

• Oregon has a Red Flag Law allowing courts to take weapons away from people who are at risk as a danger to themselves or others. That's better than some other states, but still not enough. **We need to do more to stop mass shootings and gun violence.** Thoughts and prayers sure as hell aren't working. Let's start with limiting the number of bullets in a magazine. Oregon Fish and Wildlife's cartridge limit for birds is three rounds, and large game is five. If you need more bullets than that, you are either a terrible shot or looking to kill a lot of people.

• **What we're reading:** Opening piece in the Aug. 15 issue of *The New York Review of Books* is a long review by Alan Weisman of two recent books: *The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming* by David Wallace-Wells and *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?* by Bill McKibben. Not especially fun, but important reading for all of us.



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• **The world is a bleaker place after the death of Toni Morrison** was announced Aug. 6. The Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winning author died at 88 after a short illness, according to a note from her publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. When she won the Nobel Prize in Literature, the Swedish Academy wrote that Morrison was an author "who in novels characterized by visionary force and poetic import, gives life to an essential aspect of American reality."

• After news of GateHouse and Gannett merging to become one megapower newspaper company, concern over whether the sale of the *Bend Bulletin* and *Redmond Spokesman* would go to an out-of-state corporation can be cast aside for the moment. On July 29, **East Oregonian Publishing** purchased the two Oregon newspapers for \$3.65 million. Also known as EO Media, the company publishes 10 newspapers in Oregon and one in southwestern Washington. We hope GateHouse-owned *The Register-Guard* also has a happy ending.

• It's 2019, but it's feeling like 2020 with election fever hitting the U.S. And Eugene isn't safe. **Campaign contributions**, according to the Federal Election Commission, show Eugeneans are active in donating to presidential candidates. Eugeneans donated \$35,487 to President Donald Trump and his political action committee, \$21,981 to Sen. Bernie Sanders and \$12,662 to Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

• **The little "Choose Kindness" signs around Eugene** seemed oddly incongruent after the terrible shootings in El Paso and Dayton, but maybe they're even more important. How about "Choose Kindness" signs around the White House or Trump Tower or Mara Lago? Not that the inhabitant or his blind followers would understand choosing kindness over racism and bigotry, but it might be worth a try. Incidentally, a Choose Kindness Celebration will be held Nov. 3 at The Shedd in Eugene.



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BOKIM YOUM
1956 - 2019

Bokim Youm, née Lee, of Eugene, Ore., died of liver failure at age 62 in Springfield, Ore., on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2019.

Bokim was a junior in college in South Korea in 1978, when she took a calculated risk on her classmate Kyu Ho Youm as a campus sweetheart. Kyu Ho, a poor, first-generation college student, had big dreams of going to the United States, the land of freedom and opportunity, to fulfill his academic ambitions of studying journalism and freedom of the press.

The pair were united in marriage in Seoul in May 1980. Bokim joined Kyu Ho in Carbondale, Ill., six months later during the Thanksgiving week. Her unflagging support enabled Kyu Ho's fulfilling life in America, first as a grad student from 1980 to 1985 and then as a college professor from 1985 to the present.

Bokim was the pillar of the Youm family: Kyu Ho, husband, of Eugene, Ore.; Harry, the Youms' older son, of San Francisco, Calif.; and Eugene, the Youms' younger son, of Portland, Ore. It was Bokim, above all, who made the Youms a loving family throughout the years—this, among other things, so

impressed Sherry Chen that she accepted Harry's proposal in early 2018 with alacrity.

To her husband, who tends to be absent-minded at home, Bokim was a smart, detail-oriented, family-first wife, although she immensely enjoyed working at the Tempe Public Library in Tempe, Ariz., and the University of Oregon Library for more than 20 years. Throughout their married life, Bokim was a constant source of bliss for Kyu Ho. When asked about the happiest moment of his weekdays, Kyu Ho unhesitatingly replied, "My 10-minute drive back home from my office. That someone I love is waiting makes me always look forward to going home after work."

To her children, as Harry posted on Facebook on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, Bokim was "definitely the best Mom in the world": a caring, dedicated, and determined mother.

Bokim's joy in life was to see Harry and Eugene fully living up to her expectations. Beyond academic hopes for her sons, Bokim always wanted Harry and Eugene to grow up with a sense of goals and service. One of her finest achievements was raising Harry and Eugene to be accomplished, wonderful, decent human beings in America.

Bokim's "gamble" in the late 1970s paid off with a loving husband and devoted children who valued her role as Kyu Ho's truly exceptional wife and the first-class mother of Harry and Eugene and the mother-in-law of Sherry.

Her family's everlasting memory of Bokim as someone special is encapsulated by Harry's Facebook posting: "Eugene, Dad, and I were lucky to have you and will always love you. Sleep well, Umma." (Umma is the endearing Korean term for Mom.)

Kyu Ho, Harry and Sherry, and Eugene wish to express their special thanks to the committed doctors and nurses and others at the intensive care unit of the PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield, Ore.

The funeral service in celebration of Bokim's good life is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, at 10 a.m. at the Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 3360 Game Farm Road, Springfield, OR 97477 (<https://centraleugene.church/>).