

letters

NOT A NOTHINGBURGER

How disappointing the position you took on the three point shootout between Sabrina Ionescu and Steph Curry (Slant 2/22). Curry won with a score of 29, which would have won the regular three-point shootout as back-to-back champion Damian Lillard won with a total of 26. Ionescu matched the best number any NBA player not named Curry put up. How can you call that a nothingburger? Both players are classy human beings, they inspire boys, girls, men and women across all spectrums of society. To be honest I am not a huge fan of pro basketball, but I enjoyed the shoot-out immensely.

Will “Boomer” Mc Naught
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STRIP SEARCH QUESTIONS

I am a criminology major at Portland State University responding to the article about Lane County’s strip searching of juveniles. I found this article to be a concerning example of sexual misconduct by correctional officers that is a symptom of an institution allowing this misconduct to happen through discretion and unsatisfactory preventative measures.

I’m wondering how this issue could have gone on for so long undetected, even though the number of reported incidents has been “growing”?

Strip searching is illegal unless there’s reasonable suspicion. However, if we look at other crimes occurring in the criminal justice system, such as police brutality, reasonable suspicion is a loose guideline that involves a lot of discretion. Although the law is meant to rely on concrete facts, the issues taking place in the detention facility were based on finding banned items in detainees’ cells. Without scanners, which should absolutely be mandatory in carceral systems, there’s no way to prove contraband was being brought in under a detainee’s clothes.

The article mentions that workers are only now receiving training on the issue, and will then be able to make a decision. Why have they not been trained on this? How are metal detectors and other body scanners not utilized? It’s imperative that these are implemented and that the Lane County’s youth detention center is transparent with their strip search policies. This is an issue of sexual misconduct that is not just being perpetrated by the employees but by the institution itself.

Olivia Scott
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EUGENE EMS HOSTAGE SITUATION

For well over a century, there has been the Lane County Fairgrounds, despite decades of changes. However, a change to a ballpark will forever cancel out what has been a staple in Eugene.

For a ball club to coerce voters into

believing they would move to another city if they don’t get their way is nothing more than a hostage situation. To the north of Eugene, between Hwy 99 and River Road, lies land that currently is host to a state institution and a golf course that should be a site more than large enough to host a ball park the Ems envision. Given the fact that 13th and 18th avenues are quite close to downtown and very busy thoroughfares, which would cause a worse case scenario. Construction of the stadium would take about a year. Where would the July 2024 Lane County Fair be held during this time? What about the truck and heavy equipment traffic on 13th and 18th avenues?

Highway 99 N and River Road would present a much better traffic flow and noise situation than close neighborhoods surrounding a stadium. The city council may have given the go-ahead to place this before the voters for a bond measure, but is this really where a ball park should be?

Steve Coady
Eugene

PEACEHEALTH STRIKE

I worked at PeaceHealth Home Health and know firsthand the professional care and human caring hospice and home care nurses give. They don’t want to strike — not in their nature — but have no choice. According to EW’s Emerson Brady, hospital nurses got an 8 percent raise in 2023, but hospice and homecare nurses haven’t had a raise since 2022 and the PeaceHealth CEO got a \$2 million raise in 2021.

This is the same corporation that closed Eugene’s only hospital with no plan or forethought for our future. I’m outraged that PeaceHealth executives can sit in Bellingham, Washington, far removed, with million dollar bonuses and any show of respect for Eugene and its needs.

Jay Moseley
Eugene

MEDIOCRITY

Thirty years since resigning from the Forest Service because of felonious leadership, I have struggled and failed to find one agency or political leader in Oregon to work with to protect Oregon’s quality of life.

After a decade of attempting to sway Sen. Jeff Merkley and Sen. Ron Wyden away from corporate timber interests, they are now sponsoring a \$30 billion welfare logging bill as the timber industries touted “cure all” for wildfire which does nothing to protect communities nor lives.

Since 2018 I have requested ODOT implement simple low cost safety measures for Highway 58 like speed limits signs on dangerous curves and elimination of passing zones within “blind spots,” but ODOT refuses to address any of these hazards. However, ODOT has

plans for a new passing lane just west of Oakridge at a cost of millions dollars.

Since 2018 citizens have requested a stricter air emission permit for Lane County’s largest polluter, International Paper, with emissions of up to several tons per day. In 2023 Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA) granted a new permit to poison Springfield residents over the next decade without reducing emissions by a single pound.

The list of quality of life issues I have attempted to work with agencies and Oregon politicians is too extensive to de-

scribe here, but entities include Oregon DEQ, U.S. Forest Service, Lane County Parks, city of Springfield and state Sen. Floyd Prozanski. All to no avail.

It appears Oregon’s political sycophants and bureaucratic class under 30 years of Democratic governors, legislators and Congressmen only serve the most powerful at taxpayers expense in the race towards mediocrity and extinction.

Shannon Wilson
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Place numbers 1-9 so that each row, column and 3x3 square has each number only once.

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Across

1. Serene
5. Ride back to the hotel, perhaps
8. Astronomer Tycho ____
13. Two-tone snack
14. 1993 Texas standoff city
15. “Star Wars” director
16. Mae or Jerry
17. Peas, to a peashooter
18. In the dark
19. Bean for baseball’s Bryce?
22. Pass, as time
24. Travels by boat
25. “This could be the ____”
27. “CSI” material
28. Family-friendly film ratings
31. Cabbage salad served at universities?
33. Actress Lucy
34. Stylized
35. Reno-to-Spokane dir.

36. “Knights of Cydonia” band
37. “La ____” (Debussy composition)
38. Just heated up?
42. “Gangnam Style” performer
43. Letter from Homer
44. Walk like a zombie
45. Some DVD players
47. “And Still ____” (Maya Angelou book)
48. Like home renovation shows that overdo the wood siding?
52. Video game character with his own Maker
53. Prefix with dextrous
54. Proton’s place
58. Signing off on
59. Overwhelming victory
60. Donated
61. Talkative, slangily
62. ____Tiki (Heyerdahl craft)

63. Shiraz location

Down

1. Nursery rhyme jumper
2. “... but few ____ chosen”
3. “____ MisÉrables”
4. Like some instincts
5. Use a tent
6. High points
7. With “The,” ‘90s British alt-rock band named for an American novel character
8. Sunday shopping restriction
9. Ladder components
10. “Because Freedom Can’t Protect Itself” org.
11. “Days Are Gone” band
12. Italian family related to the Borgias
14. Battle-trained canine
20. Poker starter
21. Chinese tennis star with a

“Full-Bodied”
--there’s an extra part in the theme.

very short name in English
22. Mall units
23. Meager
25. Playful rascal
26. Home of the Boston Red Sox
28. Examines, as depths
29. Brazilian supermodel B. ndohen
30. Napped material
32. Pete Davidson’s show, once
36. Mentor in “The Karate Kid”
38. Vocabulary coinage, e.g.
39. 10,900-foot European peak
40. “Try to detect it! It’s not too late!” song
41. Publisher of Modern Maturity
45. They’re earned on “Press Your Luck”
46. “Li’l Abner” creature that looks like a white blob with a mustache
48. Air impurifier
49. Maori dance popularized by some New Zealand rugby teams
50. Part of the eye around the pupil
51. Have ____ in the oven
55. Viscous goo
56. Eggs in labs
57. “____ Behaving Badly”

ANSWERS TO LAST PUZZLE

SAGAN SASES WOE
EMOTE CRANE HUB
WAFLE HOUSE ORB
UNO SCOOT PAL
PART HOMEVIDEOS
WOOL PINENUT
USHER FAN ONA
SHOESTRINGCATCH
EER HEX CREEL
RESTSUP MYST
STEAKSAUCE SPCA
ROY INLAW ROD
ERA CURLYHOWARD
VAC ATEIT WEDGE
EYE MORITZ STAITO