

Retreat: Organization may consider returning in the future

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Organizers estimated the fees would have cost the nonprofit an additional \$6,500. The re-enactment typically costs the group about \$10,000 to stage. State parks offered to allow the group to keep gate fees — \$20 per car last year with special prices for motorcycles, bikes and those who arrived on foot.

Friends of Old Fort Stevens, a nonprofit that raises money and recruits volunteers for the park, also will not provide advertising services or volunteers for the event. They were asked by the state Parks and Recreation Department to discontinue the practice, said David Lindstrom, the nonprofit's secretary.

"We take our signals from the parks," Lindstrom said. "We don't ask questions. We only do what they ask us to do or not do."

Organizers and park officials alike became concerned last year in light of the national debate over the display of Confederate flags. Last year's event took place just three weeks after a deadly white nationalist rally

with Confederate flags in Charlottesville, Virginia, and a local controversy after a Confederate flag and rebel decals were linked with an award-winning float at the Astoria Regatta.

Organizers were taunted in Facebook messages in the weeks leading up to the re-enactment, including derisive requests for participants to use real bullets during battles. In response, Warrenton police sent extra patrols to the park to help ensure safety.

"Absolutely the national debate about the Civil War and its connection to the slavery issue has everything to do with OPRD making the decision it did," Lindstrom said. "OPRD said you can have the event, but you're funding it yourself. If you hold the event, the state is stepping into the debate about this, and that's just not a position the state needs to take. That's the OPRD's decision, and I agree with it."

State park officials could not be reached for comment.

Participants typically stage battles, fashion shows, medical demonstrations, speeches and church services throughout the three-day re-enactment — set



A Civil War re-enactment held at Fort Stevens State Park for 27 years will relocate.

Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

in 1863, the year Fort Stevens was built.

Bishop said the site is irreplaceable in terms of educational opportunities and the years of annual family vacations inspired by the re-enactment.

"For us, it was the one key-stone that we could tie into," Bishop said. "When someone would say, 'Nothing Civil War-related happened in Ore-

gon,' we could point to Fort Stevens."

Many people have participated for decades and invested tens of thousands of dollars. Onlookers, even those who live near other re-enactment sites, come from all over the region to witness the battles.

Organizers were denied permits at two other Oregon parks in recent years — Willamette Mission State Park and Milo

McIver State Park — because the event "did not fit the scope and purpose of that park," Bishop said. He did not speculate why the state denied the permits or imposed the fees, saying that a number of theories have been tossed around. The Confederate flag controversy is one of them.

"On the East Coast they're having problems, too," Bishop said. "Part of it could be the

political climate we're in now."

The event's departure comes after a six-year study that revealed Fort Stevens was the second-highest economic driver among more than 150 state parks. According to the study, 89 percent of spending came from visitors who traveled from more than 30 miles away.

"I feel that it will obviously affect the number of people that come over the Labor Day weekend," Lindstrom said. "I may be naive, but I don't think, because of its overall popularity, it will affect the overall population of the park."

Bishop said he is optimistic the group will find a new location for this year's re-enactment. The organization is in talks to have the battle take place on private land in Colton, or it may move to a neighboring state.

While this year's event will certainly not take place at Fort Stevens, the organization may consider returning at some point in the future, Bishop said.

"Right now I would say the case is closed," he said. "But I'm always hopeful we could work it out."

Merkley: 'I don't want to sell off our infrastructure'

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the influence of the gun manufacturers and the massive amounts of money that they're spending."

Immigration

A couple of town hall attendees referred to the looming deadline for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The program allows undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as children, including more than 11,000 people in Oregon, to apply for two-year, renewable legal status and employment.

In September, Trump established a March 6 deadline for Congress to work out an immigration deal before the government stops issuing permits for the program.

"He wanted to use the issue of Dreamers not just as a conversation about Dreamers and border security. He wanted to do a complete rewrite of the traditional values of immigration," Merkley said of the president.

Another attendee asked if



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An attendee asks U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley a question at Tuesday's town hall in Seaside.

Congress could do anything to limit deportation raids by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Merkley said that he and U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden have asked the Trump administration to observe "safe zones" around schools and courthouses and challenged some detentions.

"We'll keep pushing, but it's under the president's control," Merkley said. "That's not a very satisfactory answer, I know."

Infrastructure

Astoria City Councillor Tom Brownson asked Merkley about Trump's \$1 trillion dollar proposal to improve infrastructure. The proposal would rely on state and local governments to pick up most of the tab.

"We're just barely keeping up with what we have and taking small bites into our infrastructure," Brownson said. "It seems to be a know-nothing bill."

While the need to fix infra-

structure such as bridges and ports is apparent, the bill is structured so that the federal government can take credit for what state and local governments pay, Merkley said. The senator also criticized the proposal's reliance on private-public partnerships and the tolls people would have to pay as a result.

"You can't do a lot of infrastructure in that fashion," Merkley said. "I don't want to sell off our infrastructure. We get a lot more infrastructure when we do direct investment. We pay for it up front and we own it and we don't pay tax for 100 years on the back end."

Throughout the town hall, Merkley summed up his core philosophy in four issues: health care for every citizen, affordable housing, job availability and education.

"You know, sometimes I feel like all we're doing is ranting about all the things that are going wrong," he said. "That's why I really feel like it's so important to talk about what would make our country work better."

Rev. Billy Graham, known as 'America's Pastor,' dies at 99

By RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press

MONTREAL, N.C. — The Rev. Billy Graham, who transformed American religious life through his preaching and activism, becoming a counselor to presidents and the most widely heard Christian evangelist in history, died Wednesday. He was 99.

Graham, who long suffered from cancer, pneumonia and other ailments, died at his home in North Carolina, spokesman Mark DeMoss told The Associated Press.

More than anyone else, Graham built evangelicalism into a force that rivaled liberal Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the United States. His leadership summons and crusades in more than 185 countries and terri-

tories forged powerful global links among conservative Christians, and threw a lifeline to believers in the communist-controlled Eastern bloc. Dubbed "America's pastor," he was a confidant to U.S. presidents from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush.



Rev. Billy Graham

In 1983, President Reagan gave Graham the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor. When the Billy Graham Museum and Library was dedicated in 2007 in Charlotte, former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton attended.

"When he prays with you in the Oval Office or upstairs in the White House, you feel he's praying for you, not the president," Clinton said at the ceremony.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Match Game (N)		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs	Speechless	Modern Family	Amer. Housewife	Match Game (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) (5:00) PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics					(35) PyeongChang 2018		KING 5 News	(05) PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)		The Amazing Race	Two-person teams race around the globe. (SF) (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother: Celebrity Edition (N)		The Amazing Race	Two-person teams race around the globe. (SF) (N)			KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) (5:00) PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics					(35) PyeongChang 2018		KGW News (N)	(05) PyeongChang 2018 Winter Olympics			
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Riverdale		Penn&Teller "I Dream of Genie Tube"		News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)		PBS NewsHour (N)	Nature "The Last Rhino" (N)		Nova "Secrets of the Sky Tombs"		Impossible B "The Floating House" (N)		Super Skyscrapers	The Vertical City
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	X-Files "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat"		9-1-1 "Pilot"		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	X-Files "The Lost Art of Forehead Sweat"		9-1-1 "Pilot"		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan	
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball Louisville at Duke (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Florida at Tennessee (L)				College Basketball	NFL Live A weekday NFL news and information show.			Jalen & Jacoby	30 for 30 "Elway to Marino"		
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Hunter Street (N)	Knight Squad	The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (15) Antonio Banderas.		Full House		Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Star Trek Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Wedding Planner (2001, Romance) Matthew McConaughey, Bridgette Wilson, Jennifer Lopez.		★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Wild (2014, Biography) Gaby Hoffman, Laura Dern, Reese Witherspoon.				The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(45) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Star Trek Into Darkness (2013, Sci-Fi) Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana, Chris Pine.										(50) FXM Presents
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Shiny Happy People"		LW Atlanta "Road Trippin'" Pt. 2 of 2		Little Women (N)	(50) LW Atlanta (N)	Little Women: Atlanta "Cover Girls" (N)	(05) Little Women: Atlanta	(05) Little Women: Atlanta		(05) To Be Announced	
38	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball Wake Forest at Pittsburgh (L)				NCAA Basketball				NCAA Basketball St. John's at Marquette			
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball DePaul at Villanova (L)			NCAA Basketball USC at Colorado (L)					Fox College Hoops		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed
43	SPIKE	(43) ★ ★ ★ Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Danny Glover, Mark Wahlberg.						Waco "Of Milk and Men"		Waco "Stalling for Time" (N)		Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Corporate (N)	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) The Curse of Oak Island "Unhinged"		Curse of Oak Island	Steel Trapped"	★ ★ ★ Lincoln (2012, Biography) Sally Field, David Strathairn, Daniel Day-Lewis.							
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Rooster & Butch "Adios Amigos" (N)	(05) Storage Wars	(35) Storage Wars	(35) Storage Wars
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story" (N)	(05) My 600-lb Life "James B.'s Story"		My 600-lb Life "Liz's Story"			To Be Announced		(05) Dr. Pimple Popper "This Is Zit" (N)	(05) My 600-lb Life "Liz's Story"	(05) My 600-lb Life "Liz's Story"	
48	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Blinding Lights"		Street Outlaws "Outlaw Armageddon"				Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Fast N' Loud (L:10) No Prep Kings	
49	NGEO	(49) Outlaw Bikers "Masters of Mayhem"		Outlaw Bikers "Hell's Angels"				Locked Up Abroad "Navy Narco" (N)		Locked Up Abroad "Love is a Drug" (N)	(45) Point Break (2015, Action) Edgar Ramirez, Luke Bracey.	Locked Up Abroad "Ganja Getaway"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:45) ★ ★ ★ The Expendables 2 (12) Liam Hemsworth, Sylvester Stallone.				★ ★ ★ The Expendables 3 (2014, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li, Sylvester Stallone.							
51	AMC	(51) ★ ★ ★ Bruce Almighty '03, (Com/Dra) Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.				★ ★ ★ Pretty Woman (1990, Romance) Julia Roberts, Jason Alexander, Richard Gere.							
52	USA	(52) Law&Order: SVU "Surrender Benson"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Real Fake News"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spellbound"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conversion"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "American Dream"		★ ★ ★ Pretty Woman (1990, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere.	
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Game "Culinary Saved My Life"		Guy's Game "Grandma and Grandpa"		Guy's Grocery Games "Blogger Battle"		Guy's Game "Budget War" (N)		Guy's Game "Twin It to Win It"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Sanctuary"	
54	HGTV	(54) Buying/Sell "Moving in With the Folks"		Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Property Brothers "A Different Dream"	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (15) Simon Pegg, Tom Cruise.				★ ★ ★ Kingsman: The Secret Service (2014, Action) Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, Taron Egerton.						Kingsman: The Secret Service	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank				Billion Dollar Buyer		Billion Buyer "Hanley's and Pasturebird"		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Housewives Atl. "Tea Is of the Essence"		Housewives Atl. "Peaches Be Trippin'"		Housewives Atl. "La Villa Loca"		★ ★ ★ Next Friday (2000, Comedy) Mike Epps, Justin Pierce, Ice Cube.				WatchWhat (N)	Next Friday (00)
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Born Yesterday (50) Broderick Crawford, Judy Holliday.			(45) ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ The Lion in Winter (1968, History) Katharine Hepburn, Jane Merrow, Peter O'Toole.						(35) Sunrise (27, Rom) George O'Brien.	
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mad Max: Fury Road (2015, Action) Charlize Theron, Zoe Kravitz, Tom Hardy.					The Magicians "Poached Eggs" (N)		Channel Zero "All You Ghost Mice" (N)		The Transporter (02) Jason Statham.	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Road/American	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	Road/American	Cowboy TV	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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