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Is progressivism compatible with freedom?

This July marks the 249th birthday of the United States, with next year celebrating its 250th, the "semiquincentennial." In its nearly 250 years, the U.S. has brought more freedom, more prosperity, and more dignity to more people than any other nation in history.

But, as the sayings go, "Tyranny never sleeps," and "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance."

For the dark forces of tyranny, the founding of the United States could not go unanswered. In 1848, *The Communist Manifesto* was published, marking the rise of Marxism in all its forms. While the American founding represents the highest realization of freedom in history, Marxism embodies the ultimate expression of suffocating tyranny. Just ask anyone who has lived under it. As someone said, "If they could, even the trees would leave."

The American system of freedom and Marxism are opposing worldviews. In the end, they are incompatible with one another. One believes in a Creator God and limited government, where individual liberty is paramount, grounded in just laws and tempered by Judeo-Christian ethics.

The other seeks centralized state control over every aspect of life, denying individual liberty and autonomy. It is tempered only by expediency, whatever must be done to advance the revolution, no matter how unjust or cruel it is to the individual. We have seen this over and over.

Opressor vs. the Oppressed

Today, all the left-wing "isms" — communism, socialism, progressivism, — derive from Marxism, even if not everyone on the left is aware of it.

Marxism rejects the idea of God or any transcendent authority, making the state the ultimate power. In the Marxist view, human beings are mere cosmic pimples, with no inherent value or rights.

Marxism is wholly based on the concept that everyone is either an oppressor or oppressed. Previously based on rich vs. the poor, modern Marxists and progressives have expanded it to include every aspect of life — especially race, gender, and religion. It fosters the idea of

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— Mike Wiley



a "hierarchy of oppression" where various "oppressed" groups fight to prove they are more oppressed — and therefore deserving of more "restorative justice." Philosopher Thomas Hobbes described this as, "a war of every man against every man."

This doesn't mean that progressivism is not attractive. It often is. It promises heaven on earth, to meet every human need, right every wrong, and correct every injustice. It promises to punish the greedy and lift up the downtrodden. It often has charismatic spokespeople and high enthusiasm. But, in the end, it's built on false assumptions, its promises are illusory and it delivers misery and oppression.

Not the individual, but the group

Under progressivism, since people are seen not as individuals, but as members of a group or tribe, progressivism focuses on "identity politics." People are defined by their group identity, then pitted against each other in a struggle for limited resources.

This emphasis on identity politics has baffled Boomers and Gen Xers, who were promised that embracing a color-blind society would allow everyone access to the American dream. Now, the left often argues that race should not only matter, but should often be the *only* thing that matters. The collectivist view is that group identity trumps all else.

Collectivism leads to constant conflict as various tribes wage war against others. This ongoing human warfare, justified in

the name of "equality," "social justice," getting the land or wealth to which your "tribe" feels entitled, is not new. It has been the historical norm and the source of war and bloodshed throughout history.

Today's "progressivism" is really regress — back to tribalism and constant conflict.

The collectivist/progressive mindset rejects absolutes and believes that nothing is fixed or certain. Therefore progressivism believe that even human nature can be reinvented, that things as fundamental as the nuclear family and gender are merely constructs, that they can be rooted out and replaced with the "new soviet man."

The past is meaningless

For progressivism, the past also is meaningless. We see this in Marxist revolutions. For instance, in China, Mao decreed that the "Seven Olds" must be destroyed, no matter the human cost. The past is not only irrelevant, but is actually a hindrance. What this means is that all past failures of socialism mean nothing to the socialist. Each generation of socialists says, "It hasn't been tried by us."

"The issue is always the revolution"

In the 1960s, a leading campus Marxist bluntly stated, "The issue is never the issue, the issue is always the revolution." For many true believer activists, the issues of the moment, climate change, Me Too, BLM, etc., are not the real issues. For the true Marxist believer, the real issue is always the revolution.

We are seeing how this works out in "progressive"-dominated cities all over the nation. Do we really want more of this?

The battle for freedom continues

As we approach the 250th birthday of the United States, it is time to recognize that "progressivism" represents a flawed philosophy that is fundamentally at odds with the founding ideals of the United States, the same ideals that have given Americans the amazing life and freedoms we have. However, tyranny never sleeps and unless we commit to defending American freedom from this challenge, it will be lost — and likely soon. **HVN**

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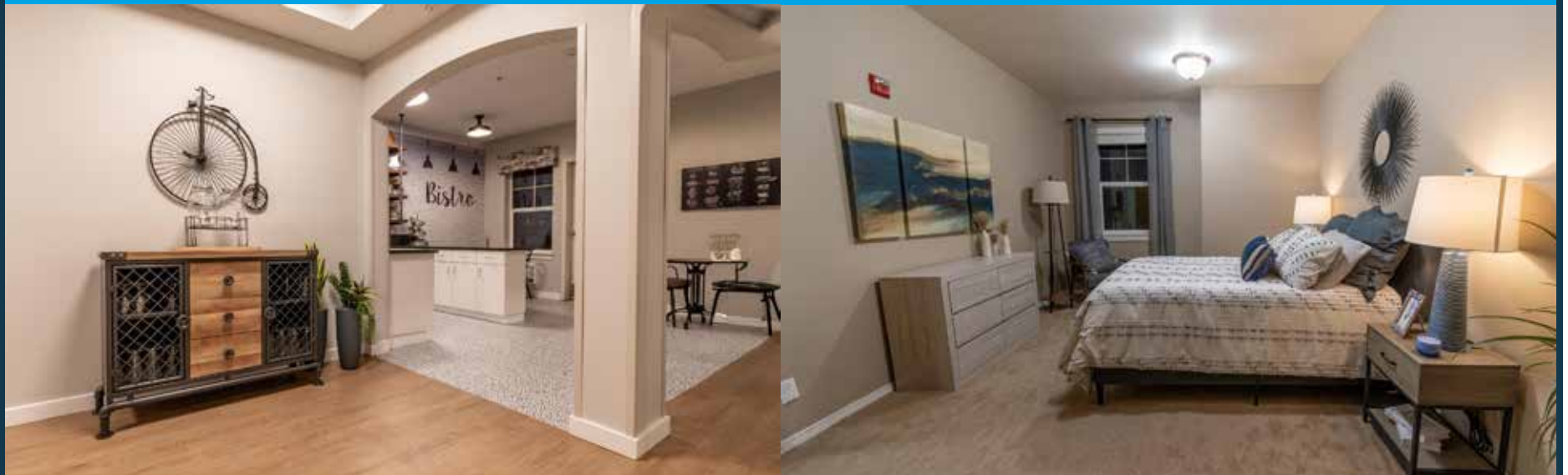
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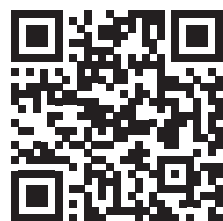
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Publisher

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Oregon has changed. But, change itself isn't the issue. Change is inevitable. The question is whether change is positive or negative, whether it brings improvement or decline, growth or decay.

During the twentieth century, in the post-WWII era up through the early 1970s, Oregon wasn't merely a place on the map, it was a unique place shaped by friendly, hard-working, resilient people.

When out-of-state visitors came to Oregon, they were enchanted by its natural beauty and fascinated by its unique culture. Visitors often remarked on how open and friendly Oregonians were. Oregon seemed well-governed both locally and at the state. The rivers and streams were clear, the beaches free and accessible, the roadways clean, communities safe, electrical power was cheap, businesses seemed to be bustling, and the state was growing. Outdoor activities like hiking, hunting, and fishing had few restrictions. There was no sales tax and all gas stations were full service — somebody pumped your fuel for you. Due to Oregon's ground-breaking Bottle Bill, sides of the roads weren't littered with trash like many other states.

Oregonians took pride in many things about their state. Lewis and Clark finished their daring westward exploration in Oregon. The Oregon Territory played a major part of the early exploration and expansion of the United States. The Oregon Trail defined what determination and courage was as tens of thousands of Americans risked everything for the opportunity to carve a new civilization

out of the wilderness. The mighty Columbia River, the majestic Mount Hood, and the mysterious Crater Lake marked Oregon as a special land. For many generations, the name "Oregon" fired the imagination of young Americans and stood for courage and independence.

In the post-war era, Oregon was generally considered a moderate Republican state. In the 1960s and 70s, led by Republican Governor Tom McCall, Oregonians had made common-sense environmental care a key priority.

The state legislature was usually majority Democrat, but both U.S. Senators were often Republicans. Republican and Democrat officials cooperated to pass laws for the betterment of the state. Elected officials seemed influenced toward moderation by another unique Oregon feature, the first-in-the-nation Initiative, Referendum, and Recall system. This system gave Oregonians direct say in their government and tended to encourage moderation from politicians, lest the citizens be motivated to take matters into their own hands.

Far from idyllic past

Today's Oregon seems to have fallen far from that idyllic era. In the past twenty years, and especially in the last ten, many of the things that made the state a unique place to live, that made Oregon, well, Oregon, have been dismantled and discarded one at a time.

Let's explore six ways in which the recent political tilt seems to be erasing Oregon's uniqueness. Of course, these aren't the only ways. We are not touching on things such as de-criminalization of drugs, potential

road tolling and the recent hefty increases in taxes and fees. We will focus on the following six issues:

- 1. From Green to Garbage:** How Oregon's homeless crisis is betraying its environmental soul;
- 2. Walls in the Wild:** Oregon's recent new policies are beginning to restrict Oregon's "outdoor democracy";
- 3. Treacherous Taxation:** Oregon's 2019 "hidden sales tax" betrayed a vital Oregon principle;
- 4. Choked at the Grassroots:** Oregon's famous initiative system seems to be slowly being strangled by new rules and regulations;
- 5. Unplugging Oregon:** Activist energy policy is driving higher costs for citizens and contributing to economic decline;
- 6. Full-Service Fade:** The quiet retreat from an Oregon tradition.

1. From Green to Garbage:

How Oregon's progressive politics is betraying its environmental soul

There was a time when Oregon was nationally known for its environmental leadership. The 1971 Bottle Bill, the first of its kind in the nation, made Oregon a model for reducing litter and promoting recycling. Volunteer organizations like SOLV—Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism—mobilized thousands of young people and Oregonians to clean rivers, beaches, parks, and roadways. Environmental



IRONY: One of the cleaner camps in the Sandy River Delta boasts an ironic sign. Many of the areas in the park resemble a garbage dump. (Photo Tara Faul)

stewardship wasn't just policy; it was part of the Oregon culture.

Today, that legacy is being buried under piles of garbage and human waste—much of it on formerly litter-free public lands and roadways now blighted by sprawling homeless camps. The dichotomy is stark in once-pristine places like the Sandy River Delta — previously a jewel of natural beauty, now seems a patchwork landscape of abandoned tents, broken furniture, needles, and filth.

Oregon's current leadership, which so often touts environmental values, has allowed an environmental disaster to fester in the name of compassion. But in protecting the "rights" of illegal campsites over environmental care, today's Oregon leaders have seem-

ingly turned a blind eye to widespread environmental desecration. Trail systems are trashed. Watersheds are polluted. Wildlife habitat is disturbed. As a result, Oregonians now walk their dogs through what amounts to makeshift landfills.

At the heart of this contradiction is a political ideology that sees homelessness primarily through the lens of victimhood. The narrative says that the unhoused are all victims of a broken system — but never addicts, never criminals, never individuals capable of making better choices. Under this narrative, enforcement is "cruel," and any attempt to dismantle or even relocate a camp is met with legal action, protest, or bureaucratic paralysis.

But the consequences of this are real — and visible.

Today's leaders have created what many critics now call the "homeless industrial complex"—a web of taxpayer-funded nonprofits, contractors, and state agencies that receive millions in funding with little measurable progress. Cleaning up the streets isn't profitable — but *managing* the crisis is. The incentives are sadly aligned to sustain the problem, not solve it.

Oregonians see the tents proliferating in urban corridors, trash building up under highway overpasses, and toilets — if they are to be found — overflowing near creeks and riverbanks. And they ask a fair question: If we were once willing to fight litter with such zeal that we outlawed pop cans on the

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roadside, how can we now tolerate piles of hypodermic needles littering parks and next to playgrounds?

The answer, increasingly, is political. Today's Oregon current leaders seem to have sacrificed Oregon's commitment to a clean environment on the altar of homeless victim-hood. They preach climate justice and green energy while ignoring the pollution and public health dangers multiplying right in front of them. It's not just bad policy — it's a betrayal of Oregon values.

Perhaps most tragically, it has changed the way the rest of the nation sees the state — no longer as a example of environmental stewardship, but as a cautionary tale of how values get sacrificed to left-leaning ideology.

2. Walls in the Wild

Oregon's recent policies seem to be restricting access

Oregon has long been known for its amazing outdoor beauty and accessibility. From the volcanic spires of the Sisters Wilderness to the loud rush of Multnomah Falls, resi-

dents and visitors alike have enjoyed climbing, hiking, kayaking, biking, hunting, and fishing. Oregonians also believed in an "outdoor democracy," where the rich and poor equally shared Oregon's picturesque and

Many hikers, after months of planning and training, find themselves shut out—like one hiker who posted on Reddit, "I tried to get a permit... Completely sold out immediately."

healing outdoor beauty. In 1967, under the leadership of moderate Republican Governor Tom McCall, Oregon passed the Beach Bill, guaranteeing public access to Oregon's entire 363 mile coastline. These were the essential Oregon experiences open to everyone — until access started slipping away.

In 2021, permit limits



WALLS IN THE WILD: More and more, Oregon is restricting and limiting access to its once freely accessible wilderness and recreation areas. (Image Hoodview News)

were quietly placed across some of the state's most loved wilderness areas. Central Oregon trails around Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington, and the Three Sisters now require overnight and day-use permits — released in small batches online — for both camping and hiking. Popular trailheads like Obsidian and Green Lake are limited to just 14–16 overnight groups,

plus a few day hikers. The result? Many hikers, after months of planning and training, find themselves shut out—like one hiker who posted on Reddit, "I tried to get a permit... Completely sold out immediately."

Meanwhile, in the Columbia River Gorge, Multnomah Falls—the crown jewel of state recreation—now needs timed-use permits and parking passes

during the summer. Visitors must reserve a \$2 car permit for timed entry between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., or come very early or late. Cyclists and walkers are allowed without permits—but only if they avoid the crowded car entrances.

The reason given for these changes is to cut down on crowding and protect the environment. It's true that more visitors have brought concerns that need to be addressed. But today's Oregon policy-makers—who often talk about loving the outdoors—seem to be restricting the very public Oregon once invited in. Instead of hiring more trail workers, setting up better trash stations, or creating cleanup teams, their solution seems to be more restrictions. Outdoor adventure is becoming something you need a smartphone and fast fingers to enjoy—not something anyone can do.

The Sisters Wilderness, once open to any ready hiker, now takes on-line planning and luck to visit. Multnomah Falls, once an easy weekend trip, now needs a permit and careful timing.

Crater Lake closure

Starting in 2026, Cleetwood Cove Trail, the only trail to the Crater Lake's

shoreline will be completely closed for three years for needed renovations. To many, a complete closure seems overly restrictive. Couldn't a more balanced approach, similar to what is often seen during road construction projects, allowed controlled access? This seems another restriction on the public's access to Oregon beloved wilderness areas.

This new approach seems to be coming from people who love the view but would rather not share it. They'd rather limit how many people come than build ways to graciously handle the crowds. When it comes to the public's right to recreation and exploration in Oregon, it's seems that the emphasis has shifted from encouragement to exclusion—reshaping Oregon from an outdoor democracy into an outdoor gated community.

The rules don't stop at hiking. Fishing and hunting have also become harder to access. Tags, limits, season cutbacks, and extra rules are making it tough for everyday Oregonians to take part—especially those who don't have the time or know-how to navigate the system.

It seems that "Leave No Trace" has been replaced with "Leave—unless you have a permit."

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TREACHEROUS TAX: The Legislature approved a business activity tax, call a Corporate Activity Tax, in 2019 without voter approval. Critics say it amounts to a hidden sales tax, rejected 9 times by Oregonians. (Image Hoodview News)

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3. Treacherous Tax

Oregon's 2019 hidden sales tax defied a proud Oregon principle

For decades, the sanctity of the state's no-sales-tax tradition—reaffirmed nine times by voters—remained a point of pride for Oregonians. The last time Oregonians voted on a sales tax was in 1993 and it was defeated by a 3-to-1 margin. The highest vote a sales tax ever received was 37.3 percent — in 1933.

That is, until 2019 when the revenue hungry Oregon Legislature imposed a Corporate Activity Tax (CAT).

The CAT, in reality, is a hidden sales tax. It's hidden because it is collected on the business side of the cash register. Consumers don't see it, but they're paying it. Even worse, unlike traditional business taxes based on how much profit the business makes, the CAT is applied to all sales, regardless of whether a business makes a profit or not. It is not only a sales tax, but it's one that's applied for a business merely existing.

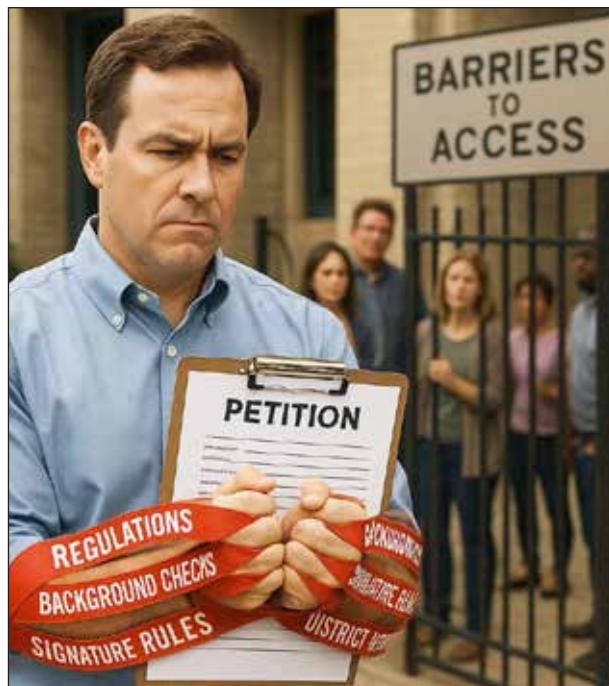
The costs of the hidden CAT ripple down the supply chain. Grocers, construction suppliers, service providers, and small manufacturers often have little choice but to pass along the added costs in the form of higher prices. Unlike a visible sales tax—where consumers can see the cost of the tax directly

— the CAT is baked into pricing, hidden from view — apparently just the way policy-makers like it.

In effect, it is a stealth sales tax, with no opt-out for food, drugs, and other necessities like many traditional sales taxes. And, rather than being enacted by voter approval, it has been slipped in through the back door by legislative sleight-of-hand.

Oregon's no-sales-tax tradition wasn't just a marketing slogan—it supported the ideas of transparent government, individual liberty, and limited taxation. The CAT doesn't look like a sales tax, and it's not collected like one—but in effect, it acts like one.

For many, that feels like a betrayal of the Oregon way.



RED TAPE: Oregon's once iconic and groundbreaking Citizen Initiative system has become more and more ensnared in regulations and red tape. (Image Hoodview News)

4. Choked at the Grassroots?

Oregon's famous initiative system seems slowly being strangled

Since the early 2000s, increasing restrictions have been placed on Oregon's once innovative Initiative, Referendum, and Recall (IRR) system.

First established in 1902 and known nationally as "the Oregon System," the IRR process was designed to empower ordinary citizens with direct democratic tools.

Let's be frank, politicians and special interest groups have never liked the IRR system. They have mostly resisted it whenever they could for as long as they could. That's why other states were slow to adopt the system. However, Oregon strongly supported the direct citizen democracy of the IRR system — until it didn't.

For most of its history, the IRR system remained fairly lightly regulated. But in the 1990s and early 2000s, conservatives and libertarians began to use the initiative petition process to advance their goals. Soon after, it seemed that restrictions began to multiply.

First came a ban on pay-per-signature petitioning. Then in 2008, the legislature required paid circulators to register with the state, undergo background checks and training, and forced petitioners to file wage reports. These burdensome changes made citizen-led initiatives more costly and complex—especially for grassroots campaigns initially operating on shoestring budgets.

Meanwhile, special-interest driven, well-funded "watchdog" groups began

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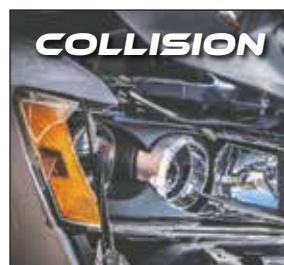


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From the streets to stability:

The unbreakable spirit of Lloyd Anderson

Once a desperate runaway teen in trouble on the streets, Lloyd Anderson made a choice at 14 that changed everything. Today, he's a business owner, husband, and father proving a broken childhood doesn't have to define your future.

By HOODVIEW NEWS
Community Profile

At first glance, Lloyd Anderson looks like the kind of guy who's always had it together. He's got an easy laugh, a firm handshake, and the kind of steady, trustworthy vibe that puts people instantly at ease. Handsome and physically fit, he's a husband, a father of five, and a business owner who employs nine people through his company, Armadas Exterior, in the Portland metro area.

But there's a hidden story behind the man with the warm smile and positive vibes—one that starts in broken homes, foster care, and juvenile detention centers. It's the story of a kid who could have vanished into the cracks of society, but instead chose to claw his way out. Not because someone rescued him. Not because of some magical breakthrough. But because, as he puts it, "I just got tired of it. I didn't want to live like that anymore."

This is the story of Lloyd Anderson. And it's also the

story of what's possible when a person decides that their past will not define their future.

A Childhood in Pieces

Lloyd was born into chaos. His biological father was absent. His mother was only 17 when he was born. In his early years, he assumed his sister's father was his, too—until a moment of casual

maybe eight years old, and it was actually a relief to find out he wasn't."

Relief, though, didn't equal stability. His mother, a motorcycle gang "groupie," cycled through abusive relationships, and home life was often marked by violence, neglect, and poverty. There were rumors—never confirmed—that Lloyd's mother had killed his abusive father in self-defense. "My mom had dentures before she was thirty because one of her boyfriends knocked her teeth out," he says quietly. "That's the kind of stuff I grew up with."

At school, things weren't much better. Frequently teased for his clothes, his hygiene, and his withdrawn demeanor, Lloyd struggled academically and emotionally. After the tragic death of his eight-year-old sister Ruby, hit by a drunk driver when Lloyd was 11, Lloyd spiraled into silence. "That sent me into a tailspin," he says. "I just stopped talking. I became invisible."

Misdiagnosed and misun-

His mother, a motorcycle gang "groupie," cycled through abusive relationships, and home life was often marked by violence, neglect, and poverty.

conversation in the car with his grandmother shattered that illusion. "She said something like, 'I'm so glad that man's not your dad,' and I just froze," Lloyd recalls. "I was

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derstood, he was placed into special education programs despite having no developmental delays. "I was a scared kid, sitting in the hallway, putting together the same U.S. puzzle map every day," he says. "Not learning. Just surviving."

By the time he was 14, he was bouncing between foster homes, group homes, and time on the streets. He started stealing cars with a group of older teens and ended up in juvenile detention facilities.

Anderson's year at 14 years old was particularly problematic. At one point, he was even taking shelter overnight at

McDonalds. "In that year, I'm living on the streets. When I couldn't get a bed at like Outside In or Street Light, or any places like that, I'd climb into the playpen at McDonald's on 92nd and Powell. I'd just crawl into the balls and sleep. And the balls at least kept me somewhat warm at night," said Lloyd. In the morning, he would crawl out of the balls and quietly leave before anyone knew he was there.

The low point came when he spent Christmas entirely alone in a juvenile facility. "Everybody else got released for the holiday. But my mom refused to come get me. So I just sat there, completely

alone," he says. "That was the moment. That's when I knew: I never wanted to feel that way again."

The moment everything changed

For many people, change comes slowly. But for Lloyd, it came in a flood during that lonely, silent Christmas. "I was 14, and I had this moment of clarity. I knew I didn't want to be that guy anymore. I didn't want to be a screw-up. I didn't want to be invisible. I didn't want to be my mom. And I didn't want to die young."

From that moment forward, he began the painstaking process of turning his life around. It wasn't linear, and it wasn't easy. But it was real.

He was placed in a group home in Eugene, Stepping Stone Lodge, a last-hope rehabilitation program for troubled youth. "It was supposed to be an 11-month program," Lloyd says. "I was there for two years."

At Stepping Stone, something amazing happened. He started to believe he might not be dumb after all. With help from staff members who saw his potential, Lloyd caught up on his education, earned a scholarship to Lane Community College, and ultimately graduated high school a year early. "I brought home

a report card with mostly A's and one B," he recalls with a smile. "That was the first time I realized I might be capable of more."

Connie Gunn was a house parent at Stepping Stone when Lloyd was a resident there and recalls him in those days. "Back when Lloyd was a teenager, he was a joy to work with, and he excelled at most anything he tried. He also had great grades in school when he graduated. He always made me very proud to have been his house parent. To this day he continues to amaze me having his own business and home with a loving family. We keep in touch and see each other from time to time. I have fond and loving memories."

Building a life brick by brick

After earning his diploma, Lloyd was emancipated at 17 and moved into his first apartment. He landed jobs at Taco Bell, then JC Penney, and eventually Home Depot, where he rose through the ranks and was on track for management. "I was starting to taste what a stable life felt like," he says. "A job. A place to live. Friends."

But life wasn't done throwing challenges at him.

While working at Home Depot, he was let go after a background check flagged a years-old misdemeanor—



Lloyd was recently honored with the Rising Star Award at the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Banquet. (Photo courtesy Lloyd Anderson)

ironically, for plugging in cable service without authorization. "It was embarrassing," he says. "It was just a stupid mistake from when I was young and broke."

Still, Lloyd refused to spiral. Using his severance pay, he and a partner launched a gutter installation company. That venture fizzled, but Lloyd stayed on his feet, juggling jobs in sales, construction, and optical services—becoming a certified

optician after completing an apprenticeship with Luxottica.

He also became a father. First to his stepdaughter Lexi, and then to his son Kodie. "I wasn't going to be like my dad," he says. "I was going to show up."

When a relationship with his first wife, who struggled with addiction, came to a painful end, Lloyd took full custody of his children and

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HARD LIFE: Lloyd's mother cycled through abusive relationships, but reconciled with Lloyd before her death. (Photo courtesy Lloyd Anderson)

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Lloyd and his wife Desirae have successfully blended their two families into a vibrant household that also blesses others. (Photo courtesy Lloyd Anderson)

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started over. Again.

A New Chapter—And a New Family

Lloyd eventually met and married Desirae, a fellow single parent, and together they blended their families into a household of five children. “It’s hectic, beautiful, and absolutely worth it,” he says.

Today, their home is grounded in routine, recovery, and commitment. “It

hasn’t always been easy, but we work at it,” Lloyd says. “Marriage, parenting, business—it all takes effort. But if you’re honest and consistent, it works.”

When asked how he learned to be a good husband and father without ever really seeing one modeled, he shrugs. “You learn by doing the opposite of what broke you,” he says. “You build what you wish you had.”

From Survivor to Leader

Taking the lessons from his first foray into business

with the short-lived gutter installation company, in 2015 he began a new company, one that installed gutters, but also expanded into other aspects of building and remodeling, including doors, windows, siding, and roofing. It took off. In late 2019, he registered an LLC for the company, naming it Armadas Exterior. You might think that the name is a take on an “armada,” the description of a fleet of sailing ships, but it is actually an acronym of the first letters of names of people, mostly family members, who have special meaning to Lloyd. However, the company does use an eye-catching three-masted frigate in its logo and marketing materials.

Today, Armadas Exterior, isn’t just a financial resource for Lloyd’s family—it’s also a lifeline for others. He hires people who need second chances. He mentors young men trying to find direction. He leads with compassion and authenticity, never hiding the scars of his past.

He’s active in the Associated Roofing Contractors (ARC), working to modernize the organization and provide support to tradespeople across the region. He was recently honored with the Rising Star Award at the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards

Banquet.

He is also a 2024-2025 graduate of the distinguished Gresham Area Leadership Academy, a collaboration of the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce and Mount Hood Community college. The Leadership Academy is only open to a few people each year and Lloyd was one of those in the program for this year.

“I’m not trying to be perfect,” he says in response to recent recognitions. “I just try to be better than I was yesterday.”

When not working, Lloyd spends time at the gym—he lifts weights with a group of friends at 4:30am most

mornings at Snap Fitness in Gresham—stays connected with church friends and rides with Resolute—a sober motorcycle club dedicated to brotherhood and accountability. “They’re the real deal,” he says. “They lift each other up. They check in. Nobody falls through the cracks.”

Tate Davis is one of Lloyd’s closest friends, dating back to their early days as roommates and getting jobs together at Home Depot, where Davis is still employed as a store manager. Davis reflected on his long friendship with Lloyd. “For over 27 years, Lloyd has stood as the kind of friend you don’t just admire—you rely

on. A master of his craft, a magnet for laughter, and a testament to resilience, his story reminds us all that you’re not born into success, you build it with determination and character,” said Davis.

Reflections from the Road

Looking back, Lloyd carries no bitterness—only gratitude. Even for the pain.

“My mom and I reconciled before she passed away,” he says. “It wasn’t easy, but I’m glad we did. I had to let go of the anger. It was only hurting me.”

He’s learned that forgiveness isn’t weakness—it’s

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Lloyd is still an active motorcycle rider. (Photo courtesy Lloyd Anderson)

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As part of the Gresham Area Leadership Academy, Lloyd spent time at the legislature in Salem, here (left) on the floor of the Senate with Gresham state Senator Chris Gorsek (right). (Image from legislature video)

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freedom. And he's passionate about passing that freedom along to others.

"I tell people all the time, your childhood doesn't have to be your destiny," he says. "You can change the story. You can make different choices."

When asked what advice he'd give to someone facing adversity, Lloyd doesn't hesitate. "Don't wait for someone to save you. Save yourself. Start small. Make one good decision. Then another. And then don't stop."

He pauses.

"And don't believe the lie that your past disqualifies you. Sometimes the people who've been through the most are the ones best equipped to lead."

Message Behind the Man

Lloyd Anderson's life is a testament to the power of choice, grit, and grace. His story reminds us that success isn't about where you start—it's about where you decide to go.

He went from sleeping in a McDonald's playpen to becoming a father, husband, homeowner, and business

leader. And through it all, he never stopped believing that a better life was possible.

"You don't have to repeat the past," he says. "You can rise above it. You can build something new. You can become the kind of person you always wished had shown up for you."

And that's exactly what Lloyd Anderson has done—not just for himself, but also for those fortunate to know him. **HVN**

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Wild times in Salem and the wreck of HB-2025

The mess that ended the 2025 legislative session began a decade ago with failures in 2015 and the looming specter of tolling

By LES POOLE
Freelance contributor

Oregon's 2025 legislative session ended on June 29th with the complete collapse of Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding and far more than the usual amounting of bickering, animosity, and hair-on-fire hysterics.

ODOT is in charge of road maintenance, improvement and building in Oregon. In early 2024, an accounting error revealed that ODOT had overestimated its 2023-25 budget by \$1.1 billion, due to flawed revenue projections.

This year, the Oregon Legislature, with a Democratic majority, and Governor Tina Kotek failed to pass House Bill 2025, a transportation funding package, leaving the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) with only its base budget of \$5.9 billion for the 2023-25 biennium. As a result, Governor Kotek announced that layoffs of 600 to 700 ODOT employees would begin as early as July 1, 2025, to address a \$354 million shortfall.



The Oregon state capital building in Salem. (Photo from stock)

So, how did we get here? It actually goes back to 2015.

As the 2015 Legislative session began, then-Governor John Kitzhaber was embroiled in an ethics scandal that eventually led to his resignation in February, during the legislative session. At the time of his departure ODOT was facing controversies of allegations of project failure, mismanagement, spiraling costs, and growing traffic congestion.

After weeks of debate, the 2015 transportation bill went into a trash can a few days before the Legislature adjourned that year.

HB-2017

In this year's legislative

session, the transportation funding bill from 2017, called House Bill 2017 (HB-2017), was often referred back to. That bill was supposed to solve the problems left from 2015. It had authorized \$5.3 billion for highways, transit projects and improving overall safety. It also raised the gas tax by ten cents per gallon exclusively for road maintenance. Half of the funds are distributed to local jurisdictions and the other half was earmarked for ODOT.

HB-2017 authorized hundreds of millions of dollars specifically for freeway congestion relief projects. Several of them have been controversial and

are burdened by dramatic increases in projected cost. The Abernathy Bridge and Rose Quarter projects are two examples.

For whom the tolling bell rings

During the HB-2017 hearings assurances were given that accountability measures were in place to prevent a repeat of the past ODOT failures. Many expressed deep concern for which projects would be eliminated in the final version of the bill. At the time, the public was told that tolling might be needed to fund the I-205 expansion project.

HB-2017 included \$10 million for a "study of con-

gestion relief" in the greater Portland area. Few knew the study was actually about implementing tolling on existing highways. The plan was to charge higher tolls during times when congestion was high for a period of two years. After two years ODOT intended to apply to the Federal Government to make tolling permanent. By 2024, ODOT had expected to be collecting over \$100 million annually from tolling.

In 2018, ODOT released stunning numbers for the amount of traffic that tolling would likely divert onto local streets. At the same time, estimates for tolling on the I-205 Abernathy Bridge exceeded \$5 per trip. The estimated monthly cost for workers traveling across the bridge twice a day, once back and forth, was potentially family-budget breaking. ODOT responded by removing the cost estimates from the website.

Eventually many Oregonians were persuaded that the ODOT tolling plan would divert thousands of vehicles onto local streets. The plan also appeared to be a very regressive tax, hitting small businesses and struggling families the hardest. Opposition to the tolling plan continued to grow.

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As public awareness about tolling grew, ODOT tried to reduce the estimate of how much traffic would be diverted by tolling. However, local mayors and government officials in the south I-205 region teamed up with concerned residents to mount strong opposition to tolling that finally couldn't be ignored by state officials. As the resistance grew the tolling scheme was placed on hold by now-Governor, Tina Kotek. Tolling is still on hold and the Oregon Tolling Program currently seems to be a tattered shell.

This year's train wreck — HB-2025

This all brings us to 2025 and this year's bi-annual legislative session. The ODOT budget is one of the biggest pieces of the overall Oregon budget. This year's session had hardly started when legislators were stunned when in February ODOT revealed an "accounting error" that had been discovered in late 2023. Suddenly the news broke that ODOT had a shortfall of over a billion dollars.

A large factor in the budgetary crisis is that ODOT appeared to approve the funding of road projects based on flawed funding estimates, one that assumed that tolling, which was never actually implemented, would be generating hundreds of millions by 2025. Who made these erroneous assumptions is still apparently not answered. The accounting error was attributed to systemic issues within ODOT's financial processes rather than a single person.

Now, ODOT faces a \$354 million deficit for 2025, the current year. That amount could grow unless there is a bailout or changes in funding priorities. Republicans had introduced a bill in this session to accomplish that, but it never received serious consideration.

Weeks roll by

As the weeks rolled by, in the legislature there was little information about what the 2025 transportation bill would contain, and how it would address ODOT's failings. The answer came in April when a scattergun list of funding possibilities was presented, one that included many new tax and fee hikes, including a new tax for mileage and dramatic increases in the gas tax and registration fees.

Finally, late in the session those concepts were packaged into one monstrous bill, now known as HB-2025, like HB-2017 before it, the same

designation as the year it was introduced. It came with a staggering price tag of \$14.5 billion over 10 years.

For context, Oregon's 2017 transportation package (HB 2017) raised approximately \$5.3 billion over a decade, which was considered a landmark funding measure at the time. HB 2025's \$11.7 billion to \$14.6 billion scope dwarfed this, making it one of the most significant tax and fee increases ever proposed in the state.

Trying to rush it through?

Many observers believe that HB-2025 was introduced late in the session in order to rush it through in the last minute, as is often the case. Opposition immediately formed and grew, both in the legislature and in the public. Several members of the oddly named Transportation Reinvestment Committee sharply criticized HB-2025 and the process that created it. One of them was Shelly Boshart Davis (R-Albany), a State Representative from Linn County. After expressing her frustration about the bill and the process that led to it during a committee meeting, Senator Chris Gorsek (D-Gresham), the committee co-chair interrupted her and accused her of "impugning" those who had worked on the bill. Republicans then accused Gorsek of "repeated aggressive outbursts" and demanded he be censured and removed from the committee. Gorsek resigned from the committee the following day.

The fight over the bill also spilled over to members of the Democrat Party. Democrat Senator Mark Meek (D-Gladstone), a member of the committee, publicly stated on June 17, 2025, that he would vote against advancing the \$14.6 billion transportation bill out of committee, citing its high cost—particularly the proposed 15-cent gas tax increase and new vehicle sales taxes—as unaffordable for Oregonians during a time of economic strain. He also criticized the rushed process, noting that committee members had insufficient time to review amendments.

Senate President Rob Wagner thereafter removed Meek from the committee on June 20, 2025. This move, sparked backlash from some Democrats and Republicans, who called it undemocratic.

Confidence in the process was further eroded when Rep. Paul Evans resigned from the committee on June 23, 2025, citing frustration over being excluded from negotiations on House Bill

2025 (HB 2025)

HB-2025 couldn't be sent to the floor for an approval unless it was initially passed by the Committee and there were concerns expressed that there was behind-the-scenes maneuvering to control the committee's vote.

Public opposition expressed

Meanwhile, public testimony via email and social media continued to roll in. Opposition seemed to outpace support by a 4 to 1 ratio. After the financial and economic impact statements were issued, the financial cost became difficult to defend. The likelihood for an approval rapidly faded.

With a few days left in the session the sponsors reduced the scope of the bill. The gas tax increase was reduced to 9 cents per gallon, but the revised price tag was still almost \$12 billion — still a figure that many regarded as unaffordable. A brief one hour public hearing was held on the revised version, denying the opportunity for many to testify. A work session was held immediately after the hearing, but the outcome was already determined. After days filled with drama and uncertainty, HB-2025 went down in flames on Friday June 27th, two days before the mandated end of the session. It was a watershed moment.

Gutted and stuffed

Legislative sessions held during odd numbered years must conclude at the end of the day on June 29th. With the clock winding down, the promoters of the transportation bill made a desperate effort to cobble together a bill that would raise the gas tax. It was long after the deadline to submit a new bill.

Enter HB-3402, a simple transportation bill dedicated to "creating a uniform standard for speed bumps." It was a "placeholder" created early in the session. In a move infamously known as a "gut and stuff," the wording in HB-3402 was removed and new language inserted. Suddenly speed bumps were off the agenda and a stop-gap, scaled-down transportation bill was on. It actually seemed to make things worse in some ways. In the new HB-3402, all revenue would go directly to ODOT, bypassing the traditional 50-30-20 funding split (50% to state, 30% to counties, 20% to cities), which drew significant criticism.

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House Speaker herself, she made a rare appearance as Governor in a committee hearing when she testified in favor of the bill. However, HB-3402 was going nowhere. A few hours later the House and Senate leaders announced *Sine Die*, (pronounced "Sign-E-Die") a term that means all business is done, and the session was officially over.

Exposed on camera

The complete history of all bills and meetings is posted on a state website known as OLIS, the Oregon Legislature Information system. The written and video record of HB-2025 is preserved there. The clumsy

introduction of a massive tax bill and its demise is one to study in the future.

The troubling removals and resignations of the oddly-named Transportation Reinvestment Committee members seemed to suggest that supporters of HB-2025 were determined to make sure the bill would be approved. They symbolically rearranged the deck chairs on the Titanic, but the ship was doomed and most of the passengers knew it.

A state government culture that seems to want to spend beyond the means of the state's taxpayers seemed to be exposed throughout the HB-2025 fiasco.

Special session upcoming?

Governor Kotek released a statement the day after

Sine Die indicating that she intended to call a Special Session later this Summer to address the fallout of the wreck of HB-2025. Addressing the legislators, she said, "I don't know what your vacation plans are, but we are going to solve this. You're going to spend a lot more time with me."

A special session has a limited scope and usually lasts one day. Whatever is proposed, it will likely be dramatically reduced from the \$12 billion final version of HB-2025. Nevertheless, Oregonians would be well-advised to keep an eagle eye on the maneuverings and a firm hand protecting their wallets. ■

Mike Wiley contributed to this story.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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DON'T DIVERT KICKER MONIES

As Oregonians, we're accustomed to the quirks of our state: we don't pump our own gas, there's no sales tax, and the state controls liquor sales. But one policy that often leaves people scratching their heads is the kicker. Politicians love to criticize the kicker, calling it a "waste" or an "unnecessary giveaway" in times when state government seems to always be in need of more funding. But as a third-generation Oregonian, I believe it's important to remember why the kicker exists and why it's still an essential part of Oregon's fiscal policy.

The kicker is triggered when the state collects more revenue than projected — specifically when state revenue exceeds expectations by 2%. The excess funds are then returned to taxpayers. It's simple, and it's meant to curb government spending when times are good so that we don't overspend and face shortfalls during leaner years.

In the 1980s, after the state's economy faced a

serious downturn due to the collapse of the timber industry, Oregon lawmakers realized the danger of spending surpluses and creating programs that were hard to scale back during tough times. Thus, the kicker was born. It was a way to keep state spending in check, ensuring that we didn't expand the budget beyond what was sustainable.

In 2025, however, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Governor Tina Kotek has proposed using a portion of next year's kicker to fund wildfire relief efforts, citing the state's need to bolster its preparedness for future fires. As much as we all understand the urgency of addressing wildfire risks, it's essential to examine the long-term implications of using the kicker in this way.

Let's be clear: The kicker was not designed to fund emergency or recurring expenses like wildfire relief. It was created to prevent out-of-control spending, ensuring that when Oregon is flush with revenue, it's returned to the people. If we allow the kicker to be reallocated for these purposes, we risk eroding the very mechanism that keeps our state's budget in check.

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Oregon is the most income-tax dependent state in the nation, and while some argue that the kicker is a "tax rebate for the rich," that's a mischaracterization. The kicker is about holding the line on government spending and keeping politicians accountable for taxpayer dollars. If we begin to divert the kicker for pet projects, where does it end?

We cannot allow the kicker, a tool that has kept Oregon's spending relatively restrained for 40 years, to be diluted for short-term fixes. There's a danger in using emergency funds like this for ongoing problems that should be budgeted more carefully. Wildfires are a real threat, but so is the financial future of Oregon. By diverting this money now, we risk making it harder to stop future overspending — which will hurt all Oregonians in the long run.

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Malheur County, 1930

Daredevil Oregon aviator survived five crash landings in two days

Bend-based Oregon aviation pioneer and barnstormer barely escaped death — five times

By FINN J.D. JOHN
Writer

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On a gusty late-summer evening in 1930, well after dark, a few feet off the ground near the Oregon-Nevada border, 22-year-old Ted Barber was hurtling through the blackness, preparing to die.

Barber was an aviation pioneer and an actual barnstormer — a pilot who paid the bills by making the circuit of county fairs and country dances, selling airplane rides and flying lessons and performing daring tricks like wing-walking and inverted low passes.

His “ship” was a Waco 9, a primitive but rugged biplane built in the mid-

1920s by the Advance Aircraft Company, powered by an even more primitive Curtiss OX-5 engine. The engine’s design dated all the way back to 1902, when Glenn Curtiss built a V-twin to power one of his motorcycle designs. Over the years it was enlarged and had cylinders added until, in 1915, it took its final form — the eight-cylinder, 503-cubic-inch, 90-horsepower, 400-pound hunk of cast iron and aluminum bolted to the firewall of Barber’s Waco. Although it was already quite obsolete by 1917, it was available, so the government bought them

by the thousands, and in the 20s they could be bought as war surplus for as little as \$20 (roughly \$300 in modern currency).

The OX-5 had a reputation for being unreliable, and Barber’s had definitely lived up to that reputation that day. This was going to be his fourth crash-landing of the weekend. And it was looking like it was going to be a bad one.

Ted Barber was based out of Bend, so he was a little ways from home. With his helper Bill, a fellow barnstormer who had wrecked his plane and was saving up to buy a new one, he’d flown

the Waco down to the east end of the Catlow Valley, to the Henry ranch. The Henrys were hosting a dance in the nearby town of Andrews, on the southwest side of the Steens Mountains.

Dead engine in Wild Hog

Andrews today is a ghost town, and even in 1930 it wasn’t far from that; it never had more than 150 residents. Its first postmaster named it Wildhorse, but when the locals started calling it “Wild Hog,” the postmaster took it personally, and had the name changed to Andrews. Because Wild Hog is the best possible name for a ghost

town, I’m going to be using it from now on.

Wild Hog might have been small, but it was the closest town to the Henry ranch, and it was in the middle of a bunch of other ranching and homesteading families. So, there was a pretty good crowd there for the Saturday night dance.

The distances were great, so everyone who came for the dance spent the night there in Wild Hog. So bright and early Sunday morning, Ted warmed up the Waco to start giving airplane rides.

This turned out to be more of a challenge than Ted and Bill had anticipated. First of all, the hamlet of Wild Hog was high on the flanks of the Steens, elevation 4,400 feet. With its heavy, inefficient engine, Barber’s plane would be taking off and landing at close to half its maximum service ceiling.

And there weren’t any very good places to land in Wild Hog. Ted and Bill scouted a field that would probably do — it was about 800 feet long, with a barbed-wire fence at the end.

“Every takeoff was so close I talked to the Lord a little after making it,” Ted recalls, in his memoir.

Well, as every craps player knows, you can’t just sit there rolling boxcars all night. Sooner or later, your luck has to run out.

But, the Lord must have been listening to Ted, because even when his luck did run out, he caught a break.

It happened just after one of those white-knuckle takeoffs. The Waco was a little over 100 feet off the ground, climbing at maximum power, when the fuel line broke and the engine stopped dead.

Acting on instinct, Ted put the plane into a banking turn to try and get back to his airfield. Then he came to his senses. He had nowhere near enough elevation to make it through the turn. This was an extremely common way for early aviators to die, by the way — they lost power on takeoff, then stalled and spun into the ground while trying to turn back.

“One of the most important rules every flying student learns is to never try to turn close to the ground with a dead engine,” Ted wrote, “but when the chips are down, we all do it.”

In Ted’s case, he came to his senses in the literal nick of time. He threw all his controls into the maximum left-turn position, struggling to bring the wings level again as the ground rushed up.

He barely made it. The wings came level just as he reached the ground in a sur-

prisingly smooth three-point landing. The random piece of terrain that the plane came down on just happened to be one of the only rock-free spots around, and the few little sage bushes growing there barely even damaged the wings.

That was the landing that should have killed Ted Barber. Quite literally, the margin between life and death was about 10 seconds. If he’d caught his mistake a quarter of a minute later, he would have been too late, and his right wingtip would have touched the ground first. The Waco 9 stalls at just 35 miles an hour, but that’s plenty fast enough to kill everyone on board when the plane starts cartwheeling through the sagebrush.

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Last flight crash

After the fuel line was repaired, the plane gave no further trouble until the last flight of the day, when the same fuel line broke again. This time, it cut loose at 500 feet, so Ted was able to pick a field to land in. But, of course, he couldn’t do much of an inspection on it; so, the one he picked had a bunch of medium-sized rocks hiding beneath its sagebrush cover.

The damage wasn’t too terrible; a tire blew out, and the tail skid broke. The lashing sagebrush also tore up the fabric pretty badly on the lower wing.

By the time the tire was fixed, it was getting late, and Ted was supposed to fly the buckaroo boss of a big beef ranch home at the end of the night. Not wanting to push his luck too hard, Ted decided to fly the passenger out of the field he crash-landed in. It was about 350 feet long, but there was now a brisk headwind ahead of some ominous-looking storm clouds.

So, with the passenger

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Five crashes in two days

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strapped in, Ted punched the throttle and went for it.

He soon realized he wasn't going to make it. There was a barbed-wire fence at the end of the field, and he was going into it. At the last second he risked a stall to gain enough altitude to get most of his lower wings over the fenceposts... and as a result, instead of shearing off both bottom wings, they just got long rips put in them by the fenceposts. The plane bounced to a stop among the rocks and sage on the other side of the fence.

After that, the buckaroo boss was very happy to spend the night safely stranded in Wild Hog.

But Ted lined the plane up to try again. He might have been talking to the Lord all day, but he obviously hadn't been doing a whole lot of listening, because what he was about to do was one of the dumbest mistakes Ted Barber ever made. It was a mistake that by rights should have been fatal, a mistake that would require something closely approximating a bona-fide water-walking miracle to get him out of:

Instead of spending the

night in Wild Hog with his passenger, he climbed back into his badly damaged airplane, and took off in it.

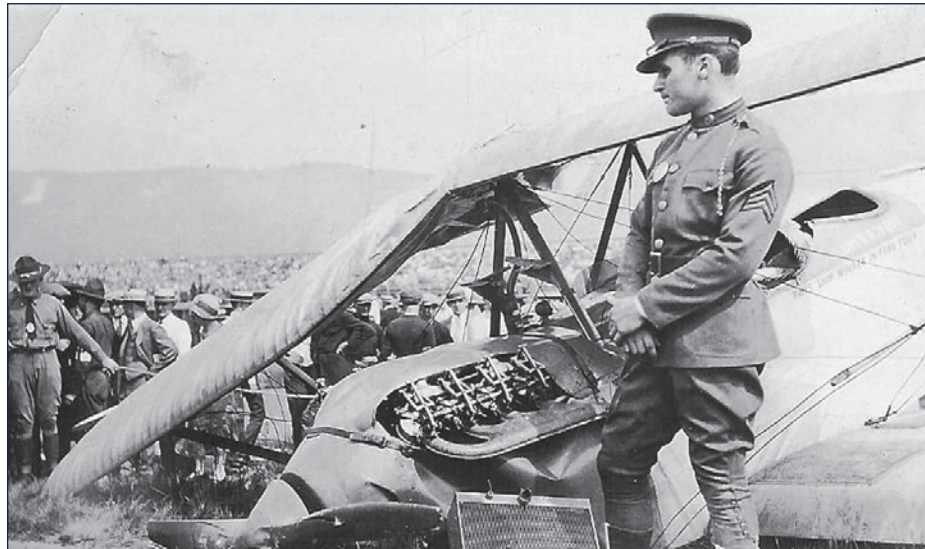
Out of altitude, out of fuel

Without his passenger, Ted was able to get the Waco airborne without incident. Then he struggled, in the waning light, to get enough altitude to fly over the Steens Mountains.

By the time he figured out he couldn't do it — his damaged wings just weren't giving enough lift in the thin and turbulent air — it was too dark to see his fuel gauge. By the light of the



Pioneer Central Oregon aviator Ted Barber in his Waco 9 biplane in the 1930s. (Image: Ted Barber)



This relatively minor, probably non-fatal wreck is an example of probably the best-case scenario faced by Ted Barber as he contemplated his situation on that dark night over southern Oregon. Ted caught a tremendously lucky break; this pilot, not so much. (This is another photo from the National Waco Club's collection.) (Image: nationalwacoclub.com)

stars he managed to make out the time on his watch, and realized he had maybe five minutes' worth of fuel left.

If he'd realized this earlier, Ted could have flown leisurely along looking for a ranch house to set the Waco down next to. He could have overflowed a promising hayfield to make sure it was safe — no fences, no big rocks, no stone walls — and then made a hair-raising but basically safe power-on landing in the gloaming twilight, just in time for supper at the ranch.

Instead, he found himself

flying just above stall speed, a few dozen feet above a vague line of lighter darkness below — the star-lit signature of a dusty country road, which he had by sheer dumb luck (or divine intervention) stumbled across. Crashing on a road would be far better than crashing on the open range someplace.

The Waco's engine droned on. Ted couldn't understand why it was still running. It should have sipped its last drop of gasoline several minutes ago. Sooner or later it would run out, and Ted would have to do his best at

a dead-stick landing in the black, gusty night, unable to see the ground below. The most likely outcome would involve him thinking he was just above the ground when he wasn't — it's very hard to deliberately fly into the ground, the instinct to pull back on the stick would be virtually impossible to resist. Then he'd try to flare, the plane would stall 15 or 20 feet off the ground, and spin into the ground. A wingtip would strike the ground first and the plane would flip over

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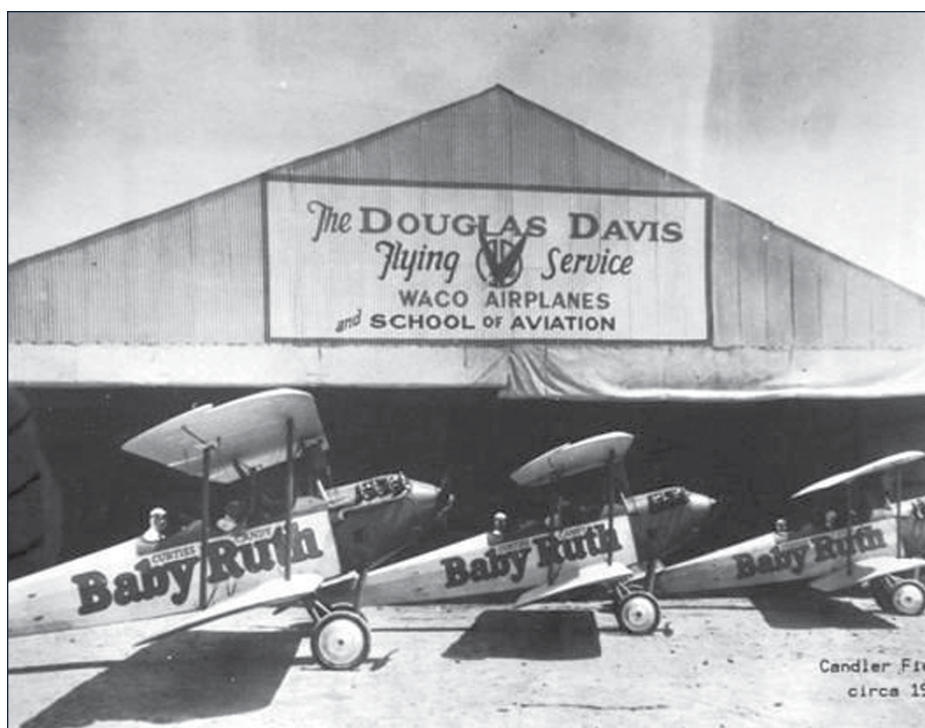
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The Douglas Davis Flying Service fleet of OX-5 powered Waco 9s. This photo comes from the Web site of the National Waco Club. (Image: nationalwacoclub.com)

Five crashes in two days

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and tumble. The plane would be destroyed and he would be at least injured, probably killed.

A betting man would probably have given him about a 5 percent chance of making it. For all practical purposes he was a dead man flying, grasping at every second. His life would end with his gasoline supply.

Then he saw something — or rather, the shadowy outline of something — that gave him a glimmer of hope. It was a little copse of trees — the kind that people plant

and cultivate around ranch houses in eastern Oregon. Peering into the darkness, he thought he saw a house there as well — but it was hard to see. In these pre-Rural-Electrification days, nighttime in the country was lit only by the stars.

If it was a house, crashing in front of it would be far better than crashing anywhere else.

He circled the copse of trees, trying to get a better look. Then a light went on in a window.

Saved by an alert farmer

WHEN RALPH GROVE

heard the engine droning outside, he knew exactly what that meant. It was the middle of the night, and some stormy weather was coming in. Nobody would be out flying on a night like this unless he was in serious trouble.

He lit a lantern and hurried out to the shed, in which he kept his automobile. He knew just the field that the pilot should land in.

Several dozen feet overhead, Barber was praying for gasoline, hardly daring to hope. He'd spotted a lighter patch of darkness that looked like a cultivated field, which

would mean no big rocks to smash into. He was trying to keep in position so that if the engine quit, he could reach that field.

He watched Grove's lantern moving from the house and disappearing — apparently into a shed. Then lights came on and he saw an automobile come out of the shed and drive onto the road.

Down below, Grove was hurrying down the road to the field in his car. He whipped it into position and let the light of its headlights spill out over the stubbly field, lighting up a row of willow trees at its extreme end. Overhead, Barber lined up on the field, grabbing for the lifeline, not sure even if he'd make it through the final turn without running out of gas. Then he was on the ground, bumping to a stop, shutting off his engine — safe.

"I never enjoyed a bed so much in my life as the one in the spare bedroom of that ranch house," Ted recalls, in his memoir. "As I laid my head into the large fluffy pillow and spread out to get as much of my body as possible in contact with that soft but solidly earth-bound mattress, I enjoyed a peaceful comfort that I had not known existed."

The next morning, Ted learned two things. First, the field he'd been lining up on when he saw Grove's house was the Grove family's vegetable garden. It was

just 150 by 300 feet, fenced and — for good measure — cross-fenced. He would not have survived an attempt to land there.

And second, when he put his dipstick into the gas tank to see how much was left, the end that thumped the bottom of the tank, at the lowest corner, wasn't even moist when he brought it back up. All the fuel left in the plane was just what was in the fuel lines — and the OX-5 engine burns nine gallons an hour. He'd landed with about 30 seconds' worth of fuel left in the airplane.

Ted Barber's crazy week-end of crash landings wasn't quite over, though. The next day, while flying back to the Henry ranch, a piece broke off one of his propeller blades, causing the engine to start vibrating furiously. Ted cut the power. Luckily, he had enough altitude to glide to a reasonably uneventful dead-stick landing in one of the fields by the ranch. When he climbed out of the cockpit, he found the engine was hanging onto the airplane by just two badly frayed cables. It had broken everything else, and if he'd been two seconds slower chopping the throttle it would have probably torn itself out of the airplane. It is highly unlikely that Ted would have been able to control it if that happened, because with 400 pounds suddenly gone from the nose, it would behave like a badly made

paper airplane. Ted Barber would have tumbled out of the sky like a falling leaf.

Five crash-landings, three of them seconds away from near-certain fatality. If Ted could have taken that string of luck to Vegas, he would have left a millionaire.

Ted Barber went on to become a flight trainer during World War II, and later became a well-known "barnstorming mustanger" — using an airplane to round up feral horses on the range in Nevada. Despite dozens of close calls and crashes over the years — including, at one point, jumping out of his plane head-first while it was falling off a Nevada mountain — he was still around in 1987 to write his memoir.

"It is hard to understand why some people are allowed only one mistake (and are killed by it)," he wrote. "I don't have fingers and toes enough to count the really tough spots I have survived." **HVN**

Sources: *The Barnstorming Mustanger*, a book by Ted Barber published in 1987 by Ted Barber Industries

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.

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July—Register for Gresham Senior Center Car Show

Now is the time to register your car or sponsor this event. The 7th Annual Car Show and fundraiser for the Gresham Senior Center and Montavilla Quilts of Valor will be held on Sunday, September 14th from noon to 4pm at the Center, 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham. Food, trophies, games, quilt raffle, silent auction and more at this fun event. Enter your car for \$15 until Sept. 1st or on the day of the event for \$20. Sponsorship packages for your business are available. For more information and to sponsor the show, please call 503-988-4860 or email Director@greshamseniorcenter.org.

July—Register for Time of Remembering by Mt.Hood Hospice

Mt. Hood Hospice will be holding their Time of Remembering event at Meinig Park, 17670 Meinig Ave., Sandy, on August 28th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. It is a community remembrance event to come together and honor those we miss. If you have deceased loved ones you would like honored, registration is open through July. To get more information or submit names and photos, email: event@mthoodhospice.org.

July—Circus Farm Summer Camp Enrollment

Established in 2006 and now a thriving non-profit organization, Circus Cascadia is dedicated to bringing the magic of circus arts to all. Circus Cascadia is now accepting registrations for their Circus Farm Summer Camps held July and August at Sunshine Creek Farm in Gresham. These camps are for children ages 6 years to 16 years of age. The camp will cover stilt-walking, juggling, clowning, diabolo, flower sticks, tightrope, walking globe and more. For more information and to register, visit their website: www.circuscascadia.org.

July-Free Summer Kids Lunch and Rec.

The City's free summer lunch and recreation program for youth runs June 23rd to Aug. 8th, Monday through Thursday, at multiple parks. Activity and lunch times vary at each

park. Schedule and locations: Main City Park, 219 South Main Ave., Mon-Thurs, 1pm-3pm (lunch: 1pm-1:30pm); Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Red Sunset Drive, Mon-Thurs, 12:30pm-3pm (lunch: 12:30pm-1pm); Vance Park, 1400 SE 182nd Ave., Mon-Thurs, Noon-3pm (lunch: 12:30pm-1pm); Nadaka Nature Park, 17615 NE Glisan St., Mon-Thurs, Noon-2pm (lunch: Noon-12:30pm). SKIP includes: Free recreation and Free sack lunches for kids ages 18 and younger. No registration required, drop in anytime as often as you like. For more information about SKIP, contact ParksQuestions@GreshamOregon.gov.

July 3,10,17,24,31—Rockwood Community Market

The Rockwood Community Market runs every Thursday from 3pm to 7 pm from June to Sept. 25th at the Rockwood Plaza, 458 SE 185th Avenue, Gresham. Enjoy live music and the splash pad for children to play. Stock up on fresh, locally grown and culturally specific food, including artisan specialties. Produce; Packaged products (pickled veggies, salsa, hot sauce, etc.); Jewelry; and Home decor will be available at the market. The market showcases products from local farmers, growers and small businesses in the Rockwood neighborhood. For more information, call 503-907-6016.

July 4—Sandy Fireworks Show

Bring the whole family to Sandy High School, 37400 Bell St., Sandy, on Friday, July 4th, for a spectacular fireworks show, sponsored by Clackamas County Bank and the City of Sandy! The fireworks start at dusk. Parking available at the football field.

July 4,11,18,25—Friday Night Basketball

Middle and high school youth can attend free basketball practice, skill building and game play on Friday nights. Come from 6m to 10pm on Fridays, July 4,11,18,25 to H.B. Lee Middle School, 1121 NE 172nd Ave., Portland. Open to boys and girls in grades 6-12. Learn new skills, make new friends, play basketball. Adult supervision and

mentorship provided by the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC). Schedule: 6pm to 8pm for grades 6-8; 8pm to 10pm for grades 9-12. Registration and waiver form required. For more information, contact Coach Michael Magnum at 503-374-4820. Sponsored by the City's Youth Services with partner POIC.

July 5—Lion's Chuckwagon Breakfast & Car Show

Mt Hood Lions Club will be holding their Lion's Chuckwagon Breakfast & Car Show on Saturday, July 5th and Sunday, July 6th from 7am to 12pm noon at 24730 E Woodsey Way, Welches. Come and enjoy a tasty breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs (made to order), juice and coffee! Cost of the breakfast is \$14 at the door for adults and \$6 for kids 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$12 per adult. Purchase tickets at Mountain Building Supply, Coffeehouse 26, The Whistle Stop and Clackamas County Bank.

July 5,15—Summer Bike Repair Hub

Bring your broken bike to the Main City Park, Coho Picnic Shelter, 219 SE Main Ave., Gresham on Saturday, July 5th or July 15th from 11am to 2pm to get free basic bike repairs, as well as

maintenance tips and tricks from Bikes for Humanity. You can also donate an old bicycle (in decent shape) for it to be repaired for someone new. For more information contact Bikes for Humanity at 503-496-6941 or info@B4HPDX.org.

July 5,12,19,26—Saturday Night Basketball

Middle and high school youth can attend free basketball practice, skill building and game play on Saturday nights. On Saturdays, July 5,12,19,26 from 8pm to 12am, meet at Friends of the Children, 424 NE 172nd Ave., Portland. Open to boys and girls in grades 6-12. Learn new skills, make new friends, play basketball. Adult supervision and mentorship provided by the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center (POIC). Schedule: Grades 6-8 play from 6pm to 10pm; Grades 9-12 play from 10pm to 12am.

Gresham Farmers' Market

July 5,12,19,26—The Original Gresham Farmers' Market features local fruit, produce, flowers, artisan crafts, fresh food, baked goods, homemade toiletries and live music. A fun, family-friendly market that supports buying locally. Open every Saturday, 8:30am to 2pm, May through October at the Gresham Arts Plaza, 488 NE 3rd Street. This month the dates are:

July 5,12,19,26. For more information, call 971-303-2248 or email manager@greshamfarmersmarket.com.

The Farmers Market @ MHCC

July 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27—Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 SE Stark St., Gresham, will be holding a recurring weekend farmers market, offering fresh produce, locally grown flowers, food, live music, and local artisans. The market is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-2pm through October. They are committed to supporting the community, with a portion of market proceeds going toward affordable housing and addressing food insecurity charities. They will be offering musical entertainment and seating areas for visitors to enjoy food and beverages. They

bring together a wide array of high-quality vendors offering everything from farm-fresh produce and flowers to fine art, delicious food, and valuable services. Questions? Contact MHCCMarket@gmail.com.

July 5,12,19,26—Hoodland Farmers Market

Come to Hoodland Farmers Market's 8th Season on Saturdays in July. The market is open from 10am to 2pm at the Church on the Mountain's parking lot, 68211 E. Hwy 26 in Welches. They will have farm fresh produce, local artisans, live music, and kid activities! Their vendor/musician list will be updated with each week's event. For more information go to: www.hoodlandfarmersmarket.org.

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Diana Helm appointed Commissioner

In May, former Damascus Mayor Diana Helm was appointed as Clackamas County Commissioner, Position #4. The position was vacated by Melissa Fireside who resigned after indictments for several crimes. Fireside had been elected last November, defeating incumbent Mark Shull.

Helm had served as the Mayor of Damascus, a city that disincorporated several years ago.

The four incumbent members of the Board of County Commissioners made the appointment.

Fifty-nine candidates applied for the vacancy during a recruitment that closed last month.

Helm will serve in the role through December 2026. An election for the rest of the term of Position #4 (January 2027 - December 2028) will be held next year. ■

Update on the Portland Water Bureau Treatment Plant

On June 26th a Multnomah County Hearings Officer ruled the controversial Cottrell area project can resume construction because, she ruled, it will not adversely affect the natural resources of the area. Her decision was a response to a LUBA (Land Use Board of Appeals) ruling against the Portland Water Bureau (PWB) and it's on-going siting of the plant in rural Multnomah County. The project was launched under a cloud of controversy and has been shut down for several months, after several hundred million dollars had already been spent. The decision is not likely to end the long and costly battle between PWB and the local community.

We'll soon know if the Cottrell CPO intends to appeal the decision. There may be other grounds for lawsuits resulting from the Bureau's awkward handling of the issue. The selection process for a location, and plans to process tons of contaminated soil on the property are two possibilities. Watch for future coverage in Hoodview News. — Les Poole



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July 7—Men's Book
Club-Sandy

Come to the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy, for the Men's Book Club. They meet on Mondays at 7pm, with the first meeting on July 7th. This month the club will discuss "The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West" by David McCullough. For more information, email: ehouch@ci.sandy.or.us.

July 7, 21, 28—
Teen Crafternoon at
Library

Teens are invited to chill out and come work on crafts with materials provided at the Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham, on Monday, July 7, 21, 28, from 4pm to 5:30pm. Work on the DIY craft of the week, or do your own thing with their location's craft materials. Sew, paint, glue, make, design; the sky's the limit! Learn alongside others, share your knowledge and explore new ways of making things.

July 7, 21—Teen
Hangout in Sandy

Teen Hangout is a drop-in program that provides teens, grades 6th-12th, a dedicated space to hangout, make friends, watch movies and YouTube on the big screen, play games, share interests, listen to music, get creative and more! Themed crafts and events held monthly. Snacks provided! Meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month from 4pm to 6pm at the Hoyt Community Room in the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy. This month the dates are: July 7th—Board Game Day and 21st—Escape Room.

July 7, 14, 21, 28—
Music Mondays in
Gresham

Gresham Center For The Arts Foundation brings an exciting line-up to Gresham at this free event, Music Mondays, July thru August, held at the Arts Plaza, 401 NE 2nd St., Gresham. Music Mondays concerts run from 5:30pm-8:30pm and include the ability to purchase food, beer, and wine and enjoy kid's activities. Music Monday Line-up: July 7: 45 Away (classic rock); opening act No Brass No Ammo, New Orleans brass; July 14: The Bylines (jazz); opening act Mt. Hood Community College Kane Street Jazz Combo; July 21: Michelle Lambert (rock); opening act Zyanna, R&B; July 28:

Dina y los Rumberos (Latin); opening act Walter Willys El Cubano de Mexico, Latin. This series is able to be produced thanks to local sponsors, some of which include KMO Real Estate, Clackamas County Bank and Gresham Ford. For more information, email Info@ CenterfortheArts Foundation.org.

July 9—W. Columbia
Gorge Chamber
Chat

The West Columbia Gorge Chamber's Chamber Chat will be at Troutdale Soda Bar Cafe, 289 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. in downtown Troutdale. Come network and have breakfast/coffee with your fellow chamber members on Wednesday, July 9th from 7:30am to 9am. Visitors considering membership are welcome.

July 9— Summer
Reading: Kids Junk
Orchestra's Rhythm
& Motion Class

Kids will love making noise with Kids Junk Orchestra at the Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave. on Wednesday, July 9th from 5pm to 6pm. Through the use of non-conventional items such as buckets and recycled items, youth learn how to create various sounds and rhythms. This class focuses on group cooperation, basic rhythm drumming skills, team building, specialized drumming instruction and a safe environment to perform musically. This event is first come, first served.

July 9— Wag-N-Walk

Wag-N-Walk invites you to join them for a twice monthly Wag-N-Walk at parks around Gresham with your friendly furry friends and local dog trainer/walker, Avery, from Hounding Around. On Wednesday, July 9th at 4pm they will meet at Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Red Sunset Drive, Gresham. The park has plenty of green space and walking paths for furry friends and their owners. We will meet at the playground by the restrooms. All dogs must remain leashed. Pet owners, please be sure to bring baggies for any bathroom breaks your pups may take. They encourage friendly dogs to attend these events. For more information, contact ParkReservations@GreshamOregon.gov.

Dungeons &
Dragons @ Sandy
Library

July 9, 23 — Following old-school D&D rules from 1980, a group of players both experienced and new to the game gather around the table at the Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd., Sandy on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6pm to 8pm. This month the dates are July 9th & 23rd. They invite you to come join them. Seats are limited. Registration is required. For more information contact Dungeon Master Steve Williamson at gaming@ruckerworks.com.

July 9, 23—
Wednesday Music in
the Parks

Wednesday Music in the Parks, presented by the

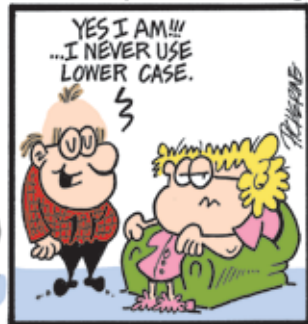
Gresham Center for the Arts Foundation, brings a diverse, exciting lineup of musicians to the community for free, family-friendly events. Concerts run from 6:30-8:30 pm at various locations. July lineup: July 9—Bodacious (folk), Nadaka Nature Park, 17615 NE Glisan St.; July 23—Eldon T. Jones (smooth jazz), Bella Vista Park, 401 NW Bella Vista Drive. Wednesday Music in the Parks concerts include food vendors and beer/wine at each event. For more information, email Info@CenterfortheArtsFoundation.org.

July 9, 10, 11 —
Sandy Mt. Festival
Kid's Events

Sandy Parks and Recreation is happy to continue their support of the Mountain Festival by providing 3 free youth community events. Events: Pet Show: Bring your favorite pet to Cedar Park, 17225 SE Meinig on Wednesday, July 9th at 10am. It can be a dog, cat, goat, rooster or even your favorite stuffy! Bike Derby: Navigate your way to different stations that will show off your biking skills on July 10th at 10am at Cedar Park, 17225 SE Meinig. Kid's Parade: On July 11th, local vendors will set up activities for kids before the parade at Sandy Grade School, 38955 Pleasant Street. Make sure to dress up, bring your wheels and have fun! Kid's Events start at 10am, Kid's Parade starts at 12pm. Call 503-668-5569 to learn more about these free events.

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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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July 10—Sandy Mt. Festival Parade

Come to downtown Sandy for the annual Mountain Festival Parade on Thursday, July 10th, starting at 7pm. Floats, fire trucks, animals, kids and more at this yearly event. The parade route runs east on Pioneer Blvd. from Tollgate to Wolf Dr.

July 10,11,12 — Music Fair & Feast in Sandy

The annual Music Fair and Feast is one of the most anticipated local events of the year and the main fundraiser for the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce. It all happens at the downtown Sandy Centennial Plaza, 39345 Pioneer Blvd. There will be great food vendors, fantastic music and dancing, a popular beer and wine garden. Schedule: July 10th—Family Night 5pm to 11:30pm, Live Music After the Parade, (Free Admission for All Ages). July 11th—Live Music 5pm to 12am. July 12th—Family Day from 12pm to 12:30am. Family Day Activities will be held from 12pm to 3pm; Live Music 3pm to 12am.*Friday & Saturday \$13 Admission after 5 PM. Kids 9-17 \$6, 8 & under free. (*21 & Over After 8 PM). Check out the full schedule and band lineup at www.sandyoregonchamber.org/music-fair-and-feast. This event is sponsored in part by Clackamas County Bank. VIP Passes are available at Geren's Farm and Landscape Supply, 33680 SE Kelso Rd., Boring. For more information go to www.sandyoregonchamber.org.

July 11—Red Yarn & the Critters: Game On!

Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave., will have an event on Friday, July 11th from 2pm to 3pm called "Red Yarn & the Critters: Game On!" In this high-energy music & puppet show, acclaimed Portland family performer Red Yarn will perform classic "play-party" songs (folksongs with built-in games and dances) alongside engaging roots-rock originals. Meanwhile, in their puppet skits, Red Yarn & his Critters will explore themes of teamwork, friendship and leveling up our collaborations.

July 11,18,25—Family Storytime at Gresham Library

Children from birth to age 6 (with a favorite adult) are invited to the Gresham Library 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham on Fridays, July 11,18,25 from 10:15am to 11am or from 11:15am to 12pm, to enjoy books, songs,

rhymes and movement activities while building language and literacy skills. Attendance is limited and free tickets are available 15 minutes before storytime.

July 12—Sandy Mt. Festival Car Show

The Sandy Mountain Festival Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 12th from 9am to 2:30pm at 39800 Hwy US 26 in Sandy. Come enjoy a day full of vintage cars and festival fun at the Sandy Mountain Festival. Classic Cars & Showstoppers, food trucks, vendor booths, live music and trophies for winners at the free event.

July 12-13—Sandy Mountain Festival

Sandy Mountain Festival showcases handcrafted work from more than 100 artisans each year. It is located in the beautifully wooded Meinig Park, 17670 Meinig Ave. Sandy. Enjoy shopping in the shade of the trees, listening to live

music by the creek, and grab something to eat from one of the many food booths. Hours are: July 12th from 10am to 7pm and July 13th from 10am to 5pm.

July 12—American Legion Post 7411th Annual Cruise-In Estacada

American Legion Post 7411th will be holding their Annual Cruise In at 30878 Evergreen Way, Estacada on Saturday, July 12th, 10am to 3pm. They have a raffle for \$1,000 in Cash prizes. All of their trophies are handmade by veterans and consist of 18 categories from 'Pre-30's' to '2000 and newer' including Trucks and motorcycles. The B-17 Alliance Traveling Museum will be at the Cruise-In. They will also having a free American Flag exchange. Bring your old and tattered flag and they will replace it (3 x 5) free, while supplies last. There will be local vendors and local food vendors.

July 12—Walking Tour of Downtown Gresham

The Gresham Historical Society invites you to learn about history on Saturday, July 12th 1pm to 2:30pm on the free 1-hour walking tour of Downtown Gresham, starting at 410 N. Main Ave, Gresham. They'll be talking about commercial and residential buildings from various eras of Gresham's development and how these buildings still play an important role in the community. Stops will include the Zion Church, M&M Restaurant, Amiton Furniture, and of course, the Gresham Historical Society. This tour is free

and friendly to all ages, but geared towards adults.

July 13— Concealed Firearms Permit Class

If you don't have your concealed carry permit, you can't legally carry a concealed firearm in Oregon. On Sunday, July 13th from 12pm to 5pm, a Concealed Firearms Permit Class will be held at Clackamas County Bank-Gresham, 1101 NE Burnside Rd., Gresham. The class will



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July 15—Business and Leaders Luncheon

The Gresham Area Chamber's mission is to Advocate, Educate, and Collaborate with local organizations for the vitality and prosperity of the region. Their Business and Leaders Luncheons are among the ways they fulfill that mission, and they invite you to join them for the monthly opportunity to network, learn, and grow over a delicious, locally prepared lunch. This month's topic is a Legislative Session Wrap up with Oregon State Senator Daniel Bonham (R) The Dalles and Oregon State Representative Ricki Ruiz (D) Gresham. This luncheon will be held on Tuesday, July 15th from 12pm to 1pm at the Persimmon Country Club, 500 SE Butler Rd., Gresham. Fees/Admission: Members, attendance with lunch: \$24; Non-Members, attendance with lunch: \$32; Members, attendance and a beverage only: \$5; Non-members, attendance and a beverage only: \$8. Register at: www.greshamchamber.org/events/. Questions? Email: amyb@greshamchamber.org

July 16,25,30—2025 Starlight Cinema

The Summer Sounds and Starlight Cinema is Sandy's annual "Concerts and Movies in the Park" event. All concerts and movies are free events that take place at Meinig Park, 17670 Meinig Ave., Sandy. Concerts will start at 6pm and end at 8pm. Movies will start at "Dusk." There will be food and drinks available for purchase. Concerts: July 16th-Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts; July 30th-Jukebox Heroes. Movies: July 25th-"The Wild Robot."

July 18—Movies @ Red Sunset Park

Gresham Parks and Recreation presents Movies in the Park at Red Sunset Park, 2403 NE Red Sunset Drive, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. Bring your cozy blankets and favorite movie snacks. Admission is free, so come early to secure your

spot. Featured movies: July 18th—"Inside Out 2" rated PG at 6:30pm; "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" rated PG at 8:30pm. For more information, email CommunityEngagement@GreshamOregon.gov.

July 19—Festival of Arts in Gresham

Enjoy the annual Festival of Arts in Gresham, brought to you by the Center for the Arts Foundation on Saturday, July 19th from 9am to 5pm in historic downtown Gresham and Arts Plaza. This free, family-friendly arts and cultural event invites you to immerse yourself in local arts, food, music and more. Stop by and get your Festival of the Arts tote bag. The Festival of Arts includes: Over 150 artists; Live music, featuring five bands; Kids village; Food trucks. Explore the local shops. Stop by the Gresham Farmers' Market on Second Street, Third Street and NE Hood Avenue. Head to the Arts Plaza to visit artists in the interactive art immersion demonstration area and stop by the Kids Village for fun activities. For more information contact the Center for the Arts Foundation at 503-489-7603.

July 24—Gardening for Pollinators

The Sandy Library, 38980 Proctor Blvd, Sandy, invite you to come join OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ volunteers, Mary Lindstrand and Tina Mori as they share the vital importance pollinators play for us all and steps we can take to support pollinators in the landscape. Gardening for Pollinators will be held on Thursday, July 24th at 6pm.

July 25—Troutdale Movies in the Park

Troutdale Movies in the Park will start on Friday, July 25th at 6:30pm at the little league field next to Imagination Station, 1900 SW Cherry Park Rd., Troutdale. July 25th brings an out-of-this-world double feature: the ultimate sci-fi classic Star Wars: A New Hope at 6:30pm followed by the 2009 reboot of Star Trek. In addition to the magic of the silver screen, the event will also feature FREE popcorn, a variety of food vendors, and plenty of activities. You'll want to bring a blanket or low back camping chairs. If your chairs are of a higher profile, they ask that you take a spot toward the back so everyone can see. Please leave your pets at home and remember that alcoholic beverages, smoking, and vaping are

prohibited in Troutdale city parks. Information at www.troutdaleoregon.gov/movies.

July 26—St. Michael Concert Event

St. Michael Catholic Church in Sandy will be having an outdoor Praise & Worship event on Saturday, July 26th. Come hear Koren y Jessica at 5pm (Spanish and English) and Solo Israel (Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish and English) at 7pm. Koren & Jessica (and the family)) are talented singers, songwriters, and musicians. Solu Israel are Israelis who are on a tour of the USA called "Out of Zion". They are on a mission to share Yeshua to all peoples. The food court opens at 4pm. This is a free event with an offering to support ministries. The address is: 18090 SE Langensand Rd., Sandy.

July 27—Sandy Kiwanis Cruise-In

The Sandy Kiwanis Cruise-In & Breakfast will be held at Oral Hull Park, 43233 SE Oral Hull Park Rd., Sandy on Sunday, July 27th, from 7am to 1pm. Pancake Breakfast for \$10 adult, \$5 kids; Classic Car Show (\$20 if entering a car); Snack Shack; Raffle; 50/50 and music. Sponsored in part by Clackamas County Bank.

Aug. 2—Burns Feed Store Customer Appreciation Day

Burns Feed Store, 29215 SE Orient Drive, Gresham, will be having their 75th year celebration, Customer Appreciation Day, on Saturday, Aug. 2nd from 10am to 2pm. Come enjoy vendor booths, give away tables, face painting, clown, coin hunt, photo booth, horseshoeing, food and much more. They even have a \$5 off of \$75 coupon to use while shopping between now and 8/3/25.

Aug. 2—Sandy Night Out

D31Foundation and The Works Creative LLC will be holding the 4th annual Sandy Night Out on Saturday, Aug. 2nd from 4pm to 7pm at the Mount Hood Farmers Market, 38600 Proctor Blvd., Sandy. They invite you to come for a free dinner, live music, games, and fun for all ages. There'll be ticketed activities and a raffle—all supporting the Sandy Community Kindness Program. Bring your friends, your family, and your community spirit! ■

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Reward Offered

By GREG ROSEN
Writer

On Friday, my coffee cup disappeared from my office. Contrary to what you may have heard, I did not buy the "World's Greatest Realtor" mug for myself. I do acknowledge that I have no actual proof that it was a gift from a client. It is best to assume I am telling the truth on this issue. At least that is the story I am sticking to.

The investigation

I put the investigation into full swing. I asked around and no one knew anything about its disappearance. There were several people I had my eye on though. I think every office has at least one.

You know who they are, they never bring lunch or snacks, and they think the kitchen sink magically cleans and puts away anything they put in there. They often use other people's cups and they have been seen spending prolonged periods of time looking around in the office refrigerator when things go missing. They will also be the first ones to eat anything on the community table even though they

have never added anything to it. Technically I cannot say never. One time they brought in two oranges that had seen better days. Oddly that same morning I saw a bag of oranges scattered on the road on the way in. Probably just a coincidence.

A break in the case

Under a table in the corner of the kitchen I noticed a broken piece of my coffee cup on the floor. Someone had busted my cup! I should note this was not the first time my cup disappeared. Last month I found it in the bathroom stuffed with used toilet paper. Not soiled toilet paper, just gently used toilet paper. My guess is they thought that would be enough for me to throw it away. They would be wrong on that of course.

I had a plan to find the person responsible

I would guilt them into confessing. I started with a reward poster. On it was a picture of me holding the cup at the beach, just as the sun was coming up. It was a very touching photo. Still, no one came forward, so I bought a memorial vase and put the last piece of the cup in it and



placed it on display for all to see. You would think that would do it. Surprisingly, it did not produce the results I thought it would.

Later that day I had a memorial service for the cup hoping the guilty party would confess. At the eulogy I played Diane Ross, "Missing You" and carefully watched my coworkers for a reaction. They all looked guilty to me, so I am starting to think it was a group effort. I am not sure who would ever do something like this but, trust me, this game is not over. I will find you and it will not be pretty when I do. ■

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7 things to eliminate for success

By MIKE WILEY
Retired Life Coach

As men, we often think improvement means adding more — more habits, more goals, more hustle. But real success often comes from subtraction. It's often what you don't do that sets you apart.

Avoiding certain behaviors can spare you regret, protect your reputation, and open the path to meaningful achievement. These seven principles are simple, but living them will put you in rare company.

Here are seven things to stop:

1. Don't use tobacco

This seems like a no-brainer. Not only does smoking destroy your health, but in today's culture, nothing shouts "low class" like smoking. Want to avoid a huge amount of health struggles in life? Don't smoke. If you smoke, stop. In fact, avoid the use of any kind of tobacco products.

2. Avoid alcohol

Alcohol consistently ranks as one of the most destructive and addictive substances in history. A quick scan of news headlines reveals the damage: crimes committed, reputations ruined, lives lost—all under the influence.

Drunk decisions are rarely good ones. From reckless sex to fatal accidents, alcohol lowers judgment and raises risk. If you want to avoid unnecessary trouble in life, be very cautious—or better yet, cut it out entirely. Call it a health kick if you need an excuse. Plenty of people don't drink, and their lives are better for it.

3. Don't use illegal drugs

Illegal drugs aren't banned to ruin your fun—they're illegal they wreck minds, bodies, and futures. No one striving for wisdom, strength, or self-discipline chooses to indulge in that kind of self-destruction—or surrounds themselves with people who do (see #7).

Beyond the health risks, there's the legal reality: a drug conviction can derail your career before it starts. Drug convictions look bad on a resume and prison tattoos might clash with your wardrobe.

4. Don't gamble

Gambling is the sport of fools. It's not glamorous, it's not clever—it's a fast track to loss, regret, and often addiction. People have thrown away life savings, homes, and relationships chasing the



illusion of a win that almost never comes.

The gambling industry sells an image of sophistication and excitement. In reality, it's mostly heartbreak: dazed retirees, compulsive habits, and empty bank accounts. Gambling preys on hope and ends in despair.

No one sets out to become addicted. But the best safeguard is to never gamble. Not a nickel, not a single lottery ticket. You'll never regret the money you didn't lose.

5. Don't overeat

Nearly 70% of Americans are overweight or obese—a problem that leads straight to diabetes, joint pain, heart issues, and a diminished quality of life.

Extra weight makes everyday things harder: seats are tighter, clothes never fit quite right, and physical discomfort becomes the norm. Worse, it chips away at confidence, mood, and even how you treat others.

Losing weight is tough. The smarter move? Don't gain it in the first place. Eat with intention, not emotion. Staying lean isn't just about looks—it's about strength, mobility, energy, and longevity.

6. Don't Have Sex Outside of Marriage

This may be the most controversial advice on the list, but it can spare you countless problems. The risks—STDs (some incurable), unplanned pregnancies, emotional fallout, broken families, lawsuits, workplace complications, and financial ruin—are real and often devastating.

At its core, life is about relationships. When your time comes, you'll want to be surrounded by those who love you. The surest way to build that future is to find a lifelong partner,

commit to them in marriage, and stay faithful. Even if your past is complicated—failed marriages, long-term relationships without vows—you can start fresh. Few decisions have more power to eliminate future pain and open the door to lasting reward.

7. Eliminate bad influences from your life

St. Paul warned, "Bad company corrupts good morals." Yet we often fool ourselves into thinking we can keep toxic, dishonest, or foolish people close without consequence. We can't.

Business philosopher Jim Rohn put it bluntly: you are the average of the five people you spend the most time with. So ask yourself—who are they? If they reflect the behaviors warned about earlier—laziness, recklessness, moral compromise—they're likely dragging you down.

Wise people choose wise friends. If you want to grow, surround yourself with those who elevate you—people with integrity, ambition, and quiet strength. You don't need to be unkind, but you do need to be intentional. Stop giving time and energy to people who are not good influences and start investing in relationships that build you into who you want to become.

Conclusion

Of course, these aren't the only things that should be eliminated from life. But, these seven are the basics and a good place to start.

Next month: 7 simple things to do to quickly improve your life. ■

Mike Wiley is a former professional life coach and is the publisher and editor of Hoodview News.



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Pregnant, so never speak to me again

By D.B. Haverford
Humorist

I currently have a lot of friends who are pregnant. It's adorable and I can't wait to meet their new little additions to this world, but it reminds me of the nine months I was pregnant. I keep it real—pregnancy for me was more like being on a National Geographic wild animal documentary than I had expected. It's not for the squeamish.

Baby has no decency

I know that us ladies are supposed to handle it with poise and grace, but let me tell you folks, it's nuts. Not only are you literally growing a human being inside you, but it doesn't even have the decency to sit still in there while it hijacks your body. I know everyone loves to feel the baby move and kick, but toward the end, when you get taken to your knees by a kick from the inside and you can literally see an outline of a tiny foot, it's more alarming then adorable.

The crazy bites

Also the mood swings were something out of a Stephen King novel. In my personal situation I was self aware of my crazy and could feel it coming on like a zombie bite, slowly taking control of my tired pregnant brain. I would occasionally try to warn my hubby, but it was usually too late for him. One time in particular I was actually laughing while I was crying, and my husband, being the wise man that he is, asked me if I wanted a snack. The answer was yes, yes I did.

Never speak to me again

Also, I can't understand why, during a time when pregnant women's bodies and minds are at their most vulnerable, we have somehow decided as a society that this is the socially acceptable time to start giving them opinions on their bodies. Just "no" people. If you would never dream of saying it to a



non-pregnant person, definitely don't say it to a pregnant one. To the lady who told me she actually lost weight during her pregnancy and if I was "doing it right"

To the lady who told me she actually lost weight during her pregnancy and if I was "doing it right" I should be able to wear my pre-pregnancy clothes home from the hospital: That was very informative. Please never speak to me or any pregnant women ever again.

I should be able to wear my pre-pregnancy clothes home from the hospital: That was very informative. Please never speak to me or any pregnant women ever again.

I had extreme morning sickness (a term here meaning sick all day so "morning" is a bit of a misnomer) and my diet consisted of two main food groups—Oreos and spaghetti with meat balls, but only from a can, so basically spaghetti in its grossest form. Spaghetti is a food I did not like before or after pregnancy so I cannot figure that one out, but being one of the two foods that did not make my body hit "purge," it stayed on the menu despite its lack of culinary sophistication.

I do think that I got pretty lucky though, because my daughter is the sweetest little girl you could ever ask for, and that makes sense, because she's got to be at least 90% Oreo. ■

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2026 insurance picture is murky

By LESLIE PARKER
Medicare Advisor

In the insurance world, the summer is all about gearing up for the fall and learning what product offerings will be for 2026. This year things are a little murkier, especially with those consumers who purchase individual or family insurance from the federal marketplace and receive tax credits that help to make their insurance more affordable.

Loss of tax credits?

The federal government increased tax credits in 2021 during the COVID health emergency. This allowed people who make up to \$62,000 per year to still qualify for tax credits to lower the cost of their premium. For context a Silver plan for a 62-year-old female has an average price point with no tax credits of \$1163 per month. The plan design will provide a deductible between \$3-6,000 and an out-of-pocket maximum of around \$9000.

As we look to 2026, insurance companies are concerned the loss of tax credits will see consumers making the decision they cannot afford a plan and drop out of the market. The Washington Health Benefit Exchange is estimating that as many as 80,000 Washington residents may drop coverage due to cost, if the tax credits go away in 2026.

Credits support older workers, entrepreneurs

In my work, I see these tax credits support older workers who are looking to retire before Medicare eligibility, or who are laid off from positions a few years before Medicare eligibility. Another category is new business owners who leave employer-based health benefits to strike



out on their own, but are not yet eligible for group health insurance as they work to get their business off the ground.

Current estimates in Oregon show a potential average rate increase in the individual market for 2026 near 10%. In Washington State, that rate increase for 2026 is closer to 21%. Insurance companies who sell individual policies are trying to navigate the waters of changing federal policy but reduction in tax credit levels for 2026 could lead to significant changes for consumers. ☺ ■

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How AI is used in cyberattacks

From JARED TJADEN and
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According to the FBI, cybercriminals are becoming more sophisticated in their attacks by leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to conduct social engineering attacks. Cybercriminals can now use these tools to create scams uniquely tailored to specific victims and use them to remove common phishing tell-tale flags – whilst faking familiar voices, faces, and mannerisms. Overall, this increases the chances for successful attacks that lead to financial fraud and data theft.

AI in Phishing Emails

Cybercriminals use AI to analyze vast amounts of public data, to craft emails that include specific details about the victim such as but is not limited to name, job title, recent activities, and email address – making the phishing attempt seem much more relevant and legitimate.

Potential Dangers of AI-Powered Phishing:

- **Increased Success Rate:** Highly personalized phishing attempts are more likely to trick users into clicking malicious links or providing sensitive information.
- **Difficult to Detect:** AI-generated phishing emails can appear very similar to legitimate communications, making them harder to identify as fraudulent.
- **Wider Reach:** AI allows cybercriminals to automate phishing attacks, which helps them target a larger pool of potential victims.

AI in Voice/Video Scams

AI is increasingly being used in voice and video scams as well, leveraging these advanced tools to deceive victims to commit

financial fraud and steal sensitive information. AI tools are used to create realistic fake videos (deep-fakes) or audio by mimicking a person's voice, facial expressions, and mannerisms. Cybercriminals use these to impersonate trusted individuals such as family members, celebrities, or executives and entice their victims into divulging sensitive information or providing financial compensation. For example, be on the lookout for deepfakes impersonating your trusted contacts using deepfakes to try to get financial information. Anything involving PII should be done in person or using known/verified callback options.

Potential Dangers of AI-Powered Voice/Video Scams

- **Increased Realism:** AI-generated content is often indistinguishable from real audio or video, making it harder for victims to detect scams.
- **Erosion of Trust:** The ability to replicate voices and videos undermines trust in digital communication, as people can no longer rely on what they see or hear.
- **Targeted Exploitation:** Scammers can use AI to target vulnerable individuals, such as the elderly or those unfamiliar with technology, increasing the likelihood of success.
- **Financial and Emotional Harm:** Victims may lose money, sensitive information, or suffer emotional distress from being deceived by someone they "trust".

How to Protect Yourself

- **Stay Informed:** Keep up with the latest scam trends and tactics used by cybercriminals.
- **Use Strong Passwords and MFA:** Create complex passwords for each account and enable multi-factor authentication to add an additional layer of security and verification.
- **Be Skeptical:** Avoid clicking

on links or downloading attachments from unknown sources. Verify the contact information of anyone who is attempting to reach out to you.

- **Use a Safe Word:** Establish a family or team "safe word" to confirm identities during sensitive communications.
- **Be Cautious of Urgent Requests:** Scammers often create a sense of urgency, so take a moment to assess the situation before acting.

Key Takeaways

With the emergence of AI, cybercriminals have made it a point to take full advantage of these tools to create malicious, sophisticated cyberattacks that are increasingly difficult to detect. Cybercriminals will use any tools at their disposal to commit heinous cybercrimes for financial gain. While AI-based cyberattacks are a growing concern, they are not insurmountable. By combining technology, education, and vigilance, you can protect yourself and your families from falling victim to these sophisticated attacks. The key is to remain proactive, skeptical, and informed in this evolving digital landscape. ■



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Preparing teen drivers for vehicle breakdowns

By KAREN JOHNSTON
All About Automotive

This is the second in our two-part series on preparing teen drivers for two things they will likely encounter: accidents and breakdowns. Last month, we covered essential preparedness for accidents. This month we will look at some essentials to be prepared for breakdowns.

Prepare in advance

Mechanical issues and breakdowns can happen to any driver—but may be more likely to happen to teen drivers who often may be driving an older vehicle as their first or second car. They can also be particularly stressful for teens who may not know what steps to take. By helping your teen prepare in advance, you can turn a potentially scary situation into a manageable one.

What to Keep in the Car

- **Towing insurance or AAA card:** Ensure it's easily accessible with the contact number.
- **A printed list** of preferred towing companies, mechanical and auto body shops—including phone numbers



and addresses.

Emergency supplies:

- **Warning devices** (reflective triangles, flares, flashlight)
- **First aid kit**
- **Reflective vest**

Many repair facilities have after-hours drop-off options, which can save the cost of a second tow. Make sure your teen knows where these facilities are located and how to use the drop-off process.

What to Do During a Breakdown

- Move the vehicle as far out of traffic as safely possible.
- Turn on hazard lights im-

mediately.

- If unable to exit traffic, stay in a safe area away from the vehicle until help arrives.
- Use warning devices to alert other drivers, especially at night.

Above all, safety should be the top priority—for the driver, passengers, and others on the road. Happy Motoring! ■

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Pet CPR and burnt paws

By SAM MAZOTTA
Contributor

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Several years ago, my family's dog "Aker" passed away when his heart stopped. We were never sure why this happened, and I was just a kid. But I've always wondered if it was possible to perform CPR on a pet if this happens in the future. I adopted a puppy recently and I want to be able to help him whenever he's hurt or injured. — Becca R.

DEAR BECCA: You can perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on a pet whose heart has stopped—in fact, you can even get training on pet CPR and first aid through the Red Cross.

The process for pet CPR is very similar to that of human CPR. If a dog or cat becomes ill and collapses, you first check for breathing and heartbeat—look to see if their chest is moving, and place your hand on their chest to feel for a heartbeat. If there is no heartbeat or breathing, place the pet on their right side and perform chest compressions directly over their heart at a rate of 100-120 compressions per minute. Give rescue breaths every 30 compressions. Keep performing CPR until they begin to breathe on their own, or until you reach the emergency vet clinic.

Those instructions don't reveal

some key factors, like: What if a dog is barrel-chested? How do you give rescue breaths to a large dog? Pet CPR and first-aid training will answer those questions, and help you feel confident that you can provide immediate care for illness, shock or injury until your pet can get to the vet for advanced care.

Treating pet sunburns and heat injuries

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I took my German Shepherd "Maximilian" for a walk at lunchtime today. Since we got back, he's been limping and whining. I don't see any debris on his paws, but the pads on his front paws feel hot. Did he burn them somehow? — Greg B.

DEAR GREG: From his symptoms, it's very likely that he burned his pads on a hot sidewalk or street. You'll need to treat them quickly; first aid is straightforward for this injury.

- Fill a shallow bowl with cold (but not icy) water. Gently submerge your dog's paws in the water – you may need to do one at a time and give him treats throughout the process – for 10 to 15 minutes. (If he doesn't tolerate the water bowl at all, wrap each paw in a cool cloth instead.)

- Wash his paws with cool,



soapy water or disinfect carefully, and pat them dry immediately.

- Put clean socks on his paws so he doesn't lick them, and encourage him to rest.

• Check Maximilian's paw pads every few hours. If you see any sign of broken skin, blisters or infection, or if he is still limping tomorrow, take him to the vet for further evaluation and treatment.

Burnt pads can happen very quickly in the summertime, especially in southern states. Walk dogs in the early morning before sunrise or just after sunset to minimize this risk, or keep them on the grass and away from pavement during the day. Booties provide some protection, but can't always stop heat transfer to paws. After each walk, check their pads and wrap in a cool cloth for a few minutes, if they feel warm. ■

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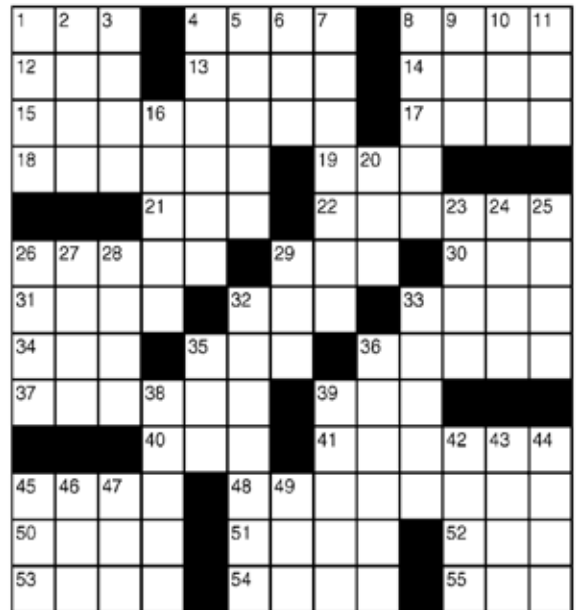


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The care and feeding of tooth implants

By **RUSSELL BIRD, DMD**
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So, you've invested your time and money in getting needed implants to replace a gap or problem teeth. Your next step? You guessed it. Like any valuable investment, maintenance is the key to good function and long life.

Watch What You Eat

One result of tooth implants is improved mechanical function of your bite. This means that many patients become able to eat foods they haven't enjoyed in years. But the difference between the shape and surface of your original teeth and your implants warrants some vigilance in what you eat—not because implants decay like natural teeth. They don't. But they are more dependent on a healthy surrounding environment to stay in good shape.

Sometimes it's easier to avoid problem foods than to deep-clean afterwards. Here's an easy way to start a preventive routine: choose foods that are less likely to get stuck in between teeth or in gum flaps. If you have had some jawbone loss, these pockets will be deeper than normal, inviting food to camp out there. When that happens, bacteria invades. Good foods to avoid are stringy meats, nuts and tiny seeds. And watch out for sticky anything—such as caramel and candies.

Focus Cleaning on Gums

Synthetic implants have



a polished surface that naturally discourages tartar buildup. That's great news! But this smoothness combined with a bit more space created by the integration with your jawbone raises the potential for trapping food around the implant.

Whichever foods you choose, make sure to clear them away from your implants, as well as your regular teeth. To do so, employ the Big Three self-care tools: floss, a Waterpik-style irrigator and an electric toothbrush. These tools are strong enough that your action can (and should) be gentle. Try a thicker string floss to dislodge large or sticky debris. Use your Waterpik to hit the nooks and crannies around implants. Then brush it all away using a soft-headed brush. Electric styles are effective without aggravating gum tissue.

And don't miss professional cleanings once or twice a year, as your dentist recommends. The key

to long-lasting implants is gum health, which in turn supports the bone structure that anchors these dental appliances. If you think of these three elements as interconnected, you'll understand how vital a good hygiene routine is to your investment. And when you keep that up, your tooth implants may last a lifetime. ■

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Kidney stone treatments?

By DR. KEITH ROACH
Columnist

DEAR DR. ROACH: I just found out that I have a kidney stone. I'm 77 years old, and I don't want to deal with it. I've heard of potassium citrate and pulverizing it with sound waves. Are these options? -- J.M.

ANSWER: When a person gets a kidney stone, the goals are to manage any symptoms, determine if a person's health is at risk (especially from infection or kidney damage), and decide which treatment might be necessary to prevent any new stones.

Extracorporeal sound wave lithotripsy is one way of removing symptomatic stones, as is ureteroscopy with laser lithotripsy. The decision of whether intervention needs to be done is made by a urologist with expertise in stone management, and treatment depends on the size, type and location of your stone(s).

Prevention of a recurrent stone depends on the specific stone type and any metabolic issue the person has. Nearly everyone with stones is recommended to increase their



water intake (to a level that is adequate enough to make at least 2 liters of urine a day -- and yes, we measure it) and decrease their salt intake (to less than 2,300 mg of sodium a day).

My former professor at the University of Chicago, Dr. Fred Coe, told me that he has seen people with sodium levels in their urine exceeding 25,000 mg a day. A high sodium level strongly favors stone formation.

Potassium citrate is a good choice for people who have calcium oxalate stones (60% to 80% of stones) and low measured citrate in their 24-hour urine tests. A low-oxalate diet may also be appropriate, but you can't

make an informed decision without knowing which kind of stone you have and what your metabolism is like.

If you do pass a stone, save it; it will be useful for your doctor. There are several different types of less-common stones, so management can't be tailored for you without this information. ■

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Bible helps to tell truth from lies

By DEE DUKE

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Reading the Bible will keep us from being deceived

The "word of righteousness" is the Bible. Some people don't read and study it much; they are an infant in their thinking. They are easily deceived by what is false. The mature read the Bible a lot, their senses are trained, and they can dis-

The "word of righteousness" is the Bible. Some people don't read and study it much; they are an infant in their thinking. They are easily deceived by what is false.

cern the truth from error. The Bible is supernatural; it is the Word of God, the mind of Christ, and the Sword of the Spirit. When the devil attempted to tempt Jesus, Jesus resisted by simply quoting scripture to him. We find it challenging to

maintain a regular Bible reading discipline or find it almost impossible to memorize and meditate on scripture "day and night." It is because satan's demons are constantly talking to us, working hard to persuade us to put it off one more day. Suppose we can break through that barrage of mind control from the enemy and have a season of successful and faithful reading, study, memorization, and meditation of God's Word. In that case, the enemy's voice will become less and less pronounced in our thinking.

In 2 Corinthians 11:3, Paul says, "But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." ■

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Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God — Romans 3:23

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Isaiah 53:6

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Oregon Decline?

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using the new rules to challenge signature validity and tie up initiatives.

What has been the result of these changes? A steep decline in the number of citizen initiated petitions. In 2000, there were 18 citizen-led initiatives on the ballot. In 2022 and 2024, just two citizen initiatives made the ballot each year. Now, most ballot measures are referred directly by the legislature or sponsored, funded, and organized by large special-interest groups.

This year, HJR 11 proposed even more hurdles: raising the signature threshold from 6% to 8%, requiring signatures from every congressional district, and further limiting paid signature gathering. While it did not become law in 2025, critics warn that laws like it could make grassroots initiatives nearly impossible.

All this has led to a growing sense of public frustration and resentment as citizens once again feel more and more shut out from the democratic process — the very frustrations that led to the adoption of the IRR system in the first place.

For many, the IRR system no longer resembles the citizen-led movement it was in

1902. It has become a gated process—only accessible to those with deep pockets and political muscle.

In the name of protecting democracy, in the last twenty years, Oregon's politicians seem to have neutered one of its greatest tools.

5. Unplugging Oregon

Restrictive policies are leading to skyrocketing electricity costs

For decades, Oregon's economic engine was fueled by cheap, abundant electricity. The pre-war and postwar booms of the 1930s through the 1980s was driven in large part by a smart mix of hydro-electric and nuclear energy. Oregon became a national hub for aluminum and paper production, and later, for microchips and advanced manufacturing. Power was plentiful, rates were low, and the future looked bright.

But that was before activist politics began dismantling the foundation.

Over the past 30 years, and with increasing intensity in the past decade, Oregon's activist leadership has worked to take apart the very infrastructure that once made the state prosperous. The Trojan Nuclear Power



UNDEPENDABLE:
"Green" power alternatives like this Oregon windmill farm are undependable, kill birds, and take up huge chunks of land.

Plant—decommissioned in 1993 under political pressure from activists — was the first major casualty. At the time, it provided 10% of Oregon's electricity. That capacity was never really replaced.

Now, the focus has turned to decommissioning hydro-

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electric dams—large and small. Once considered marvels of engineering and cornerstones of Oregon's energy independence, today they are framed by activists and lawmakers as environmental villains.

The result? Steep increases in electricity costs for every-day Oregonians—at a time when family budgets are tight and demand for power is escalating rapidly due to demand from electric vehicles, data centers, and AI infrastructure. Green activism is colliding with grid realities.

Unlike wind and solar, which are intermittent and require costly storage solutions, hydro and nuclear provide stable power that doesn't depend on the weather. They are clean, efficient, and economical. But, for Oregon's activists, ideology trumps practicality—and even affordability.

The ripple effects go beyond now-high household electric bills. The industries and jobs that once thrived here—aluminum, pulp and paper, and semiconductor manufacturing—have withered or moved elsewhere, lured by cheaper power and less regulation.

The blind pursuit of

“green” policies has come at the expense of hard-working Oregon families who simply want to heat their homes, power their businesses, and keep the bills paid.

Oregon once led the way in marrying preservation of natural beauty with livability and economic vitality. However, affordable electricity is being sacrificed to blind ideology.

6. Full-Service Fade

The quiet retreat of an Oregon tradition

For nearly 70 years, Oregon held firm to a quirk that made it famously unique: you didn't pump your own gas. When returning from an out-of-state road trip, you knew that when you stopped for gas in Oregon, you wouldn't have to get out of your vehicle. Someone would pump it for you. Not only that, but it often seemed that full service fuel in Oregon didn't cost any more than self-service in other states.

Along with New Jersey, Oregon stood as one of only two states that required gas stations to offer full-service fueling. For out-of-state visitors, it was often a novelty. For Oregonians, it was a tradition rooted in courtesy,

convenience, and the protection of entry level jobs.

But that tradition is vanishing.

In 2015, the state legislature quietly passed a law allowing self-service fueling in rural counties with populations under 40,000. In 2023, a new law gave stations statewide the option to offer self-service at up to half their pumps—effectively ending the full-service standard across much of Oregon.

The original 1951 ban on self-service was based on concerns over fire hazards, safety, and protecting a source of steady employment. Supporters over the years argued that full-service protected elderly drivers, those with disabilities, and motorists in bad weather—none of whom relished the idea of getting out in the rain or fumbling with a gas nozzle at 11 p.m. in a dark parking lot.

Full-service was one of those quiet, everyday experiences that made Oregon feel a little more thoughtful—more neighborly. It offered entry-level jobs, often for young people. In an increasingly automated world, it offered a small but meaningful human interaction.

Now, rarely seen are the signs that once read “Please remain in your vehicle—an attendant will assist you.”

Stations are still legally required to offer assistance if asked, but in practice, some don't.

For businesses, especially in urban areas, the move is a financial decision. With tight labor markets and rising minimum wages, full-service fueling became an expense few station owners were eager to bear. The result is predictable: self-service becomes the default, while full-service lingers as a courtesy for the persistent or the lucky.

Oregon's abandonment of its full-service fueling tradition seems part of a broader trend: one where long-standing, distinctive features of Oregon life are being eroded.

Greater Idaho coming?

These are not the only uniquely Oregon features that have been undermined in the last decade. We haven't even touched on potential road tolling, drug legalization, crime, or education.

Most of the changes in Oregon are being driven by left-leaning policies.

Oregon's largest city, once-proud Portland has become a cautionary tale. The famed Rose City is now a hollowed-out, dysfunctional shell of a formerly beautiful city — a living example of the disaster



FULL SERVICE FADE: One convenience that Oregon had for decades was full service fueling stations. While proponents of self-service argued that it would lower prices, it often seemed like Oregon's full service prices weren't much higher than those in self-service states. (Image Hoodview News)

wrought by unchecked left-leaning policies. Yet, despite the tragic example Portland has become, the policies for the entire state seem to be driven by legislators seemingly determined to make all of Oregon just like Portland, including its vastly larger downstate, non-urban areas. If they succeed, it seems that Oregon will lose its uniqueness and become just another unremarkable version of every other left-leaning state — just another vanilla place on the map.

Time to reexamine?

This is undoubtedly a main reason behind the “Greater Idaho” movement, an Oregon movement in which 13 eastern Oregon counties — so far — have voted to actively explore how they can leave Oregon and become part of the more conservative Idaho.

Perhaps it is time for Oregon voters to reexamine the path that recent politics have set Oregon on, before the call to breakup the state becomes so loud it can't be ignored. **HVN**

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