

Veterans court may be collateral damage in immigration fight

Specialty courts caught up in sanctuary clash

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EUGENE — Three decades ago, Lori Ann Bourgeois was guarding fighter jets at an air base. After her discharge, she fell into drug addiction. She wound up living on the streets and was arrested for possession of methamphetamine.

But on a recent day, the former Air Force Security Police member walked into a Veterans Treatment Court after completing a 90-day residential drug treatment program. Two dozen fellow vets sitting on the courtroom benches applauded. A judge handed Bourgeois a special coin marking the occasion, inscribed with the words "Change Attitude, Change Thinking, Change Behavior."

The program Bourgeois credits for pulling her out of the "black hole" of homelessness is among more than three dozen Oregon specialty courts caught in a standoff between the state and federal government over immigration enforcement.

The Trump administration in 2017 threatened to withhold law enforcement grants from 29 cities, counties or states it viewed as having "sanctuary" policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration agents. Today, all those jurisdictions have received or been cleared to get the money, except Oregon, which is battling for the funds in federal court.

The Veterans Treatment Court in Eugene and 40 other specialty courts, including mental health and civilian drug programs, risk losing all or part of their budgets, said Michael Schmidt, executive director of Oregon's Criminal Justice Commission, which administers the money.

The commission has managed to keep the courts funded through July, Schmidt said. Unless the Trump administration relents or is forced by court order to deliver the money, or the Oregon Legislature



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Marine Corps veteran Ronald Cooper is a mentor with a specialty court for military veterans who are struggling with addiction and have tangled with the law.

comes up with it, the commission must make "horrible, tough decisions" about where to make the cuts, Schmidt said.

Speaking in her small office in the Eugene courthouse, specialty courts coordinator Danielle Hanson said if the veterans court budget is cut, the vets would have to start paying for drug treatment, and they would be deprived of housing resources and travel funds to go to residential treatment facilities as far as 330 miles away. Some veterans might even be turned away.

"It would impact the program substantially," Hanson said.

Two dozen former servicemen and women are going through the rigorous program that lasts a minimum of a year, and usually up to a year and a half. They must attend group sessions three times a week, come to court at least once a week — presided over by Judge Valeri Love, who acts as their commanding officer — submit to regular urinalysis tests, and show progress. Graduates can have convictions cleared and avoid prison.

"The Veterans Treatment Court creates a routine and a regimen that many vets can thrive in. It pulls them out of isolation," said Michael Hajarizadeh, who represents the vets as a public defender. Many have post-traumatic stress, but the common thread

is substance abuse, said Hajarizadeh, who himself is an Army veteran of the Afghanistan war.

He said the support structure and the bond vets feel for each other make the system work.

Bourgeois looked healthy and confident and wore a radiant smile as she accepted the coin this month and shook Love's hand. It was a sharp contrast to when Bourgeois was arrested in a homeless camp on Aug. 31, 2017 — her 50th birthday.

"This is my first time not being homeless in seven years," Bourgeois said, blinking back tears behind metal-framed eyeglasses. "It is a BIG milestone."

Bourgeois served in the Air Force Security Police, now called Security Forces, for four years, until 1991. A back injury resulted in dependence on prescription painkillers, escalating to other drugs.

In November, the Lane County Circuit Court entered her into the veterans court after finding her guilty of possessing methamphetamine. If she completes the program, the Circuit Court will discharge Bourgeois and dismiss all proceedings against her. She had faced a year in jail.

She is on probation and staying in a house for those recovering from addiction.

"Without this, I'd still be out on the streets," Bourgeois said. "I'm very grateful to be back and

start again."

Gov. Kate Brown and Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum sued President Donald Trump in November to get \$4 million in grants from fiscal years 2017 and 2018 restored, saying Oregon was "unlawfully deprived" of the funds. The lawsuit accuses Trump of an "unconstitutional attempt" to compel Oregon to enforce federal immigration policies.

"As we have seen, these efforts have frequently been both inhumane and dangerous," Rosenblum said.

Furthermore, the administration is violating the separation of powers by invading Congress' spend-

ing authority, the lawsuit says.

The Byrne grants, named for a New York City policeman killed by gang members in 1988, are the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions, supporting law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education.

Other courts have ruled against the U.S. Justice Department's attempt to condition them on immigration cooperation.

In September, a federal court temporarily blocked the agency from withholding the funds for jurisdictions represented by the U.S. Conference of May-

ors, which filed suit in Illinois last summer. Not all went to court to get the grants. Vermont did not join any of the legal cases, instead corresponding directly with the Justice Department. Vermont officials announced earlier this month the state Department of Public Safety would be getting \$2.3 million in previously blocked grants.

Assistant U.S. Attorney General Joseph Hunt was among federal attorneys who filed a motion in March to have Oregon's lawsuit dismissed, arguing the Trump administration has the right to require federal immigration cooperation in order for Oregon to receive the Byrne grants.

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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 (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey "Mrs. & Mr. Trowbridge" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Whiskey "Mrs. & Mr. Trowbridge" (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: Edge of Extinction "It's Like the Worst Cocktail Party Ever" (N)	SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" (N)		SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: Edge of Extinction "It's Like the Worst Cocktail Party Ever" (N)	SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" (N)	SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" (N)		SEAL Team "What Appears to Be" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Best of the Blinds" Contestants' journeys so far are highlighted. (N)	bubble! (N)			bubble! (N)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
9	KRCV	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	River "Chapter Fifty-One: BIG FUN" (N)	All American "Championships" (SF) (N)	News (N)	Friends			Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Koko A gorilla draws the line between people and animals.	Financial Solutions	Suze discusses finding financial solutions to fit you.					Rock Rewind 1967
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "In Loving Virtue" (N)	Star "Watch the Throne" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)				News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy			American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "In Loving Virtue" (N)	Star "Watch the Throne" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)				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	Full Frontal (N)			Conan (N)	Full Frontal
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	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) (4:00) NBA Basketb.	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)			(10) SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				SportsCenter (N)		Special Olympics				Now or Never (N)	NBA Basketball
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	(35) Friends
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home 1/3	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Pitch Perfect (12, Com) Brittany Snow, Rebel Wilson, Anna Kendrick.				Pretty Little Liars "Pilot" (P) (N)		** Sweet Home Alabama (02) Candice Bergen, Josh Lucas, Reese Witherspoon.				The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(1:25) Kung Fu Panda 3 (16, Ani) Angelina Jolie, Jack Black.			(20) ** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (09) Amy Adams, Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller. (35) When the Game Stands Tall (14) Jim Caviezel.				(05) American Beauty Star (N)	(05) Celebrity Wife Swap		
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "These Arms of Mine"	Grey's Anatomy "That's Me Trying"			ProjectRunway (N)	Project Runway: All Stars "Modern Families" (N)						Cliff Diving
38	ROOT	(38) Wild Places (N)	Charlie Moore (N)	IDEAL	Spotlight (N)	Undeniable "Bob Baffert"		Motocross X-Fighters				Crashed Ice	
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) PBA Bowling	Inside PBC Boxing (N)			PBA Bowling Scorpion Championship World Series		TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game			PBA Bowling Scorpion Championship	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom		** The World Is Not Enough (1999, Action) Sophie Marceau, Robert Carlyle, Pierce Brosnan.		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The World Is Not Enough
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:00) South Park "Splatty Tomato"	(25) South Park		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) (35) Jim Jefferies
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "Knights Templar"		Forged in Fire "Karabela"		Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper "Lethal Swords" Four bladesmiths craft a blade out of a ball bearing. (N)						(05) Forged in Fire "Sica Sword"	
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Zombie House Flip. "Monster Remodel"		Zombie House Flip. "The School House"	Zombie Flip. "The Complex Duplex" (N)			Tiny House Nation (N)		(05) Tiny House "Tiny Forever After"	
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Jeanne's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Aaron's Story" Aaron must learn to care for himself. (N)				Dr. Pimple "Nose No Bounds" (N)		(05) My 600-lb Life "Sean's Story"	
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners "100 Proof Heritage" (N)		Moonshiners "Whiskey Deception" (N)		Moonshiners "Tickle on the Brink" (N)				Whiskey "Underwater Gin Joint" (N)		(05) Moonshiners	
49	NGEO	(49) Hard Time "Inmates vs. Officers"		Drugs, Inc. "Super Meth"		Drugs, Inc. "Crack"				Drugs, Inc. "Fear Factor Detroit" (N)		Drugs, Inc. "Crack"	
50	TNT	(50) (1:15) *** Django Unchained (2012, Western) Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio, Jamie Foxx.				Jamie Foxx.				Drop the Mic	Joker's Wild (N)	Law Abiding Citizen (09) Jamie Foxx.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) *** O Brother, Where Art Thou? (00) John Goodman, George Clooney.				*** Gran Torino (2008, Drama) Christopher Carley, Bee Vang, Clint Eastwood.				(35) *** The Fugitive (93, Thrill) Sela Ward, Harrison Ford.			
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Selfish"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Solitary"		Law&Order: SVU "Sunk Cost Fallacy"	Law&Order: SVU "The Book of Esther"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Chasing Demons"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Pork-A-Palooza"		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Grocery Games		Game "GGG International All Stars"		Guy's Grocery Games "Team Games"		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games	"Cheesier"
54	HGTV	(54) Buying & Selling "Worth Every Penny"		Buying and Selling "Plans To Expand"		Property Bros. "A Little Bit of Home"	Property Bros. "Party on the Hill" (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) (5:00) 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi (16) James Badge Dale.				** The Equalizer (2014, Action) Chloë Grace Moretz, Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington.						The Equalizer (14) Denzel Washington.	
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) Deal or No Deal "Bingo to a Million" (N)		Deal or No Deal "Mile-high Millionaire"		Deal or No Deal "Head Over Heels"		Deal or No Deal "Bingo to a Million"		Deal or No Deal "Southern Charm"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) The Real Housewives "Reunion Part 3"		Housewives "Divided, They Summer"		Wives "Things Are Going Southampton"		Housewives "It's a Clam Shame" (N)		Get a Room With Carson and Thom		Watch What (N)	Real Housewives
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Bob and Carol, Ted and Alice		*** Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (74) Kris Kristofferson, Ellen Burstyn.		** Alice (1990, Fantasy) Alec Baldwin, William Hurt, Mia Farrow.		** Alice (1990, Fantasy) Alec Baldwin, William Hurt, Mia Farrow.				Alice Adams (35) Katharine Hepburn.	
65	SYFY	(65) (4:05) Ghost Rider		** 47 Ronin (2013, Action) Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano, Keanu Reeves.		The Magicians "The Serpent" (N)		D. Class "Sink With California" (SF) (N)				17 Again (09, Com/Dra) Zac Efron.	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch	Cowboy (N)	Women's Rodeo	Equestrian Nation	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	WesternSport	Cash Cowboys	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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