

Bethel received a larger-than-normal ending fund balance last year, totaling around \$8.8 million, according to Will Lewis, business services director for Bethel. He says the money is mostly from a Bethel charter school that wasn't renewed, but the district still received money from the state for those students.

That money represents around 17 percent of the budget, according to Nordling, and the Oregon School Boards Association recommends that schools finish with a minimum 5 to 8 percent ending fund balance.

Lewis compares the ending fund balance to a one-time savings account and says it isn't sustainable to spend the money immediately. He says the district is working on a drawdown plan to take the ending fund balance to 8 percent by 2017, and in the meantime, Bethel will use the money to reduce class sizes and add days to the school calendar, as per a 2012 Memorandum of Agreement signed by the union and the district which details the order of priority for adding back school days and step increases.

Since the district and the union can't reach an agreement, the district is looking for a state mediator, which Nordling says can be a lengthy process. In the meantime, no more meetings are scheduled. — Amy Schneider

ADVOCATES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND IMMIGRATION REFORM LOCK HORNS OVER MEASURE 88

Weeks after President Obama deemed immigration reform too contentious to act upon until after the November midterm elections, local advocates for Oregon's Measure 88 are trying to keep the debate from dissolving into another divisive scuffle over immigration. The measure is a referendum on an Oregon Senate bill that makes four-year driver licenses available to those who cannot prove they are in the country legally.

Philip Carrasco, chairman for Grupo Latino de Acción Directa (GLAD) of Lane County, considers it essential that the conversation stays grounded in what the measure would change — making roads safer and giving undocumented workers and immigrants the right to drive legally with temporary driver cards acquired through traditional driver's tests.



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Raquel Hecht, a Eugene-based immigration lawyer, sees this argument as beside the point, given the fundamental value of immigrants to our state. "These people exist in our community, they are working, and they go to church and they have kids," Hecht says. "Do we want them to have legal driving privileges given those facts, or are we going to keep making their lives even more miserable by focusing on what the federal government needs to focus on?"

— Ben Stone

- Eugene attorney **Pete Frost** and County Commissioner **Pete Sorenson** will talk about "Wilderness: Past and Present" at 7 pm Thursday, Sept. 25, at the UO Law School room 110, hosted by the Many Rivers Group Sierra Club and Land Air Water at UO. The free talk is part of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

- The **NAACP Eugene Springfield Unit** will be holding a "Resource Center Kickoff Celebration" from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, Sept. 27, at the LCC Downtown Center, second floor. The next NAACP general meeting will be at the same location at 11 am Saturday, Oct. 18. Call 484-1119 for more information.

- "**Sing Unto Pisgah: Voices Save Seavey Loop**" is a mass choir event in support of preserving the Seavey Loop area from an urban growth boundary expansion and industrial zoning proposed by Springfield. The event will begin at 3 pm Sunday, Sept. 28, near the north parking lot at Mount Pisgah. Organizers are expecting more than 100 singers and drummers from the Springfield Native Youth Center, Eugene Peace Choir, Raging Grannies and more. Musicians involved include Marty Chilla, Rich Glauber, Rob Tobias, Solala Towler, Shanti Shivani and the Wizard of Maz. Email emptygate@comcast.net or call 988-1172.

- Original **political cartoons by Jack Ohman** featuring Wayne Morse are now on display through Dec. 5 at the UO Knight Library Browsing Room and a reception including the exhibit is planned for 6:30 pm Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Gerlinger Lounge on campus. The exhibit is called "Line of Fire: Cartooning's Political Impact."

- Coming up Saturday, Oct. 4, is the "**2014 Great Willamette Clean Up**," an annual event involving boats and volunteers cleaning up trash along 191 miles of the Willamette River. Sponsored by Willamette Riverkeeper and Oakshire. Register by email, kate@willametteriverkeeper.org or call (503) 223-6418.

Line of Fire

Cartooning's Political Impact

FEATURING JACK OHMAN

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
5 p.m.
Gerlinger Lounge
15th and University

Followed by viewing of the Wayne Morse political cartoon exhibit at 6:30 p.m. in the Knight Library

This event is part of the Wayne Morse Legacy Series and is cosponsored by the Oregon Historical Society, World Affairs Council of Oregon, UO Libraries, the Wayne Morse Historical Park Corporation, UO Comic Studies, KLCC, Oregon Country Fair and ACLU of Oregon. Free and open to the public.

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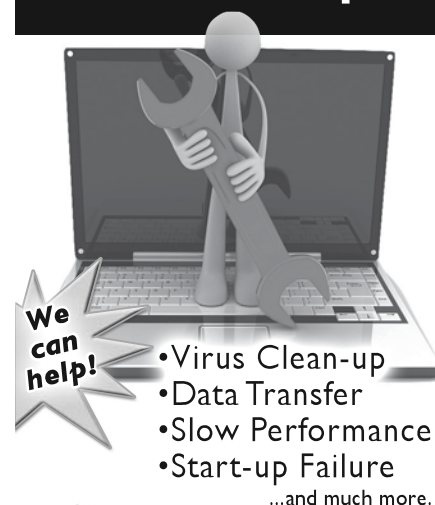
Jack Ohman is the editorial cartoonist for the *Sacramento Bee* and previously held the same position at *The Oregonian*. His work appears in more than 300 publications nationwide.

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