



## Hunt begins for bikes hidden at Seven Wonders of Oregon

If you happen upon a green mountain bike on Mount Hood's trail system this weekend, you better grab it before the next person does.

In its second year, Travel Oregon's Seven Wonders tourism campaign is hiding seven bikes at each of the state's wonders: Mount Hood, Smith Rock, the Painted Hills, the Willamette, the Columbia River Gorge, the Oregon Coast and Crater Lake.

Each bike is valued at about \$10,000, according to event organizers.

Starting Saturday, people can track down the first of the bikes on Mount Hood's Sand Ridge Trail System. The single-speed mountain bike with a suspension fork and a drop seat post was custom made by Fred Cuthbert of Wolfhound Cycles in Talent.

"I really hope it's the right size for them, and I hope it's someone that will use it regularly and enjoy," said Cuthbert. "It's meant to be up for anything, hopefully it'll be very versatile."

If you want to be first on the trail, set your alarm clock for the early morning. Travel Oregon spokesperson Judiaann Woo said the bike will be hidden before tomorrow's sunrise.

Despite its small town location, Wolfhound has built bikes for people all over the world, even as far as Norway and Austria.

The others will be hidden at the other six wonders of Oregon over the next two months.

## First U.S. vinyl record press in years opens in Oregon

Three entrepreneurs have opened the newest record press in the United States — and it's just outside Portland.

The founders of the start-up Cascade Record Pressing are all huge music fans with a big interest in vinyl. The music industry's demand for vinyl pressings has exploded over the past few years. But the infrastructure to make new record pressing machines was mothballed decades ago, when LPs took a back seat to cassettes and then, CDs. Vinyl records are now selling by the millions again.

Big record companies like Sony and Warner Brothers have returned to the vinyl game, swamping a limited circle of record-pressing plants with large orders.

After months of finding presses, parts and staff to maintain them, Adam Gonsalves, Mark Rainey and Steve Lanning have started taking orders at an industrial park in Milwaukie.

They say they want to supply small- to mid-sized record labels. Those companies have seen their orders sidelined as the giants have re-entered the market.

Its owners believe it's the first record press in the Northwest since Seattle's Morrison Records stopped production.

## BRIEFLY

### Two motorcyclists crash, one killed

BURNS (AP) — Oregon State Police say a 71-year-old California motorcyclist has died in Eastern Oregon after colliding with another motorcycle apparently being driven by his traveling companions.

Lt. Bill Fugate said a motorcycle operated by Steven Gale of Montara, California, collided Thursday afternoon with the rear of another motorcycle on U.S. Highway 20 near Burns, Oregon. The second motorcycle, operated by 65-year-old Robert Resch of Half Moon Bay, California, crashed on the highway. Resch and his passenger, 54-year-old Janet Kluzik of Half Moon Bay, were both ejected.

Police say that after the initial crash, Gale's motorcycle veered head-on into the path of a pickup truck. Gale died at the scene.

Resch suffered minor injuries. His passenger was flown to a Bend hospital with serious injuries.

Fugate says preliminary information indicates the two motorcycles had been traveling together and got separated. He says it appears Gale was traveling at a high rate of speed when he collided with Resch, who had just pulled out of a rest area.

### Warm water leads to early spring chinook deaths

SALEM (AP) — State wildlife officials are blaming warm water in the Northwest for unusually high numbers of chinook salmon carcasses found in the Willamette, Clackamas and Santiam rivers.

The *Statesman Journal* reports wildlife officials say the rivers and some tributaries are warmer than the 60 degrees, at which the species becomes more susceptible to disease, injury and stress.

A state wildlife official says salmon dying from warm water before they can spawn increases concern for the species. Most spring chinook fall off in the fall.

The warmer waters have not stopped one of the strongest chinook runs this year into the Willamette Basin.

As of June 13, a fish-

counting station reported about 9,000 more chinook passing upstream than the 50-year average of 41,000.

### Man gets 7 years for giving cash to suicide bomber

PORTLAND (AP) — A former Portland city worker who provided money to a terrorist who carried out a deadly suicide bombing in Pakistan has been sentenced to seven years and three months in prison.

Reaz Khan pleaded guilty in February to being an accessory after the fact to the 2009 bombing that killed about 30 people and injured an additional 300.

Prosecutors say Khan arranged for Ali Jaleel to receive \$2,450 before Jaleel participated in the attack. He also provided financial help and advice to Jaleel's wives after the bombing.

Khan did not speak at Friday's sentencing before U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman.

Mosman said the sentencing presented a challenge because the bombing was horrific, but Khan's knowledge of what Jaleel was planning was murky.

### Suit asks insurance for disabled homeowners with pit bulls

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal court lawsuit in Oregon has raised a new question in the long-running argument over pit bulls: Should an insurance company be able to deny homeowner coverage to a disabled person who has one for a service dog?

The lawsuit from the Fair Housing Council of Oregon says undercover testers called Travelers insurance and a Portland agency four times last year and couldn't get price quotes after saying they were disabled and used pit bulls for assistance animals.

The lawsuit says that violates the federal Fair Housing Act. A lawyer for the organization says insurers can deny coverage if they can show a particular dog's history of aggression demonstrates a threat, but they can't discriminate against all pit bulls.

# A look at Tualatin River's wild side

By DANA TIMS  
The Oregonian

CHERRY GROVE — The Tualatin River is the primary drinking water source for hundreds of thousands of Washington County residents. By late summer every year, however, it's difficult to fathom why.

Along some stretches, the river drops only about an inch per mile, giving it the look and feel of a warm, dark soup. Hardly a body of water that looks capable of slaking the thirst of the fastest-growing county in the state.

By contrast, the upper reaches of the Tualatin are something else entirely, although most people would never realize that because entry to those mountainous stretches is restricted.

Three of the county's five commissioners, accompanied by a dozen officials from various county agencies, got a rare look at the upper Tualatin recently and came away with renewed awe for a river whose upper portion could not be more different from the sluggish, mile-per-hour slough that most associate with the Tualatin.

"There are a lot of people who rely on this little stream," Commissioner Greg Malinowski said. "It's such a precious resource." Behind him, a torrent of swirling whitewater cascaded over the naturally formed basaltic spillway of seldom-seen Haines Falls. The water crashes into a deep pool below before heading downstream for a similar tumble over Upper Lee Falls.

It's also here that efforts were underway more than a century ago to create power for the county's early 20th Century residents. Remnants, partially buried in riverside soils, still exist of the metal boiler built near the top of Haines Falls. Water taken from the falls was turned to steam by fired wood. The steam, in turn, ran a generator that



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In a June 9 photo, basaltic outcroppings forms seldom-seen Upper Lee Falls not far from the headwaters of the Tualatin River. The river, slow and plodding in its downstream areas, is fast-flowing in the mountainous area of its upper reaches.

produced electricity, which ran through wires to the burgeoning valley below.

"It was one of Oregon's earlier long-distance electrical transmission lines," said Tom VanderPlaat, Clean Water Services' water supply manager. "Quite a marvel of its day."

Nearby, at the top of a small hill ringing a placid, three-acre lake, an 18-inch-wide pipe sucks water that is then conveyed by pipe to a nearby treatment facility. It is one of the city of Hillsboro's two main drinking-water intake pipes.

"It's an impressive system they have up here," Commissioner Andy Duyck said, peering down into the intake. "You really have to see it to understand how impressive the whole system is."

A final stop on the tour came at the Fernhill Wetlands in Forest Grove, where the planting of more than

750,000 native shrubs, plants and trees over the past year is furthering efforts to naturally filter and clean Tualatin River water.

More than 1 million gallons of partially treated water daily is pumped out onto the wetlands from pipes leading to Clean Water Services' Rock Creek treatment facility in Hillsboro. Locals refer to the concrete structure out of which all that water flows as "the champagne bubbler."

The native plants now taking root here will, in turn, mature to the point that they will eventually send millions of seeds coursing into the downstream reaches of the Tualatin.

"That this area will act as a native seed bank is a pretty stunning thought," Commissioner Dick Schouten said. "That, all by itself, is quite a takeaway from this trip."

## Portland's worst parking scofflaws owe more than \$10,000

By JOSEPH ROSE  
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PORTLAND — Two years ago, Portland State University student Devin Witter had racked up so many parking tickets that the city towed his road-worn Hyundai Accent from a downtown street.

When Witter went to pick up his car, the attendant told him he could get it back, but only if he paid off his citations. "The car wasn't even worth the amount I owed in parking fines," Witter said. "So I just left it there, figuring the city would sell the car, pay off the tickets and that would be that." That wasn't that.

After late fees and collection costs, the state says Witter still owes \$9,669 for 36 unpaid tickets, putting him on the short list of Portland's worst parking scofflaws.

At the top: An Internet marketing manager who owes \$12,565 and a Maserati owner with a \$11,539 tab.

But even if those debts were paid off tomorrow, they would barely make a dent in \$32.4 million in unpaid tickets owed to a City Hall reluctant to get more aggressive with parking deadbeats.

As the city struggles to dig up funding for everything from potholes to huge regional commitments like the new Sellwood Bridge, more than

190,500 parking citations from the past 10 years are still listed as unpaid.

The dilemma isn't unique to Portland. But the city's approach to getting repeat offenders to pay up is decidedly less draconian than other large U.S. cities.

Chris Warner, chief of staff for Portland Commissioner Steve Novick, who oversees the Bureau of Transportation, said there have been some discussions about exploring new ways to go after parking revenue that's owed.

"But we don't really have the resources to go there and collect it on our own," Warner told *The Oregonian*. "This is something we should probably be getting better at."

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