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Amid school safety furor, Wyden visits McNary HS

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School safety and protecting Dreamers were two of the topics that dominated the conversation as Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) visited McNary High School for a town hall on Friday, Feb. 23.

McNary junior Lauren Murphy, a reporter for the student newspaper, the *Piper*, asked Wyden about both issues.

The senator said school shootings have become normalized.

"We can't accept this," Wyden said to applause from the crowd, which consisted of about 40 members of the community and more than a hundred students. "This should never be considered normal. We are better than this."

Wyden said he supported an "airtight, loophole-free background check system for every single gun sold in America," as well as a ban on bump stocks, a repeal of the law that protects gun makers



ABOVE: Sen. Ron Wyden takes questions from students and members of the public. LEFT: McNary High School students Lauren Murphy (top) and Beau Reitz (bottom) grill the senator.

after a shooting and that he would lift restrictions on doing research.

Wyden also took the time to respond to President Don-

ald Trump's tweet about arming teachers.

"I'm for teachers teaching," said Wyden, who noted he supported more funding for

law enforcement at schools. "They are so important to the well being of our families."

McNary senior Beau Reitz asked Wyden what schools

could do for safety besides gun control.

Wyden let McNary principal Erik Jespersen address this issue.

"We've got an amazing safety and security team," Jespersen said. "The No. 1 thing you can do (as students) is have open ears and eyes."

Jespersen pointed to warning signs and red flags in school shootings found on social media.

"You know your classmates and who is having a hard time," he said. "You can let us know. Pay attention and look for signs."

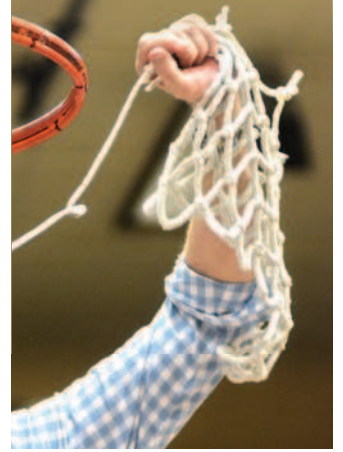
On Dreamers and immigration, Wyden said "those who have grown up in Oregon have done so much good in our state" and that President Trump chose "to hold back dreamers rather than to help our economy."

"We need them (Dreamers) to create jobs in a growing economy," Wyden added.

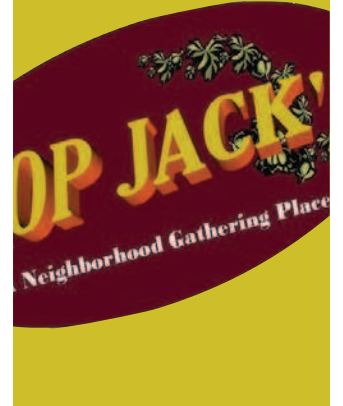
Wyden also said he "detested" the idea of spending

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Mandatory Reporting Bill stumbling over age of consent

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An Oregon Senate bill submitted to the 79th Oregon Legislative Assembly that would modify Oregon's mandatory reporting rules was garnering lots of input, but no vote has yet been called.

"The current interpretation of the law in some parts of our state, instructing teachers and staff to report consensual sexual activity, reduces the likelihood that youth will access a trusted adult when they need them, while simultaneously straining an already burdened system," wrote Michele Roland-Schwartz, executive director of the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force.

The bill, SB 1540, amends the state's rules to define reportable offenses as sexual contact or intercourse as those in which lacked consent — or the victim had the inability to provide consent — for teens and young adults between the ages of 14 and 21, if one of the parties is more than three years older, or if there is reasonable cause to believe the relationship was the result of force, intimidation or coercion.

Sponsored by Sen. Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis) and Rep. Bill Post (R-Keizer), the bill seeks to address the underlying law that prompted the Salem-Keizer School District to issue new mandatory reporting guidelines in October 2017.

Much of the testimony submitted to the committees on human services has been supportive of the base changes, but an

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Gryo Stop opens to raves

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When he was still a pre-teen, Nezam Hammad began working alongside his father in the family's Mediterranean restaurant. He's now teaching one of his daughters to manage one of Keizer's newest restaurants, Gyro Stop.

"It's a pretty traditional menu with Jordanian and Lebanese influences," said Hammad. "(Nila) started working in the restaurants when she was 14, I started when I was 10."

Nila is Nila Kamis, Hammad and Tanya Kalugin's daughter, who is in training to take over the shop. Hammad and Kalugin previously owned four Portland-area restaurants that they finished selling off in December to open Gyro Stop in Keizer.

Gyro Stop is located in the former Birdie's Bistro location at 3860 River Road N.

"I'm just kind of getting



Nezam Hammad packs up a to-go order at Gyro Stop at 3860 River Road N.

back into it and relearning everything, but I know this business and I want to be able to give (Hammad and Kalugin) a break," Kamis said.

A break is feeling more and

more welcome as Gyro Stop's reception has been overwhelming.

"Everyone is really happy we came to the neighborhood

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Lady Celts denied playoff run
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City council honors 1,000s of service hours



Volunteer of the Quarter honorees: Matt Lawyer with son Zach, Terry Frazier and Dan Kohler of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; and Hans Schneider with his wife Vicki.

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The Keizer City Council recognized four volunteers for their roles leading a variety of volunteer projects throughout the city at its meeting Tuesday, Feb. 20.

It just so happens that one of the honorees, Matt Lawyer, was also the individual who nominated the other three, Hans Schneider, Dan Kohler and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and James Decker and Whiteaker Middle School.

Each quarter, the city recognizes one volunteer who goes above-and-beyond the call of duty, but the council spent part of its meeting making up for lost time.

Schneider was tapped as Volunteer of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2017. Schneider and his wife, Vicki, were the driving financial and

labor forces behind improved sand volleyball courts at Keizer Rapids Park along with a shelter that now sits close by. The Schneiders paid to expand a single volleyball court to three regulation-size ones and invested north of five figures to install the shelter. Hans also runs the Keizer Sand Shark youth volleyball program each summer.

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