

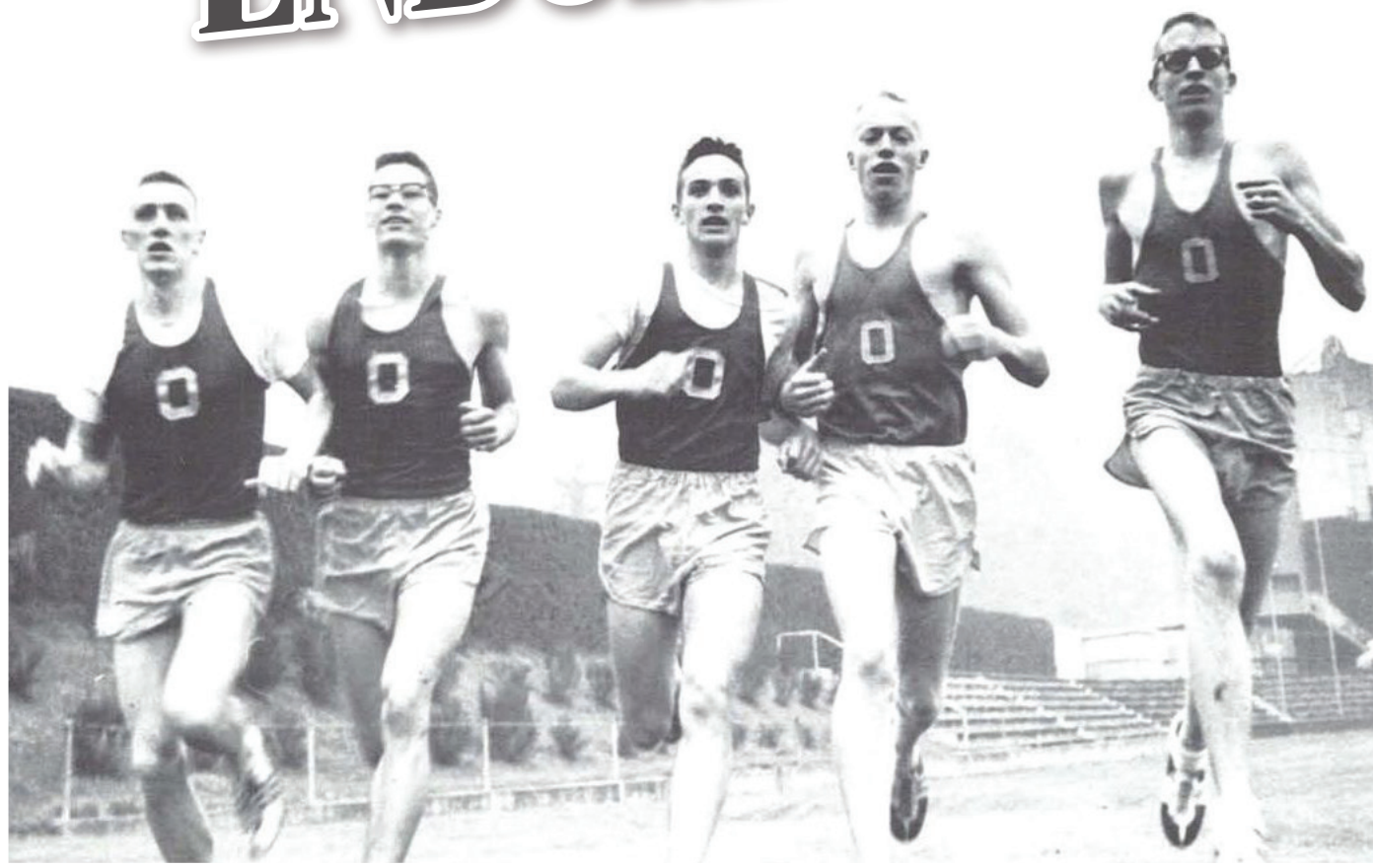
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'MASTERS OF ENDURANCE'



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A photo of Oregon distance runners in the late 1950s. From left: Mark Robbins, Wilcey Winchell, Ed Baldwin, Phil Knight and Dick Miller.

MILLER WAS STANDOUT RUNNER AT OREGON

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

You don't have to be a longtime resident of the North Coast to know who the Oregon "Tall Firs" were. Or that four members of that legendary Oregon men's basketball team — the first NCAA champions — were from Astoria.

But the Seaside area had its own famous Ducks. A couple of "low profile" Oregon running legends.

And if you just happen to have a copy of the Feb. 22, 1960 issue of Sports Illustrated lying around, there's still time to get a couple of autographs.

It was 60 years ago this week that the magazine ran a story, "Masters of Endurance."

The feature by Tex Maule featured University of Oregon running coach Bill Bowerman and his group of distance runners, who also happened to be some of the best in the nation at that time.

Among others, the Oregon runners in the late '50s included Dick Miller, a Class of 1954 graduate of Seaside High School, and Jim Grell.

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Seaside High School

ABOVE: Dick Miller, upper right, with the 1954 Seaside High track team, coached by Lou Robinson.

LEFT: Dick Miller's senior photo at Seaside High.

Child care trouble

Shooting Stars scales back

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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Shooting Stars Child Development Center will close in Uniontown and downsize services at the end of the month.

The center, which accounts for 11% of all licensed child care slots in Clatsop County, will operate under a different type of license and be able to care for only 15 children a day, down from 50.

Another day care in Gearhart is also closing its doors. The provider at Gearhart Kids Academy confirmed the closure but could not provide details. Gearhart Kids Academy, which opened nearly five years ago, serves from 10 to 14 children at a time.

Denise Giliga, the director of Shooting Stars, said trouble finding qualified staff led to the decision to close at the current location and downsize. Training to fill the jobs would have taken up to a year.

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PacifiCorp requests electric rate increase

Customers could pay an extra \$4.03 a month

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

PacifiCorp wants to increase residential electric rates by 1.6% starting next year to support a transition toward more renewable energy, along with other investments in wildfire protection, cybersecurity and customer service.

PacifiCorp, owned by investment firm Berkshire Hathaway, provides power to 1.9 million people in six Western states, including 615,000 retail customers in Oregon as Pacific Power. The price the utility can charge for electricity is overseen by the state Public Utility Commission.

The utility requested an additional \$78 million in revenue — equal to a 6% increase in energy rates — from the commission last week. It is PacifiCorp's first request since 2013, when it asked for 4.6% and the commission granted 1.9%.

The utility is also proposing

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Study finds parking available downtown

Findings challenge public perception

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

Few issues are thornier than the availability of parking downtown.

Some swear off shopping or dining because of it, while others con-

sider Astoria spoiled compared to cities where people pay to park several blocks from their destination.

But a parking study and survey by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association has concluded that, aside from some small pockets and certain times, finding parking is fairly easy.

Sarah Lu Heath, the executive director of the downtown association, presented the findings to the City Council on Tuesday.

"To stand up and say this isn't a problem gives me pause," she said. "However, for the last 3 1/2 years,

I've been downtown six days a week, 50 weeks a year, and once in 2017, at the starting time of the high boat parade during the Regatta, I could not find a parking spot."

The study found small pockets of constrained parking between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. — peak restaurant hours — in a few blocks throughout the downtown core and around the Garden of Surging Waves, a former parking lot turned into a park honoring the region's Chinese heritage.

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A study examined parking downtown.

