

OWL: Birds are known to nest in fireplaces, usually fly out before they are lit

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 Finally, John caught sight of the owl in a mirror in a back bedroom of their North Hill home. One side of his body appeared singed. They readied a storage tote. John approached the bird and snatched it with his hands.
 The Pendleton Police Department connected the couple with Blue Mountain Wildlife, a Pendleton organization that rehabilitates wild birds. Soon, John was on his way to the compound.
 Blue Mountain Wildlife Director Lynn Tompkins examined the little western screech owl and noticed his head appeared singed and that he'd lost feathers.
 "He's missing most of the secondary feathers on his left wing," Tompkins said.
 She also suspected the adult owl was experiencing eye and lung irritation,

but said the bird is fortunate to have escaped with only minor damage. However, the missing feathers won't grow back for months.
 "He only molts once a year," Tompkins said "He won't get new feathers until next spring or summer."
 Until then, the owl will stay with other injured, orphaned or sick birds that inhabit the Blue Mountain Wildlife compound.
 On Monday morning, Tompkins lifted the bird out of the carrier and handed him to her husband, Bob. The owl looked at Tompkins with round, unblinking eyes as she injected him with an anti-inflammatory drug. To insure that he was hydrated, she filled a syringe with saline solution and sent the liquid through a tiny tube that she inserted into the bird's mouth and to the stomach. She wrapped him in a clean towel and

placed him back into his carrier.
 The owl's appetite is good, she said. He polished off two mice since he arrived and weighs a hefty (for a screech owl) 200 grams, or about half a pound.
 Tompkins said this isn't the first bird found in a fireplace, though the birds usually fly out before the fire is lit. Owls often nest inside abandoned squirrel or woodpecker cavities, man-made nest boxes and the occasional chimney.
 Turns out the owl alerted the Schlichtings to a problem with their chimney. A recent wind storm had knocked down the spark arrestor which normally would have kept the owl out and the sparks from escaping.
 "As quick as the roof is safe to get back on," John said, "I will get up there and replace it."



Staff photo by L.J. Harris
Blue Mountain Wildlife Executive Director Lynn Tompkins uses a syringe and rubber tube to hydrate an injured screech owl as her husband Bob Tompkins holds the animal on Monday at Blue Mountain Wildlife in Pendleton.

BRONZE: Ballots available at five locations around Pendleton

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 He served as the chief of the Round-Up's Indian encampment from the rodeo's beginning until his death in 1936, his approximate age 93.
 His son and successor, Burke, is also a candidate for the spot.
 Burke held the title of co-chief from 1936 to 1987, and has been regarded as one of the most photographed American Indians in history.
 Burke's co-chief is also the final candidate for the space: Cayuse Chief William Minthorn.
 Also known as Chief Blackhawk, Minthorn was the co-chief from 1978 to 1984.
 Houk said it was a conscious decision to guarantee one spot for a bronze depicting a tribal member.
 "We and the tribes are really one community," he said.
 Five historical figures will be on the ballot for the space on the

300 block of Main Street, across from the Stella Darby statue.
 The first name on the ballot is John Spain, a rancher from Union and the 1911 Round-Up champion.
 If Spain is selected, statues of all three finalists from the 1911 Round-Up — Spain, Sundown and George Fletcher — would line Main Street.
 Former Pendleton Police Chief Ernie Gallaher is the most contemporary figure of the bunch, having died in 2007.
 The police chief from December 1956 to January 1986, Gallaher was briefly fired by the Pendleton City Council after he refused to allow the reopening of brothels. Gallaher was rehired after almost the entire police department quit in protest, sealing the death of Pendleton's legal sex trade.
 Known as the "Mother of Pendleton," Aura Goodwin Ra-

ley helped found Pendleton with her husband, Moses Goodwin.
 The Goodwins later opened a hotel on Main Street, which Aura continued to operate after Goodwin died and she remarried carpenter H.J. Raley.
 Aura Goodwin Raley also donated the land for Pioneer Park and the Umatilla County Courthouse block.
 When the city renamed its streets in 1939, Aura Avenue was the only street commemorating a person by their first name instead of their surname.
 While the previous election allowed for people to submit their vote via email, Houk said the committee will honor only paper ballots this time to avoid voter fraud and to make voting more accessible to older voters.
 Planning to retire after the rodeo, McCarroll's horse somersaulted and bucked hard, causing her to hit her head six times. She died 11 days later at the age of 32.
 Ballots will be available

through the *East Oregonian*, the Confederated Umatilla Journal, the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, the Pendleton Public Library and the Nixyaawii Governance Center and can be returned at each location from Dec. 1-Dec. 19.
 On Dec. 21, the arts committee will tally the results at the council chamber annex room at Pendleton City Hall at 3 p.m. The public will be able to watch the tally and provide testimony.
 Contact Antonio Sierra at astierra@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0836.

Pendleton Main Street statue ballot

Vote for one in each location.

- 100 BLOCK
- [] Poker Jim
- [] Clarence Burke
- [] William Minthorn
- 300 BLOCK
- [] John Spain
- [] Ernie Gallaher
- [] Aura Goodwin Raley
- [] Bonnie McCarroll

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Leaders gather to try to save Earth from overheating

Associated Press



AP Photo/Evan Vucci
U.S. President Barack Obama, left, meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping during their meeting held on the sidelines of the United Nations Climate Change Conference outside Paris, Monday.

LE BOURGET, France — With dramatic vows to save future generations from an overheated planet, the largest gathering ever of world leaders began two weeks of talks Monday aimed at producing the most far-reaching pact yet to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and avert environmental havoc.
 "We should ask what will we say to our grandchildren if we fail," British Prime Minister David Cameron said as the U.N. climate summit opened under heavy security on the outskirts of Paris, two weeks after the extremist attacks that left 130 people dead. "Instead of making excuses tomorrow, let's take action today."
 Even before the gathering, more than 180 countries pledged to cut or curb their emissions, but scientific analyses show that much bigger reductions would be needed to limit man-made warming of the Earth to 2 degrees Centigrade (3.8 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times, the internationally agreed-upon goal.

The biggest issue facing the 151 heads of state and government at the summit is who should bear most of the burden of closing that gap: wealthy Western nations that have polluted the most historically, or developing countries like China and India that are now the biggest and third-biggest emitters of greenhouse gases?
 "Addressing climate change should not deny the legitimate needs of developing countries to reduce poverty and improve living standards," Chinese leader Xi Jinping told the conference.
 The last major climate agreement, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, required only rich countries to cut emissions, and the U.S. never signed on. Since then, global temperatures and sea levels have continued to rise, and the Earth has seen an extraordinary run of extreme weather, including severe droughts and storms.
 This new round of talks seeks to produce an agreement that would require all countries, rich and poor, to take action.
 While the specifics have yet to be worked out, the pact is meant to

chart a path toward reduced reliance on coal, oil and gas and expanded use of renewable energy such as wind and solar power.
 The negotiations will focus on whether emissions targets should be binding or voluntary and how to verify that countries are hitting their targets. Another big issue will be how to provide the finance and technology that developing countries will need to reduce their emissions and cope with the effects of rising seas, intensifying heat waves and floods.
 "The future of the people of the world, the future of our planet, is in your hands," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told negotiators in his opening remarks. "We cannot afford indecision, half measures or merely gradual approaches. Our goal must be a transformation."
 China and India say they want the agreement to clearly reflect that industrialized nations bear the biggest responsibility for the problem.
 President Barack Obama offered assurances that the U.S. isn't trying to shirk its duty.
 "I've come here personally, as the leader of the world's largest economy and the second-largest emitter, to say that the United States of America not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do

something about it," Obama told the conference.
 Statistics since 1959 from the U.S. Department of Energy show the United States has been by far the biggest emitter of carbon dioxide, the top man-made greenhouse gas. It has released about 258 trillion tons of carbon dioxide over the past half-century, compared with China's 158 trillion tons, the figures show.
 China is catching up, though, and is now the world's biggest greenhouse gas polluter, accounting for 28 percent of the world's current emissions—twice as much as the United States. Beijing has pledged to put a ceiling on its emissions around 2030 as part of the latest negotiations.
 Developing countries say they need financial support and technology to make the transition to cleaner energy. On the bustling first day of the conference, a number of such initiatives were announced, including one backed by 19 governments and 28 leading global investors, including Bill Gates and Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.
 Their initiative would provide billions of dollars in investments to research and develop clean energy technology, with the ultimate goal of making it cheaper and more reliable.

Turkey won't apologize to Russia over warplane downing

BRUSSELS (AP) — Turkey won't apologize to Russia for shooting down a warplane operating over Syria, the Turkish prime minister said Monday, stressing that the military was doing its job defending the country's airspace.
 Ahmet Davutoglu also said Turkey hopes Moscow will reconsider economic sanctions announced against Turkish interests following last week's incident. The Turkish resort town of Antalya is "like a second home" to many Russian holidaymakers, he said, but refused to yield on Turkish security.
 "No Turkish prime minister or president will apologize ... because of doing our

duty," Davutoglu told reporters after meeting with NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg in Brussels.
 "Protection of Turkish airspace, Turkish borders is a national duty, and our army did their job to protect this airspace. But if the Russian side wants to talk, and wants to prevent any future unintentional events like this, we

are ready to talk."
 Turkish F-16s shot down a Russian warplane on Nov. 24, sparking Cold War-style tensions between Russia and NATO, of which Turkey is a member. One of the Russian pilots was killed, while a second was rescued.
 On Monday, the body of Lt. Col. Oleg Peshkov, the Russian pilot, was flown

back to Russia following a military ceremony in the Turkish capital, Ankara, Turkey's military said.
 Russian President Vladimir Putin, at the international climate talks in Paris, on Monday said "we have every reason to believe" that the plane was shot down to protect what he described as Turkish profiteering from il-

legal imports of oil produced by Islamic State rebels in Syria.
 The Russian air force said Monday that its Su-34 fighter bombers in Syria were now armed with air-to-air missiles for defense. Air force spokesman Col. Igor Klimov said the missiles have a range of about 35 miles, Russian news agencies reported.

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