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## FBI agents investigated over Finicum shooting

By STEVEN DUBOIS Associated Press

PORTLAND — FBI agents involved in the traffic stop that led to the killing of one of the armed occupiers of an Oregon wildlife refuge are under investigation for not disclosing they fired shots that missed Robert “LaVoy” Finicum, authorities said Tuesday.

Oregon State Police troopers fired the three rounds that killed the Arizona rancher during a confrontation on a remote road, law enforcement officials said at a news conference in Bend.

An independent investigation by Oregon authorities found the troopers were justified in shooting Finicum because he failed to heed their commands and repeatedly reached for his weapon, Malheur County District Attorney Dan Norris said.

The investigators discovered members of an FBI hostage rescue team who were at the

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### PENDLETON

## More than a dozen file for council elections

By ANTONIO SIERRA East Oregonian

Voters will have no shortage of choices in Pendleton City Council elections.

During a year in which many incumbents declined to run for re-election, a flurry of filings before the Tuesday deadline expanded the field to 15.

All candidates must clear 50 percent to be elected outright in the May 17 municipal election. If the winning candidate in any of the council’s four competitive races can’t beat that mark, the two candidates that garner the most votes will face off in a runoff election Nov. 8.

A summary of each race is provided below.

### Ward 1

Councilor Becky Marks has faced opponents in her two previous bids and 2016 is no different.

In addition to Marks, Renee Caubisens and James Tibbets are also vying for the Ward 1 seat, which primarily covers the downtown area, South Hill and Riverside.

According to Caubisens’ filing paperwork, her 16 years of experience as attorney includes work as a public defender for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation from 1998-2010.

Caubisens has a bachelor’s degree from State University of New York at New Paltz and a law degree from Lewis & Clark College.

Tibbets is a self-employed computer repairman who previously applied for the at-large council seat vacated by Jane Hill.

### Ward 2

Filing just before the deadline, Scott Fairley barely beat the clock to enter the Ward 2 race.

The eastern region coordinator for the governor’s office, Fairley has worked for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The University of Oregon graduate also serves on the city’s planning and airport commissions.

Fairley will face two candidates with political experience.

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Photo by E.J. Harris

Former Sen. Gordon Smith shares a joke about Donald Trump while speaking at the start of the Eastern Oregon Forum on Tuesday at BMCC in Pendleton.

## Fighting mental illness

Former senator raising awareness after losing son to suicide

By KATHY ANEY East Oregonian

Gordon Smith often says he is a member of a “fraternity of sorrow.” It’s a club he hopes no one else will have to join.

The former United States senator from Pendleton appeared

Tuesday night at Blue Mountain Community College as part of this year’s Eastern Oregon Forum series. He spoke on “Living with the Challenges of Mental Health.”

Smith’s journey into sorrow began in 2003 with a knock on the front door of his D.C. residence.

Two police officers stood on the porch with grim news for him and his wife, Sharon: 21-year-old Garrett Lee Smith, second of the couple’s three adopted children, had taken his own life.

Garrett, a student at Utah Valley State College, struggled with severe bipolar disorder and

hid his depression behind an easy smile. The former Eagle Scout loved to hunt, snowboard and mountain bike. He had completed a two-year Mormon mission trip to England. He had an abundance of friends.

“Although masculine and strong, his was a gentle soul,” Smith said. “His dark, handsome

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## Old challenger enters race for Umatilla Co. commissioner

By PHIL WRIGHT East Oregonian

A former candidate for Umatilla County commissioner is challenging incumbent Bill Elfering.

Thomas Bailor filed his candidacy paperwork with the county elections division on Tuesday, the last day to qualify for the May 17 election. He was one of six candidates that ran in 2013 for an open seat on the county board of commissioners. George Murdock won that race.

Bailor has a background as a culture resource coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian

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Reservation, according to his candidacy filing. His entrance also makes the election something of a classic in Umatilla County: Bailor is from Pendleton and Elfering is from Hermiston.

Elfering is seeking his second term on the board. He oversees economic development for the county and is the board’s law enforcement liaison.

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## Goat ahead, make my day

A billy goat looks over the top of his fenced enclosure Tuesday in a yard off Birch Creek Road in Rieth.



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