

TRUCKER: Didn’t take potato chips from truck for journey

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“He took his cowboy boots off and put on flip flops,” Henry said. Temperatures in the region have been dropping into the 30s at night. Henry asked Cartwright why he didn’t take some potato chips with him for his journey and the trucker responded, “That’s worth money.” Cartwright added: “That’s the load I was hauling and I didn’t want to damage the

property.”” Henry said Cartwright was driving the truck about 400 miles from Portland to Nyssa near the Idaho border. Henry said Cartwright’s troubles started when he put the wrong address in his GPS at the start of his trip. It told him to turn south off Interstate 84 near Pendleton. Henry said Cartwright eventually realized he was on the wrong road and put in the correct address. The GPS then directed him to take a U.S. Forest Service road that



Photo contributed by Oregon State Police
Jacob Cartwright, a trucker from La Grande, went missing Wednesday after his truck got stuck on a forest road. He hiked 14 miles to La Grande and emerged on Saturday.

started out paved but eventually became impassable. “What it boils down to is a simple matter of human error,” Henry said. “He made the proper effort to correct his mistake. From that point on it was out of his control. He had no reason to believe the GPS was wrong.” After interviewing Cartwright, Oregon State Police used information he provided to locate his truck, which had several wheels sitting precariously on a steep embankment, 21 miles

away from the last known GPS location, said public information officer Sgt. Kaipo Raiser. Even though there was limited cellphone coverage, the battery on Cartwright’s phone eventually went dead. At the hospital, Cartwright first told Henry that he hoped he would not lose his job — and Henry assured the trucker with children ages 4 and 2 that he wouldn’t. “It was pretty much just sheer will and determination that got him out,” Henry said.

PUBLISHER: 25-year veteran of journalism

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of Central Oklahoma, Rush had trouble breaking into the field as a young man in 1993. He had sent dozens of résumés to various news organizations when he applied for a reporting position with the *Sapulpa Daily Herald*, a newspaper based in a Tulsa suburb of about 20,000 people. Noticing his experience selling furniture and men’s clothing, the *Daily Herald* instead offered Rush an advertising job, which paid a commission in addition to a base salary. “At that time, I had just gotten married and that sounded good to me,” he said. His foot in the door, Rush crisscrossed Oklahoma and Arkansas as a reporter, editor, advertising director and publisher. Rush moved to Aberdeen, Washington, in 2008 to become the publisher of *The Daily World* and after a brief stint back in Oklahoma became publisher of *The World* in Coos Bay in 2015. Although Rush’s career had been made in print journalism, in 2017 he retired from the newspaper business and bought a coffee shop in Reedsport which he ran with his wife, Sheryl, for the past eight months. It was a longtime dream, but running the Rogue River Coffee Co. was also a rigorous enterprise. “I got a lot of respect for anyone who owns a business,” he said. All the while, Rush kept tabs on his old profession. He had originally thought about taking an interim publisher position somewhere to supplement the coffee shop’s income, but when the publishing job in Pendleton opened up, he couldn’t pass on the opportunity. For their part, EO Media Group officials think Rush is the right person for the job. “Chris is uniquely qualified to take on this

leadership role for our company,” said Heidi Wright, EO Media Group chief operating officer, in a statement. “He is excited to be working with a family-held media company that shares his passion for the communities we serve and the newspapers we produce.” In her own written statement, Brown enumerated the qualities that made Rush a worthy successor. “Chris is also a highly intelligent, friendly and positive person,” she said. “He shares our family’s values and a passion for community journalism, and I expect that he will be a great fit here in Eastern Oregon.” Rush said he’s always been attracted to living and working in small communities and he intends to keep the media group’s four Eastern Oregon newspapers focused on community news. He also anticipates finding a fit in Pendleton, a cowboy town not too dissimilar from some of the western Oklahoma towns he’s worked in. He will arrive in Pendleton on Thursday, and he and Brown will spend the coming weeks working on the transition between publishers. Brown will be stepping down from her role as publisher of the *East Oregonian* and *Hermiston Herald* in order to launch a magazine called “The Other Oregon,” focusing on rural Oregon’s issues, values, culture and lifestyle. She will remain on the *East Oregonian*’s editorial board and be involved in special projects at the newspaper. Rush will move to Pendleton with his wife Sheryl. He has two adult children, a son who will graduate from Oklahoma State University this spring and a daughter attending the school as well. Contact Antonio Sierra at asierra@eastoregonian.com or 541-966-0836.

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MARIJUANA: 19 individuals cited so far in 2018

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allowing marijuana dispensaries to open within its city limits. Hermiston still does not allow recreational sales. In Hermiston, there were 31 juveniles charged with possession of drugs or paraphernalia in 2014, 44 a year later, 39 in 2016 and 35 in 2017. Though those statistics are for possession of any illegal

substance, Eynon said most of the minors charged were in possession of marijuana. He said school resource officers at the middle and high school likely see about two or three incidents involving marijuana per week. Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said his department has seen an uptick this with marijuana possession for juveniles. He said he felt the incident

of a nine-year-old bringing marijuana to school was an example of the “trickle-down” effect the state would see in the years to come. Pendleton School District’s numbers have varied widely, too. For the 2013-14 school year, there were 27 drug-related incidents. The following year there were 31 and in 2015-16 there were

46 reported incidents. For the 2016-17 school year, there were 29 incidents. In 2017, after Pendleton voters approved retail marijuana sales, Pendleton Police cited 48 people for minor in possession of marijuana. Byram said so far in 2018, the Pendleton Police Department had cited 19 individuals for minor in possession of marijuana — on track to eclipse 2017’s totals.

Migrants in caravan start seeking asylum

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
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TIJUANA, Mexico — Central Americans who traveled in a caravan through Mexico to the border with San Diego began turning themselves to U.S. authorities in to seek asylum Monday in a direct challenge to the Trump administration. Nearly 200 migrants, many traveling with children, decided to apply for protection at the nation’s busiest border crossing after many fled violence in their home countries, organizers said. Wendi Yaneri Garcia says she’s confident she will be released while her asylum case winds its way through the courts because she’s traveling alone with her 2-year-old son, who has been sick. “All I want is a place where I can work and raise my son,” the 36-year-old said. She said police in her hometown of Atlantida, Honduras, jailed her for protesting construction of a hydroelectric plant and that she received death threats after being released. President Donald Trump and members of his Cabinet have been tracking the caravan of migrants, calling it a threat to the U.S. since it started March 25 in the Mexican city of Tapachula, near the Guatemala border. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has called the caravan “a deliberate attempt to undermine our laws and overwhelm our system,” pledging to send more immigration judges to the border to resolve cases if necessary. Trump administration officials have railed against what they call America’s “catch and release” policies that allow people requesting asylum to be released from custody into the U.S. while their claims make their way through the courts, a process that can last a year.



AP Photo/Hans-Maximo Musielik
A migrant father and child, who traveled with the annual caravan of Central American migrants, rest where they set up camp to wait for access to request asylum in the US, outside the El Chaparral port of entry building at the U.S.-Mexico border in Tijuana, Mexico, Monday.

The caravan’s arrival at San Diego’s San Ysidro border crossing marked the end of a monthlong journey by foot, freight train and bus for the migrants, many of whom said they feared for their lives in their home countries. Nefi Hernandez, 24, said a gang in his hometown of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, threatened to kill him and his family if he did not sell drugs. He

intended to seek asylum with his wife and baby daughter, who was born on the journey through Mexico. Jose Cazares, 31, said he faced death threats in the Honduran city of Yoro because a gang member suspected of killing the mother of his children learned one of his sons reported the crime to police. But the travelers faced an uncertain future as they asked

for asylum. U.S. immigration lawyers warned them that they face possible separation from their children and detention for many months. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said asylum claims will be resolved “efficiently and expeditiously.” But she warned that any asylum seekers making false claims could be prosecuted, as could anyone who assists the migrants in doing so. Administration officials and their allies claim that asylum fraud is growing and that many who seek it are coached on how to do so. If border inspectors say they don’t have staff and space to accommodate nearly 200 people at once, organizers will put women with children and children traveling alone at the front of the line, said Bliss Requa-Trautz of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network. The rest will stay in Mexico and try another day. The San Ysidro crossing can hold about 300 people temporarily, said Customs and Border Protection.



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