



Cody DeMoss clings to Shadow Rider during Saturday's saddle bronc action at the Pendleton Round-Up, barely missing a group of cowboys and photographers watching from the infield. Staff photo by Kathy Aney

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## PENDLETON ROUND-UP



# Return of the KING

Trevor Brazile wins seventh All-Around title at the Pendleton Round-Up

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PENDLETON — Trevor Brazile has 24 PRCA world titles and more than \$7 million in total career earnings. After Saturday, the Texas cowboy is a seven-time Pendleton Round-Up All-Around champion.

The King of the Cowboys placed second in calf roping and third in steer roping in the final round for combined

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Trevor Brazile takes a victory lap on Saturday after winning All-Around Champion Cowboy at the Pendleton Round-Up for the seventh time. Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## Public records council stresses autonomy

Moves are a first step to clearing up gray areas in 2017 law

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SALEM — The week in Oregon politics began and ended with Ginger McCall.

McCall, the state's first public records advocate, announced her sudden resignation Monday, Sept. 9, citing undue influence from Gov. Kate Brown's office.

And, by the time the buzzer sounded on the workweek, a council vetting reforms to the state's byzantine public records laws moved in favor of a concept to ensure in state law that the public records advocate and the public records advisory council have the maximum independence the state constitution allows, and that the advocate should be a direct hire of the council.

The advisory council also agreed to investigate finding an independent funding source for the office its next priority after a new advocate is hired. But a suggestion to have a third party investigate the incident sputtered amid concerns that such a probe could re-litigate past events at the expense of future reforms.

### Public records, public interest

The moves are a first step in making more clear what many agreed were the abundant gray areas in the 2017 law that originally created the office of the public records advocate.

During Friday's meeting, McCall

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## Merkley talks disaster relief and trade during Round-Up visit

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UMATILLA COUNTY — Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced this week that \$150 million is available to certain counties hit by severe winter storms and flooding this year, including Umatilla County.

During a visit to the Pendleton Round-Up on Friday, Merkley told the *East Oregonian* that he didn't know exactly how much of that money would end up being awarded to Oregon projects, but municipalities, nonprofits and tribal nations could turn in grant applications for everything from topsoil being washed away to damaged buildings and roads. He said he and Wyden

would send letters of support for recovery projects in Oregon.

The money now available is combined with other provisions Merkley pushed to have included in a \$19.1 billion bipartisan disaster relief package passed by Congress, including financial relief for wineries and hazelnut growers severely impacted by the heavy wildfire smoke of 2018.

"This is part of an ongoing view from the front row as the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Agriculture and Rural Development Committee," he said.

While spring flooding damaged parts of rural Oregon, wildfire season was more mild than in 2018.

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Senator Jeff Merkley waves to parade-goers during the Westward Ho! Parade in Pendleton on Friday morning. Staff photo by Ben Lonergan