "War on and all wars" finally came to an end.
The Great War was remarkable in history, catastrophic in its loss of life. It spread the death toll of millions that had never before. It changed the face of the world irrevocably.
We today celebrate the anniversary of America's Veterans Day, honoring all those who have served with honor to our armed forces.
And sadly, the "War on and all wars" was not.
The Great War is better known today by a different name: World War I. It was the stage for an even greater and more terrible conflict, World War II.
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West Linn to make offer to new city attorney

City began looking for in-house city attorney in April

By KELLY BATHOLMEW
Pamela Media Group

The city of West Linn will officially offer its newly formed in-house city attorney position to a candidate previously interviewed by the West Linn City Council, city staff and a handful of citizens.
In a special meeting that lasted five minutes Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 1, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Rory Haskins and director Lynn Hartman to make a formal offer to the candidate and begin negotiations.
City officials at the meeting did not reveal the candidate's name.
"The candidate is currently employed elsewhere and, at a glance, we are not sharing the person's name in this context of respect for the fact that they currently have another employer," Haskins said. "We have not yet tentatively accepted a position with the city," Haskins said.
A final decision from the council would come in the form of an employment agreement that would be approved at a subsequent meeting once terms are negotiated.
Council President Mary Haskins said she promised to publicly share more information about the candidate as soon as possible, while respecting the candidate's confidentiality.
The city hired Hartman to begin the recruitment process in March, several months after the council opted to change the city's attorney service model. Previously the city received legal counsel exclusively from outside municipal firms.
In September, the city hired a temporary attorney to "fill the gap" until the city could find a permanent attorney.
At Wednesday's meeting Haskins said the candidate to whom the offer will be made was part of the initial candidate pool that was asked to be withdrawn from consideration. A few weeks ago, Haskins said, the candidate reached back out to the city to say they'd like to still be considered for the position.
"We conducted an executive session and interview process that included members of the public from any advisory boards and are excited to offer an outstanding candidate a position with the city and city attorney," Haskins said.

Lifesavers or chaos creators?

Readers weigh in on West Linn roundabouts

Most respondents favor roundabouts, many cite incompetence of other drivers as problem

By KELLY BATHOLMEW
Pamela Media Group

A recent informal poll by Pamela Media showed a majority of respondents are generally in favor of roundabouts, but that they become problematic when other drivers fail to use them properly.
Approximately 70%, or 21 of 30 respondents from around the metro area, said they found roundabouts easy to drive. About 15% said they found roundabouts difficult to use, and another 15% responded "neither or either."
One person responded "neither" clarified they find roundabouts easy to drive but are "large enough that you can make the road going around it. Not the case with the one on W 10th St," they said, referring to a new roundabout at 10th Street and Williamson Falls Drive in West Linn.
More respondents who answered "either" shared that they thought roundabouts were easy only when other drivers know how to use them.
"I find it easy, but other drivers can be clueless when approaching a roundabout," one respondent said. "I just assume someone will let go and keep very, very aware."
Most respondents, 21 of 30, also shared they had never been stuck in a roundabout, while 27 said they generally considered roundabouts to be an improvement.
A majority of respondents, 16 of 30, who said it was a good idea to build a roundabout on Williamson Falls Drive near Fisher Bridge Park and the new Ashby Creek Middle School.
"Roundabouts are a great idea," one respondent said. See KRONENBERG / A3



The new roundabout at 10th Street and Williamson Falls Drive opened to traffic Oct. 5. (See more about construction.)

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Saluting the people that make
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By LYNDON ZAJTZ & ROBIN BARNEY
Of the Keizertimes

As a well-attended banquet on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Keizer Chamber of Commerce staged its annual First Citizen Awards event, honoring Marsha Stallings among others.

Every year the Keizer Chamber of Commerce honors those in the community that go above and beyond the call of duty assisting the community, the Chamber, or businesses in Keizer. This year's award recipients was a cross-section of people who give of their time and expertise, exemplifying the city's motto: Pride, Spirit and Volunteerism.

The awards presented Saturday night were: First Citizen, Merchant of the Year, President's Award, Service to Education and Future First Citizen's Award.

The First Citizen Award is bestowed on an individual who has dedicated time and talent to benefit the quality of life of our past, present and future. In 1964 the first First Citizen Award was given to Robert O Smith for his achievements in the Keizer community.

The 2022 First Citizen is Marsha Stallings, who was visibly shocked by the announcement.

Presenter Jonathan Thompson (stepping in for last year's winner, Jim Taylor) read a list of Stallings recent activities in the community. "Many of the events that make Keizer so special work because this person is behind the scenes working. For example, both the KeizerFEST

and the Christmas tree at Walery Plaza.

When she stepped to the microphone, with tears in her eyes, said, "I love my family and I love all of you. Corri (Falsdread, the Chamber's executive director), thank you for letting me be a part of everything. I really appreciate it. Please don't let me say anything else."

The Merchant of the Year is given to an individual or business that did the most in for the Keizer Business Community. The honoree must be a Keizer Chamber member and has assisted moving forward the organization of developing the current and future workforce, promote Keizer, advocating for business and economic development. In 1959 the first Merchant of the Year was given to Ray Boucher for his achievements in the Keizer business community and helping form the Chamber of Commerce's forerunner the Keizer Merchants Association.

Lyndon Zajitz, publisher of the Keizertimes is the 2022 Merchant of the Year. Recipients' testimonials showed, after his name was announced including comments from former Mayor Lore Christopher and others citing Zajitz's volunteer work in the community as well as being a supporter of small businesses.

His father, Clarence won the same award in 1964; his brother Lee, and his wife, Scott Callister won the award in 1994.

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SKPS Board discuss SROs on campus

By JOSHUA MANES
Of the Keizertimes

The heated debate of School Resource Officers (SROs) on Salem-Keizer campuses was back on for the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board.

At a work session on Tuesday, Jan. 24, the Safe and Welcoming School Committee and the work it will do were major points of discussion.

Non Udonesanta, SKPS assistant superintendent for secondary education, presented to the board what the intent of the newly-formed committee is.

The committee is tasked with learning, monitoring and understanding the important aspects of school safety, both physical and psychological.

Prior to Udonesanta's presentation, board director for zone 2 Marty Heyen gave a timeline of the removal of SROs that started nearly three years ago.

Heyen said that the March 2020 police killing of George Floyd created a tide of anti-police sentiment throughout the nation that led to the calling for the removal of SROs. According to Heyen, when she polled board members in June 2020, every board member wanted SROs to stay in one way or another.

In August of that same year, a student task force was formed to examine the issue. Heyen stated that the student task force concluded the problem should be fixed, not removed entirely.

However, in March of 2021, the cancellation of the SRO contract was announced.

Satyee Chandragiri, board director for zone 4, has been one of the main voices in favor of the return of SROs, even mentioning it in his initial announcement for re-election.

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New officers and fire chief for Central Douglas Fire and Rescue Authority

WARRIAN SCHOLD
Fire Authority

The Central Douglas Fire and Rescue Authority held its first board meeting since becoming a new independent authority Monday.

Central Douglas Fire and Rescue Authority is a joint effort by Watson-Oakland Fire District and Douglas County Fire District No. 2. Watson-Oakland Fire District

President Rob Schumacher said that the Central Douglas Fire and Rescue Authority was created with the hope for more access to resources to best serve the Watson-Oakland and greater Douglas County area.

Douglas County Fire District No. 2 Secretary Rob Schumacher said his name forward as the first president of the group, following a long process after

the meeting was called. The meeting focused largely on putting people in key positions for the new organization.

Rob Bullock, current fire chief for Douglas County Fire District No. 2, was appointed fire chief for the Central Douglas Fire and Rescue.

Rob Skingley, current Watson-Oakland Fire District secretary, was named

vice president. Next year it will be someone from the Douglas County Fire District No. 2.

Jessica Hansen, chief financial officer of Douglas County Fire District No. 2, passed the need for an agent of record.

"This is just a conversation piece to figure out where the board wants to go so that we can get things rolling for the fire authority to get

insurance policies," Hansen said. "We really can't do anything without making that decision."

The decision for an agent of record was tabled until the next board meeting, which is scheduled to take place Aug. 23 at the Watson Fire department, due to concerns by board members.

Prior to the decision to

DOUGLAS FIRE, A3

ZZ WARD

comes home



ZZ Ward speaks to the crowd at Tuesday's Music on the Half Shell concert held at Stewart Park in Roseburg.

WARRIAN SCHOLD
Fire Authority

For some, the cascaded back-pedal style lawn chairs the size of their bodies toward the Nicholas Road Shell Tuesday night at Stewart Park.

Between the echoes of laughter and the hiss of charcoal barbecue and the hiss of charcoal barbecue – the crowd was setting in for ZZ Ward.

Singing about her "cherry crush," ZZ Ward kicked off the show with her 2019 release, "See & Shakin'!" as people

warmed up for a night of dancing, singing and good eats.

"Wow, Roseburg, Oregon, thank you all for coming out tonight. Welcome back! If you've been before, and if you haven't, I'm ZZ Ward from Roseburg, Oregon! High School graduate and a UCC (University of Central California) graduate – you might've met me in the local Roseburg for Love parking lot trying to sell you my music!" Ward said. "When I got so much love from Douglas County."

Ward recounted the influence her father had on her music career, saying he was her biggest inspiration, pushing her on stage at the age of 18.

The thumping of drums and vibrations of singing moved through the audience.

Mikhaela Ward, ZZ's daughter, held his hand, as she danced along the edge of the rolling walking like she was on a tightrope, both hands.

"I've been for ZZ, but I gotta tell you I was locked back over these stilling my face," Ward said. "I know her dad, he plays a mean harmonica."

Ward, originally from England, has lived in Roseburg for 50 years. The son of Daddy Ward, ZZ's father, a two-day-long music party previously hosted

ZZ WARD, A3



Matthew Chivers dances to ZZ Ward. (Right) Fans of ZZ Ward hold signs at the side of the reggae Tuesday's Music on the Half Shell concert held at Stewart Park in Roseburg.



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Bend-La Pine Schools

Megan Koonster, a student success coordinator and a licensed clinical social worker, uses the Bridge program, which offers support for students and their families as they re-engage with their educational process at Pilot Butte Middle School in Bend. The Bridge Room is for students who are struggling with academics due to mental health challenges and trauma.

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'WE ARE TEACHING
IN A WAR ZONE'

Bend-La Pine
teachers, district
work against
disrupted learning

BY NICOLE ARELLANO-SUMNER • The Bulletin

The Bend-La Pine elementary school teacher was bleeding. One of her students had stabbed her arm with a pencil in a classroom she described as often out of control. Chairs have been thrown, desks overturned, and once a student started out of the room, scaled a nearby fence and disappeared.

The student behavior was described in a memo the teacher gave to a survey from the teachers union in February. "My tears within reach to throw across the room," she wrote. "Explosives are being hurled at myself and my students, in control." She added, "It's only Monday. And I've got to get these test scores up somehow, because that's what we're alive right?"

Classroom in the Bend-La Pine School District are in chaos.

The district has been addressing the issue and recently created a task force to look into it further.

Teachers are contemplating leaving education.

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A painting with a message in Koonster's classroom.

OREGON LEGISLATURE

Senate Republican walkout
continues into second week

BY GARY A. WARNER
Oregon Capital Bureau

The rift between Democrats and Republicans in the Oregon Legislature grew wider on Monday as House Republicans boycotted a key committee meeting while GOP absentees kept the Senate shut down for a sixth straight day.

The parliamentary moves and flurry of press releases method around last-bustion legislation on abortion, trans gender rights, guns and child welfare with a renewed fight over rent control surfaced this week.

The possibility of House Republicans joining the shutdown was "on the table," said House Minority Leader Rep. Vikki Henson (Iremore, E. Prineville).

"We stand with our Senate Republican col-

leagues," she said.

The walkouts come as key pieces of the Democratic agenda are coming up for a vote in the Senate after winning approval in the House. If approved, the bills would go to Gov. Tina Kotek, a Democrat, who supports all of the legislation.

Republicans first organized the walkout to stop consideration of House Bill 2002, an abortion access and transgender rights law approved by the House. The House also recently passed gun control legislation in House Bill 2005, which is waiting to be taken up in the Senate. On Monday, the Senate Rules Committee passed a bill that would cap possible future residential rent increases at 3% per year.

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Some hunters split over Deschutes
County's proposed mule deer zone

BY MICHAEL KIMM

The Bulletin

The board of a local branch of the Oregon Hunters Association says it is reverting to support for a plan devised by Deschutes County that is intended to improve habitat for mule deer. But not all members, both across the state and locally, agree with the board's decision.

The board of directors of the local chapter of the hunters association said it can no longer support the county's proposed Mule Deer Winter Range Culling Zone, also known as an "overkill zone," a year-round effort to cull members had previously supported the rule changes.

"We reviewed the plan extensively," said Doug Reed, vice president of Bend chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association. "Our concern is that it is such a singular solution to

what is a multifaceted problem."

What's at stake is the future of mule deer development in Deschutes County, which the overlay zone is adopted by the three-member County Commission, land development regulations for private property will change and, in some cases, hunting opportunities.

The proposed new regulations are intended to conserve migratory routes and breeding areas for mule deer. For example, the plan could mean leaving large tracts of their land undeveloped.

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PUBLISHING PREJUDICE

The whitewashing of Albina's destruction

The Oregonian put a shiny veneer of progress on government projects, disregarding the Black residents forced to move

Rob Davis The Oregonian/OregonLive

Content warning: This story contains quotations of racist views and statements The Oregonian printed. It is part of a series examining the newspaper's history of racism.

The white men leading Oregon's highway department were ready to dramatically reshape Portland as soon as federal money arrived. Their asphalt aspirations, unveiled in 1965, envisioned dozens of miles of interstate highways revolutionizing automobile travel in the growing post-war city.

Some of the freeways would never be built. Others moved after hitting neighborhood resistance. But Interstate 5 quickly cleaved a path through the Albina district, the heart of Black Portland.

Highway engineers dead-ended dozens of streets and demolished hundreds of homes.

Oregon's leading newspaper barely noticed.

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Donna Maxey stands under Interstate 5 in North Portland, where her childhood home once stood. The home sat on a double lot, with gardens and fruit trees. Beth Nakamura, staff

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NATION

Biden signs debt limit bill

Two days before the Treasury Department estimated it would run out of money to pay the nation's debts, President Joe Biden signed into law a bill to suspend the debt ceiling, ending months of partisan wrangling. **A21**

SPORTS

Fireworks at the finish line

Cole Custer, running sixth, shot through a narrow opening to take the lead with two laps remaining to capture the NASCAR Xfinity Series race held Saturday at Portland International Raceway. **C1**

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Offices to housing?

Portland developers are cautiously exploring the conversion of downtown office buildings into apartments, hoping to take advantage of newly eased restrictions, but none has committed to a major renovation. **D2**

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Summer's hottest shows

There's plenty going on this summer in Portland, as well as other Oregon outdoor venues in Bend, Eugene and Troutdale, from music legends Diana Ross and Janet Jackson to Sam Smith and Pink Martini. **L&C8**

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