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# Opinion



## LETTERS

### A VERY SAD DAY

I was crestfallen to read of the recent intentional killing of three young bears at Greentrees by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

I understand the potential dangers when bears are roaming without fear in residential areas, often encouraged by unsecured garbage and birdfeed at the ready.

What I don't understand is why the ODFW captures them in live traps only to turn around and shoot them.

According to the recent Siuslaw News article ("Black Bears at Greentrees Cause Concern," Feb. 7), ODFW made efforts to do otherwise.

I'd like to know what those were. How hard did they try for a more humane ending?

Maybe they consider what they did to be humane.

And easy.

And in the budget.

I try to live on the positive side of the street and I appreciate all those who are doing good in the world, but sometimes I don't feel so good about being a member of humanity.

It's no wonder Mama Bear is nowhere to be found. I'm guessing she's lying deep in the woods with her broken heart.

—Allie LeCaux  
 Florence

### HOW MUCH MONEY CROSSED PALMS?

In response to Rand Dawson's letter "Creature of the Beltway" (Feb. 3) about Dodd-Frank, repeal of Glass-Steagall with bipartisan support of Gramm-Leach-Bliley, signed by Bill Clinton in 1999, enabled commercial banks, investment banks, securities firms and insurance companies to consolidate.

It failed to provide for any oversight of large investment bank holding companies.

In February 2003, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight released a report stating unexpected problems at Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac could immediately spread into financial sectors beyond the housing market — and an almost evenly split 107th Congress did nothing.

Subsequently, Congresses also failed to act in spite of repeated warnings.

Dodd-Frank closed and locked the barn door *after* the horse was gone.

Since Dodd-Frank, more than 1,700 small community banks have closed, largely due to the mountain of paperwork; another example of unintended consequences.

When small banks don't do well, neither does small business.

Small business is the engine of employment. That misfiring engine is the result of over-regulation and largely the proximate cause of the economic malaise of the previous administration.

In any investigation, rule No. 1 is to "Follow the money."

Wall Street contributed 23,000 percent more to Hillary than Trump: \$56,000,000 vs \$243,000.

The financial sector contributed more than \$1.2 billion, or an average of \$3.7 million per member of Congress.

Schumer got more than his share at \$5.3 million, the most of all.

One has to wonder how much money crossed palms in 1999 to permit mega-banks without any oversight?

— Ian Eales  
 Florence

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