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A dream that won't be deferred

Dreamers, political conservatives look to heal divisions during DACA debate

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(Editor's Note: This is the first story in a two-part exploration of the DACA debate on a local level.)

Florence residents Ian Eales and Javier, as he prefers to be called, seem worlds apart on the surface.

Eales lives on the east end of Florence in a large, perfectly manicured home. Evidence of a successful life.

Javier and his wife Shirley live in a small apartment, sparsely furnished. They're just starting out, on the way to a successful life, they hope.

Eales, a self-described conservative, hated Hillary Clinton.

"I don't trust a single word that comes out of her mouth," he said.

Of President Donald Trump, Javier stated, "I don't think Trump knows what he's doing. I think he's going to be making a big war for everybody here."

If the two were invited on a cable news channel, they would be separated on either side of the screen, encouraged to hash it out in front of millions of viewers.

In actuality, the similarities between the two men vastly outweigh their differences.

Regarding abortion, Eales stated, "I'm disgusted with the number of abortions performed in America," while Javier said, "I don't think it's right to kill a baby."

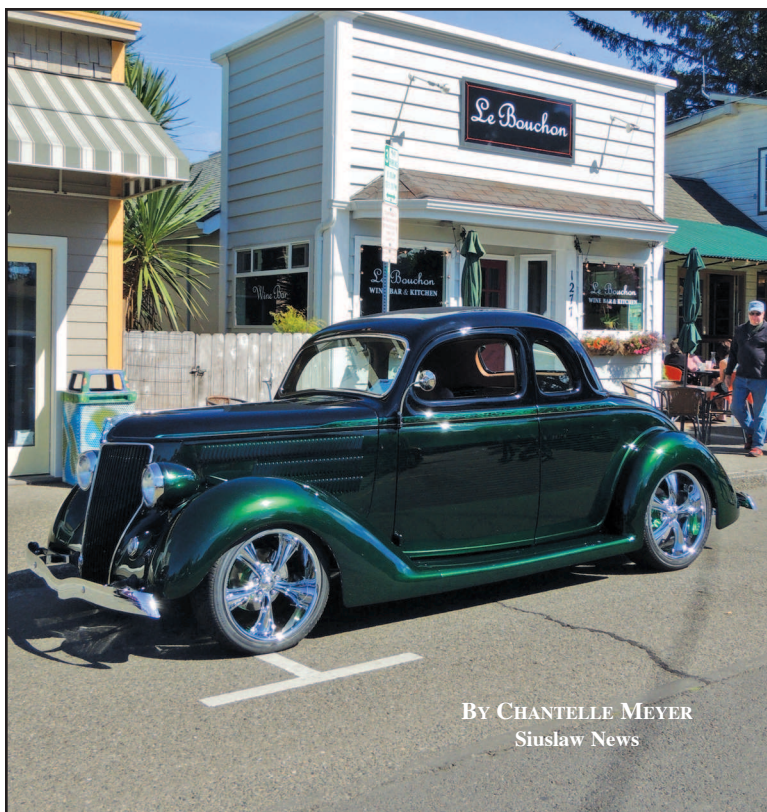
From welfare to the definition of gay marriage, the two share a cornucopia of beliefs that would be neatly categorized on a conservative checklist.

And, as it so happens, they were both illegal immigrants.

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Cruisin'

Rods 'n' Rhodies, Community-wide Garage Sale bring people around town



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More than 100 classic cars cruised around Florence this weekend during the 10th annual Rods 'n' Rhodies, bringing hundreds of people to events in the area.



Florence Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed hundreds of people to the area last Friday to Sunday for the 10th annual Rods 'n' Rhodies Invitational Car Show and the fifth annual Community-wide Garage Sale.

Chamber Executive Director Bettina Hannigan said there were more cars, more people and more events than in previous years.

On Friday, Three Rivers Casino Resort opened a Show 'n' Shine for anyone to enter. It also sponsored four "American Graffiti" tribute cars to attend the show. Those cars made a special pit stop at City Lights Cinemas during a costume party social before a showing of "American Graffiti" on

Saturday night.

Sunlight made an appearance for most of the weekend, showing 116 gleaming cars lined up along Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence. From custom paint jobs to stock features, these cars reflected the best of the best.

The Poker Walk allowed people to see every car as they stopped at merchant locations.

The 2017 Best in Show went to Herb Sutton and his 1936 Ford 3-window Coupe, a stunning green beauty.

"This year, people could vote on a winning car," Hannigan said. "That really got people walking around and looking at the cars, a lot more than

had been participating in the past."

The People's Choice Award went to Ken and Cherrill Van Devender and their 1955 Chevy Belair.

As for the Community-wide Garage Sale, more than 50 sales dotted the Florence area, including estate sales, small single-family yard sales and neighborhood-wide events. Shoppers came from as far away as California to hunt for bargains.

"This weekend shows what the chamber tries to do — we get people around town," Hannigan said.

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Wildfire, road work replace quiet along Highway 36

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Portions of Highway 36 re-opened Tuesday between Highway 126 at Mapleton and Poodle Creek Road, at milepost 39, following a wildfire that began Monday near Deadwood at milepost 13.

A one-lane closure continued yesterday between mileposts 14 and 14.5 as fire crews from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and inmate fire crews from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution mopped up hot spots with 90 percent of the fire contained by Tuesday morning, according to ODF Public Information Officer Bobbi Doan.

Initial reports from Lane Fire Authority are that the fire began when a sweeper machine being used by a road crew contracted by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for a road-sealing project backed into a section of dry grass, accidentally igniting the blaze around 11:30 a.m. Monday.

"It was basically in the timberlands behind the Deadwood Pioneer Cemetery,"

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BeachWalk takes to the sand, looks to the skies

19th annual Habitat for Humanities fundraiser features custom giant kites

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The 2017 Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk started out foggy and chilly but ended up breezy and beautiful on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Participants began the morning by signing in at the parking lot at the North Jetty and making their way the mile or so north to the finish line at Driftwood Shores.

Thirty or so walkers started the short hike in the gloom and cold, a few with dogs and young people in tow, but all finished in the sunshine, which added to the enjoyment of the day.

An air show also drew enjoyment, as custom-built kites filled the skies near Driftwood Shores.



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

There was a new element to this edition of the Habitat for Humanity BeachWalk — spectacular custom kites, which filled the air approaching the finish line of the course.

The BeachWalk is in its 19th year and has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars during that time for the construction of housing for local low-income residents.

The walk has strong support in the community, primarily among local churches, some of which have taken on the mission of providing a safe, secure living situation for everyone on earth, according to the Habitat website.

Interim Executive Director, Linda Stent believes the goal is important and very relevant.

"The purpose of BeachWalk is to raise money for the construction of new homes for qualified families. The money is used to

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