

Burpee: Passion comes from his desire to see visitors who become enthralled

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"I've always considered myself a Northwesterner wherever I've lived," Burpee said. "There isn't a more northwest story than Lewis and Clark and their interactions with the tribes here. It's one of the things I like about this place."

After serving as a volunteer and later a park ranger at Fort Vancouver, Burpee worked at national parks and monuments in California, Georgia and Florida. He also spent two years as a National Park Service Bevinetto Congressional Fellow in Washington, D.C.

'Magic' in parks

Burpee, who describes himself as very positive, said his experience in the Park Service helped him overcome shyness. He speaks often of the "magic" within the parks and monuments where he's worked. His passion comes from his desire to see visitors who, as he did when he was 8, become enthralled.

"You can see it in their eyes when they go, 'Pow, I get it!,' or it gets someone to think about something bigger," Burpee said.

Most recently, Burpee spent 16 months as the superintendent of Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument in Nevada. He always saw himself as a ranger, but realized that his gift for the job could allow him to take on more responsibilities.

In other words, he could facilitate the "magic" at the park.

"There's a realization that, if park management does their job well, that's what allows that to happen," Burpee said.

Grad rates: 1,300 more Oregon graduates in 2016 than previous year

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Astoria Superintendent Craig Hoppes said Astoria High School continues to work on different avenues to help students finish. He said a big focus for educators now is on how much funding the county's school districts will receive as part of Measure 98, which voters approved in November.

The measure, seen as a support mechanism to improve the state's graduation rate, is expected to pump approximately \$800 per student into adding career-technical offerings, providing more college credit courses in high school and supporting dropout prevention programs.

Hoppes said Astoria is hoping to boost the Gray School Campus Alternative Education Program. Astoria takes in students from districts around the county who for whatever reason don't fit in traditional high school, providing them a self-paced opportunity to earn a diploma or study for the GED exam.

Students in Jewell School District — which awarded 10 diplomas in 2015-16 — showed a marked improvement from the year prior, with 83.33 students completing in four years, up 19.04 points from 64.29 percent in 2014-15. Warrenton-Hammond School District improved by 5.15 points from 69.09 percent in 2014-15 to 74.24 percent this past year. Knappa School District improved by 3.6 points, from 66.67 percent in 2014-15 to

70.27 percent this past year.

The state graduated 1,300 more students in 2016 than in the previous year. All demographic groups improved their rates.

Almost 90 percent of Asian students graduated in four years, but white, black, Hispanic and American Indian students all remain short of 80 percent. Seventy-eight percent of girls graduated in four years compared with 71 percent of boys.

Gov. Kate Brown lauded the statewide improvement.

"My goal is that students graduate high school with a plan for their futures, and we should celebrate 1,300 more Oregon students charting promising paths," Brown said in a statement. "I remain committed to improving Oregon's graduation rates, and will prioritize investments in the upcoming legislative session that empower communities and educators to improve graduation rates, particularly for historically underserved and rural communities."

Oregon Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Salam Noor also praised the state's progress.

"It shows the dedication of our teachers and school administrators that graduation rates are increasing across the board," he said. "We are making progress, while recognizing there is still more work to do. We are pleased our state's focus on improving graduation outcomes for all students is making a difference."

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Mary Tyler Moore dies at 80

By LYNN ELBER
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LOS ANGELES — Mary Tyler Moore didn't have it all on her 1970s sitcom, but what she had was enough.

A husband and kids, long the stock TV recipe for female contentment, were absent from "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." Instead, Mary Richards combined work, friends and lovers into an alternative version of a modern young woman's full life.

Feminism already had said it was possible. Mary made it mainstream with her charm and million-watt smile, showing America that an independent woman could be admired and embraced.

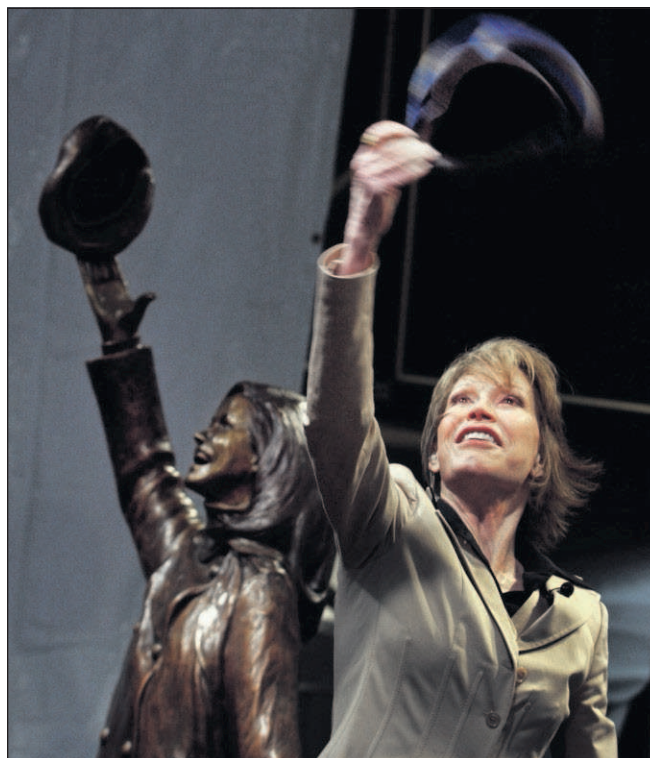
She was so inspiring that even those lacking her perfect balance of grace and, yes, spunk, imagined themselves achieving their own success.

Moore, who died Wednesday at 80, "influenced my career more than any other TV role model," NBC newswoman Andrea Mitchell posted on Twitter. "She indeed turned on the world with her smile."

Marlo Thomas, who played another single woman intent on a career in the 1960s sitcom "That Girl," saluted Moore and their shared achievement. "I'm proud that we were in that groundbreaking sorority that brought single independent women to television. She will be deeply missed," Thomas in a statement.

Tam in the air

In downtown Minneapolis, where Moore's sitcom was set,



Jerry Holt/Star Tribune

Actress Mary Tyler Moore, standing beside a statue depicting her legendary tam toss in 2002, tossed another tam as the bronze statue of her was unveiled on Nicollet Mall in Minneapolis. Moore, 80, died Wednesday.

fans laid flowers at the base of a statue that depicts the opening-credits scene in which she joyfully, triumphantly throws her tam in the air.

Nichole Buehler, 35, who said she grew up watching the show with her great-grandmother, called Moore's character "a strong, independent" working woman.

Moore also was a daring actress whose talents extended beyond comedy, said Robert Redford, who directed her to an Oscar nomination in the 1980 family drama "Ordinary People."

"The courage she displayed in taking on a role ... darker than anything she had ever done, was brave and enormously powerful," Redford said in a statement.

Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s as frazzled wife Laura Petrie on "The Dick Van Dyke Show," went on to win seven Emmy Awards over the years.

As Laura, she traded in the housedress of countless sitcom wives for Capri pants that were as fashionable as they were suited to a modern American woman.

She wasn't perfect: Viewers identified with her flustered moments and her plaintive cry to her husband: "Ohhhh, Robbbb!"

Moore's chemistry with Van Dyke was unmistakable. Decades later, he spoke warmly of the chaste but palpable off-screen crush they shared during the show's run.

They also appeared together in several TV specials over the years and in 2003, co-starred in a PBS production of the play "The Gin Game."

"There are no words. She was THE BEST! We always said that we changed each other's lives for the better," Van Dyke tweeted.

Plucky producer

But it was as the plucky Minneapolis TV news producer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1970-77), that Moore truly made her mark.

Mary Richards was comfortable being single in her 30s, and while she dated, she wasn't desperate to get married. She sparred affectionately with her gruff boss, Lou Grant, played by Ed Asner, and addressed him always as "Mr. Grant." And millions agreed with the show's theme song that she could "turn the world on with her smile."

The series ran seven seasons and won 29 Emmys, a record that stood for a quarter century until "Frasier" broke it in 2002.

"Everything I did was by the seat of the pants. I reacted to every written situation the way I would have in real life," Moore told The Associated Press in 1995.

Flu: 'It picks on everyone equally'

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Clatsop County in the past few months have had flu-related symptoms at the time of their death, Mazzarella-Tisch said. The causes of these deaths included other symptoms, such as pneumonia, and no other deaths in the county were a result of the flu.

Five children across the country, none in Oregon, have died as a result of the flu, Mazzarella-Tisch said. Across the

state, 726 people have been hospitalized so far, compared to 410 total last year.

Public health officials say it is not too late to receive a flu shot. Vaccines typically take up to two weeks to take full effect and may not immunize all types of flu strains. Residents can receive vaccinations at the health department for free or at local clinics and pharmacies.

Other preventative steps include wearing face masks,

especially if you have the flu and are out in public, washing hands, avoiding contact with your face or mouth and staying home as much as possible.

Children under 5 years old, pregnant women, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems should visit the emergency room if they experience symptoms. All other cases are encouraged to visit local clinics.

At a Seaside City Council meeting on Monday, Fire Chief

Joey Daniels said two residents were flown from Providence Seaside Hospital because of the flu and that many in his department are missing work due to symptoms.

"There are five strains of bronchitis and pneumonia going around, so watch out for friends and family," he said. "It's striking everyone from infants to the elderly. It picks on everyone equally."

R.J. Marx contributed to this report.

College: Invalidation means board's vote is 3-3

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JoAnn Zahn, the college's vice president of finance and operations, contacted general counsel Karen Smith with the Oregon Community College Association. According to the college, Smith said public meeting law does not allow votes by email.

Monaghan said she and college President Christopher Breitmeyer, who was also not at the meeting, had assumed it was all right for Moberg to submit a vote by email. "It's too bad, because honestly everybody was operating in good faith," Monaghan said, adding Moberg had sent an apology to the board.

The invalidation means the board's vote is 3-3, leaving the college as a plaintiff in the lawsuit. The deadline for the 15 counties and approximately 130 taxing districts in the class-action lawsuit to vote on withdrawing was Wednesday.

The college has contacted John DiLorenzo, an attorney with Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, the law firm handling the lawsuit for Linn County, to find out if an extension is possible for submitting an opt-out letter.

"No response has been received at this time," the college said in a news release. The college "does not expect any flexibility in the date but are awaiting a response."

Reached by phone, DiLorenzo said he received an opt-out notice from the college Tuesday, followed by another email Wednesday rescinding the decision. He said the Linn County Circuit Court has indicated that Wednesday was the deadline to send a letter opting out, and that he expects about 95 percent of the original taxing districts included in the lawsuit to remain as plaintiffs.



The Clatsop Community College Board's 4-3 vote to opt out of a timber lawsuit against the state is invalid because one member voted by email.

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