

OBITUARIES

Norma Officer

Pendleton

March 29, 1926-January 4, 2017

Norma Officer was born March 29, 1926, to Walter and Hulda (Anderson) Green in Portland, Ore. She grew up in the Grant Park neighborhood of Portland and graduated from Grant High School. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1948 with a degree in anthropology and a minor in music. Norma was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and was a Duck fan for life.



Officer

While at college she met Harry Officer and the couple wed in 1949. They made their home in Lake Oswego, where they raised their two daughters. Norma was active in Camp Fire Girls, the Lake Grove United Presbyterian Church and later, as a grandparent, volunteered for the Art Literacy Programs for Beaverton Public Schools and St Pius X Parish School. Norma was widowed in 1975, after which she worked

at the Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce and Lewis and Clark College. She resided in Pendleton for the past five years.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harry Officer, and her brother Ray Green. She is survived by her daughters Claudia (Fred) Weinhouse of Beaverton and Martha (Steve) Campbell of Pendleton; grandchildren Amy (Mike) Rosenberg, Mike (Jessica) Weinhouse, John (Aleah) Campbell, Grace Campbell and Anne Campbell; and four great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held in Portland.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation be made in her name to St Anthony Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared at www.pioneer-chapel.com

DEATH NOTICES

Robert C. Bertsch

Stanfield

May 14, 1939-Dec. 8, 2016

Robert C. Bertsch, 77, of Stanfield, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016. He was born May 14, 1939, in Klickitat, Wash. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center. A potluck luncheon will follow the service.

Thomas Hunt

Pendleton

Aug. 20, 1935-Dec. 31, 2016

Thomas Hunt, 81, of Pendleton died Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016, in Pendleton. He was born Aug. 20, 1935, in Burns. A service will be held in the spring 2017 in John Day. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel. To light a candle in Tom's memory, visit www.grayswestco.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

BRELAND, ANN — Memorial service at 11 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. A reception will follow at First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

CHRISTENSEN, IVAR — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

DESPAIN, BOB — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 140 W. Church St.

SHIPPENTOWER, JOHN — Sunrise burial at 9 a.m. at Agency Cemetery, Mission.

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

No services scheduled

MONDAY, JAN. 9

No services scheduled

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

BURCHETT, MICHELLE — Celebration of life at 2 p.m. at South Salem Church of the Nazarene, 1661 Boone Road S.E., Salem.

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Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, JAN. 9

IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)

BLUE MOUNTAIN EARLY LEARNING HUB GOVERNANCE BOARD, 10 a.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (Ali VanHouten 541-966-3157)

ATHENA - WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena Elementary School Library, 375 S. Fifth St., Athena. (541-566-3551)

PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston. (541-667-6000)

MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)

HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

PILOT ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock Fire Department, 415 N.E. Elm St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-4522)

WESTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

UMATILLA MORROW RADIO & DATA DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Fire District No. 1 Station 23, 78760 Westland Road, Hermiston. (Shawn Halsey 541-966-3774)

PENDLETON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 12 p.m., Pendleton Parks & Recreation office, 685 Tutuilla Road, Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

PORT OF UMATILLA COMMISSION, 1 p.m., Port of Umatilla offices, 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-3224)

MORROW COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE, 1-2 p.m., Bartholomew Government Building upper conference room, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.

PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. (541-969-9466)

PENDLETON LIBRARY BOARD, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

WESTON CEMETERY BOARD, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

LEXINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-989-8515)

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-676-9061)

U.S. veteran arrested in airport shooting; 5 dead, 8 wounded

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — An Army veteran who complained that the government was controlling his mind drew a gun from his checked luggage on arrival at the Fort Lauderdale airport and opened fire in the baggage claim area Friday, killing five people and wounding eight, authorities said.

He was taken into custody after throwing his empty weapon down and lying spread-eagle on the ground, one witness said.

"People started kind of screaming and trying to get out of any door they could or hide under the chairs," the witness, Mark Lea, told MSNBC. "He just kind of continued coming in, just randomly shooting at people, no rhyme or reason to it."

The gunman was identified as 26-year-old Esteban Santiago of Anchorage, Alaska, who served in Iraq with the National Guard but was demoted and discharged last year for unsatisfactory performance. His brother said he had been receiving psychological treatment recently.

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that Santiago had walked into the FBI office in Anchorage in November to say that the U.S. government was controlling his mind and making him watch Islamic State videos.

Agents questioned an agitated and disjointed-sounding Santiago and then called police, who took him for a mental health evaluation, according to the official, who was not authorized to discuss the case and spoke on condition of anonymity.

FBI agent George Piro, who is in charge of the Miami field office, confirmed that Santiago had come into the Anchorage office and clearly indicated at the time that he was not intent on hurting anyone.

Authorities said the motive for the attack was under investigation. Shortly after the shooting, and before details of Santiago's mental health



AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee

Police evacuate a civilian from an area at Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood International Airport, Friday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A gunman opened fire in the baggage claim area at the airport Friday, killing several people and wounding others before being taken into custody in an attack that sent panicked passengers running out of the terminal and onto the tarmac, authorities said.

became public, Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said that it remained to be seen whether it was terrorism or the work of "someone who is mentally deranged."

Piro said authorities are looking at leads in several states and have not ruled out terrorism. "We're looking at every angle, including the terrorism angle," he said.

Santiago, who is in federal custody, will face federal charges and is expected to appear in court Monday, Piro said.

One witness said the attacker gunned down his victims without a word and kept shooting until he ran out of ammunition for his handgun, sending panicked travelers running out of the terminal and spilling onto the tarmac, baggage in hand.

Others hid in bathroom stalls or crouched behind cars or anything else they could find as police and para-

medics rushed in to help the wounded and establish whether there were any other gunmen.

Bruce Hugon, who had flown in from Indianapolis for a vacation, was at the baggage carousel when he heard four or five pops and saw everyone drop down on the ground. He said a woman next to him tried to get up and was shot in the head.

"The guy must have been standing over me at one point. I could smell the gunpowder," he said. "I thought I was about to feel a piercing pain or nothing at all because I would have been dead."

It is legal for airline passengers to travel with guns and ammunition as long as the firearms are put in a checked bag — not a carry-on — and are unloaded and locked in a hard-sided container. Guns must be declared to the airline at check-in.

Police: Drunk driver spat at medics, nurses

East Oregonian

Medical staff treating a Pendleton man after a crash Thursday endured his threats and spit.

Oregon State Police reported Angel Nunez Nunez, 50, of Pendleton, faces multiple citations in the wake of the spectacle.

Law enforcement and emergency services from Pendleton around 3 p.m. Thursday responded to a crash at highways 37 and 334 about 10 miles north of Pendleton. They found a Dodge pickup in a wheat field about 300 feet off the road, according to state police. The driver, Nunez, was inside.

One officer contacted Nunez and noticed "multiple signs of impairment and a strong odor of alcoholic beverage," state police reported. Other officers arrived and tried to get Nunez

to come out of the pickup, but he refused.

Police removed Nunez from the pickup and arrested him, and a Pendleton ambulance and state trooper took him to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

In the ambulance, Nunez "had to be restrained" according to state police, while he continued to resist, threatened the medics and spat.

Nunez made more threats at the hospital and, according to state police, "propelled saliva onto three of the nurses tending to his care." Nunez required medical care, so the troopers gave him citations to appear in court for the following: driving under the influence of intoxicants; reckless driving; driving with a suspended license; three counts of harassment; and one for third-degree mischief.

And one state trooper

late Wednesday nabbed a drunk driving suspect while giving a ride to another drunk driving suspect.

Trooper Wesley Linehart at 10:38 p.m. saw an Isuzu Trooper stop and turn off its lights on West Ferndale Road near Highway 11, Milton-Freewater. The trooper pulled in behind the SUV to see if it was disabled.

Linehart contacted the driver, Dennis Snider, 63, of Milton-Freewater, and noticed he was impaired and had an open can of beer in the passenger seat, according to state police. Snider consented to a sobriety test, and the trooper "observed clues of impairment."

Linehart arrested Snider for DUII (alcohol) and took him to the Milton-Freewater Police Department, where his blood-alcohol level was .09 percent, just over the .08 percent legal limit. Linehart

then gave Snider a ride to his home.

But at 11:43 p.m. while heading north on Highway 11 near milepost 33, a red Plymouth Breeze going 71 mph in a 50 mph zone zipped by the police car. Linehart stopped the speeding car and found the driver, Marcelo C. Lopez, 59, of Walla Walla, to be drunk.

Lopez could not complete any sobriety test, according to state police, and his Washington driver's license was suspended.

A Milton-Freewater officer took Snider the rest of the way home, and Linehart took Lopez to the Milton-Freewater police, where his blood-alcohol content registered .11 percent. Linehart hauled Lopez to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for DUII and cited him for driving without a license and speeding.

Tilikum, Orca that killed SeaWorld trainer, dies

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tilikum the orca has died after more than two decades at SeaWorld Orlando, where he gained notoriety for killing a trainer in 2010 and was later profiled in a documentary that helped sway popular opinion against keeping killer whales in captivity.

He will not be replaced. He was the first of SeaWorld's orcas to die since the company announced the end of its orca breeding program in March 2016.

In a statement announcing Tilikum's death early Friday, SeaWorld officials said he had serious health issues including a persistent and complicated bacterial lung infection. Tilikum was estimated to be 36 years old. A necropsy will determine the cause of death.

The 2010 death of SeaWorld trainer Dawn



AP Photo/Phelan M. Ebenhack, File

In this 2011 file photo shows orca whale Tilikum at SeaWorld Orlando's Shamu Stadium in Orlando, Fla. Tilikum, an orca that killed a trainer at SeaWorld Orlando in 2010, has died.

Brancheau during a performance with Tilikum after a "Dine with Shamu" show shocked the public and changed the future of orcas at SeaWorld parks.

Brancheau was interacting with Tilikum before

a live audience at SeaWorld Orlando when he pulled her from a platform by her arm and held her underwater. An autopsy report said Brancheau drowned but also suffered severe trauma, including multiple fractures.

Former SeaWorld orca trainer John Hargrove said Tilikum's death offered some closure in the violent death of his friend and colleague. But he said Tilikum also finally found relief.

"Tilikum has been sick, very sick, for so long, and after everything he's had to endure, this is to me like he's free," said Hargrove, who left SeaWorld in 2012 and was featured in the documentary "Blackfish."

"He lived a tortured existence in captivity. I think all the whales do, but if you had to pinpoint one of them, hands down I would say Tilikum."

According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration figures, male killer whales in the wild typically live about 30 years and females typically live about 50 years.

HONORS

Sunridge names winter 2016 Bronc Pride winners

PENDLETON — The following list of students are the Sunridge Middle School Bronc Pride Award winners for the months of November and December. Recipients of these special awards are either consistently modeling high expectations related to readi-

ness, respect and responsibility, or have recently experienced recognizable growth in one or all of these areas. This is a truly remarkable honor worthy of continued recognition.

Sixth Grade: Dylan Alexander, Analie Cames, Ryder Cartmell, Jordan Cash, Connor Cimmiyotti, Andrew Demianew, Rebekah Edmonds, Sydnee Enright, Jonathan Ferman Ramirez, Kate Hill, Simon Johnson, Ali Kipp, Payton Lambert, Brock Mackey,

Robert Maker, Wyatt Martin, Ramon Mora Corona, Sistine Moses, Sarah Ottosen, Aleece Primmer, Saint Schimmel, Malay Stanger, Adelaide Tesch, Daniella Torres, Sarah Welch, and Summer Wildbill.

Seventh Grade: Ella Chrisman, Olivia Corbett, Shannielle Countryman-Vedder, Akira Gomez, Madison Gruenhagen, McKenna Harrington, Sarah House, Bryson Laib, Sofia Mendoza, Payton Nerenberg, McKenzie

Penninger, Paige Pitner, Clara Sams, Corbin Sweet, Colton Williams, and Tre Williams.

Eighth Grade: Stanley Alexander-Spino, Zaanan Bane, Isaac Bearchum, Brogan Biggerstaff, Chelsie Clough, Kya Creger, Mallory Daum, Randy Davis, Ruger Deming, Gabrielle Fitzmorris, Cloey Harris, Adilia Hart, Kyra Jackson, Shayna Medrano, Analeena Perez, Wakody Pond, Harley Rhoades, Electra Taylor, and Tucker Zander.