

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at Sentinel stories from 30 and 60 years ago

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Class of '86 profiles: Taking it to court

"I'm looking forward to it," senior Lynn Cravens says of Saturday's graduation at the high school. "But I'm going to miss this place a lot next fall."

Cravens will leave Cottage Grove High School having lettered three times in track and twice in basketball, and with the experience of being the queen of her senior class prom.

What she feels she'll really leave, she says, are a group of friends and teachers she came to rely on daily to help her learn and enjoy life.

"We were close," Cravens says, referring to her senior classmates. "New things would always come up. It was never a problem coming to school because this is where my friends are."

Next fall, Cravens expects to be enrolled in the court reporting program and Lane Com-

munity College. The two-year curriculum will prepare her for a career in legal shorthand and stenography, which, in her situation, is a case of a following in her mother's footsteps.

Craven's mother works as a court reporter for a Eugene law firm, taking courtroom notes and depositions for the firm's lawyers. Lynn, who has worked as a typist and self-proclaimed "go-fer" for a local law firm, saw the day-to-day excitement of the position about four years ago, and has planned for her career since.

Yet she still finds it hard to let go of the past three years of work and friendship she received at the high school.

"At first, I wanted this past year to go by fast," Craven says. "Now I don't want it to end."



Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

POLICE BLOTTER

June 6

Trespassing, N. 8th St.

A complainant that is a resident of the area reported that she observed a female enter the garage of a residence that is supposed to be vacant. Officers contacted all parties in the vacant house where four trespassers were arrested. Two were released from the scene and one was taken into custody due to a warrant out for her.

Illegal Dumping, N. 8th St.

During the previous trespassing complaint, officers were flagged down by employees who reported that

the transients have been camping and illegally dumping their trash behind the business over the past week.

Public Nudity, Carl's Jr.

Secondhand information from South Lane School District transportation noted that a driver saw a female nude from the waste down walking around the parking lot with a male subject walking a husky. Officers contacted nearby motel staff who saw the man and said the woman was clothed (skimpily).

June 7

Animal Info, S. 3rd St.

A caller advised that her dog just threw up and there were four pills in the vomit. The pills were not scored and had no marks. The complainant believes someone has tried to poison the dog.

Domestic Disturbance, S. River Rd.

A caller advised that his kids were playing down by the river behind the middle school and heard was sounded like a "domestic violence situation," which sounded to be coming from by

the trestle. A second caller advised police that a group of kids came to her house crying and screaming that their dad and sister went to investigate the sounds of a domestic situation and then they heard a gun shot and the father has not yet come back.

June 8

Child Abuse/Neglect, Row River Rd.

A complainant advised police that she saw a female punch her child who looked approximately one year old while the child was in a car seat in a silver Dodge Caravan.

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3160 Hillside Drive
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Household goods, clothes, furniture, misc. Proceeds will help veterans.

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Cars, trucks, vans, wood trailer, car dolly, lumber rack, tables, chairs, collectibles, some fishing, \$100 Fenway, yard and hand tools, planes, eagles, bells, crystal, china, and unusual items, rare - a little bit of everything. Rain or shine.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. only - June 18
8am-4pm
Juniper Park, 1661 N. Pacific Hwy, Space 21, Cottage Grove.

GARAGE SALE

2114 Wilson Ave.
Sat. only 8am-4pm
Compound mitre saw, television stand, clothes, toys, books, goodies.

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Goddard Lane - follow signs
Antiques, household items, horse tack, sporting goods. Lots of other items. Cash only.

CITY BEAT *From the City's Friday Update*

Marijuana tax: Measure No. 20-245

The City filed a Notice of Measure Election with the Lane County Clerk on Tuesday, June 7. The measure, if passed, will

put a three percent tax on sales of marijuana items by recreational marijuana retailers in the City. The measure number is 20-245 and will be on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Tree branch pickup

Last week, the City utilities crew completed a very successful tree branch pick-up. A total of 31 dump truck loads (310 yards) of limbs and branches were collected from City streets and transported to the City Shop property. The collection occurred on May 23, 25 and 31. The City said the limb and branch pickup went much quicker this year because the crew did not perform on-site chipping of the woody debris. All limbs

and branches were stock-piled at the City Shop property, and all of this woody material is scheduled to be chipped sometime during late June. Several private parties also transported limbs and branches to the Public Works yard for disposal. Public Works allocated funds in the FY 15-16 budget to rent a large commercial tub grinder to chip all of the woody debris that has accumulated at the shop. Funds have also been allocated, for this same purpose, in the FY 16-17 budget. The wood chips are used around plants in the City parks and to cover unpaved

walking paths. Chips are also made available to the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council for various riparian area improvement projects. There were 64.5 labor and equipment hours committed to this effort at a total cost of \$4,166. The last time the tub grinder was used, the cost to the City was an additional \$3,539.

Library bids farewell and good luck to Angela Arena

The Cottage Grove Public Library hosted a farewell reception for departing Librarian Angela Arena this week. Staff, co-workers, patrons, kid campers, and friends all shared pizza and cake and bid Angela good luck in her new position as Teen Librarian with the Tillamook County Library System. The Cottage Grove Librarian position is now open for applications and will close on Friday, June 24. Applications are already arriving from across the county for this library position.

OFFBEAT

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Two had prophesied that they were "marked for death" and would soon be "returning to the Next Level" — that they would die after delivering their message, as had John the Baptist and Jesus Christ before them.

People started wondering if this all might be leading up to some sort of brainwashing-fueled ritual mass suicide. (Keep in mind that this was several years before the notorious Jonestown incident, so the "creepy cult committing mass suicide" narrative was a considerably bigger leap

for people to make in 1976 than it is for us today.)

But then, a few weeks later, the first of the vanished "apostles" reappeared and began the long and arduous task of putting his life back together. More appeared soon after, including Rubin, who managed to get some

of his real estate back.

And shortly afterward, authorities finally figured out who the strange couple were. They were Marshall Applewhite and Bonnie Nettles, the founders and leaders of a vaguely New Age movement called "Human Individual Metamorphosis," or HIM.

For all the mysterious overtones of Lovecraftian Cosmism that the Waldport meeting had developed in the public imagination, the reality of HIM

was turning out to be less sinister. Applewhite and Nettles were leading a group that essentially followed Gnostic Christian doctrine, filtered through a belief in UFOs and heavily influenced by Star Trek. They believed Heaven was an actual planet (like Yuggoth in Lovecraft's classic "The Whisperer in Darkness"); that Jesus was a resident there, and that when he had come to Earth 2,000 years ago he had found Earth's population not yet ready to "level up"; and that

the UFOs were the conveyance that would take them when they did. Evolving to the "next level above human" would leave them capable of leaving their bodies (which they sometimes actually called "vehicles") and traveling through interstellar space in the company of the "next-level" beings in the UFOs.

Of the 20 Oregonians who had left, 18 dropped out of the HIM movement and reprised their interrupted lives. The other two disappeared entirely — most likely having established themselves elsewhere, unable to face the humiliation of coming back. And residents of Waldport got back to their normal lives.

In 1985, Nettles died. Applewhite carried on without her, claiming she had left her Earthly "vehicle" to move to Planet Heaven in a UFO. He later renamed his cult Heaven's Gate.

The end came in 1996, when the comet Hale-Bopp flew by the Earth. Convinced that a UFO lurked just behind the comet, waiting to take the Heaven's Gate members away to Planet Heaven, Applewhite and 38 of his 39 followers rented a mansion near San Diego, dressed in matching Nike running shoes and black shirts with "Heaven's Gate Away Team" arm patches, and "liberated" themselves from their Earthly "vehicles" via an overdose of barbiturates mixed with vodka.

(Sources: Portland Oregonian, 5-9 Oct 1975; Wright, Mic. "The Strange Online Afterlife of a 20th Century Suicide Cult," thenextweb.com; "Heaven's Gate Timeline," watchman.org; Zeller, Benjamin. Heaven's Gate: America's UFO Religion. New York: NYU Press, 2014)

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