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and well connected as Steel in the job. Still, Steel took it very hard. After that rebuff, nothing would ever be enough for him; for the rest of his life, no matter how many accolades were showered upon him, he constantly complained of being unappreciated.

Steel did get the job of superintendent at Crater Lake some years later, after more or less forcing Arendt out of the job, but was only able to hang onto it for a few years. After that, he was made commissioner of the park – essentially, he was “kicked upstairs,” promoted to a prestigious but powerless position to get him out of the way. As commissioner, he was essentially the park’s presiding magistrate

for when a judge was needed, but the job was almost entirely superfluous. He held that position until his death in 1934.

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## DEER

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protects a limited area, though. Deer are notorious for figuring out the spray pattern and getting around it. They’re helpful for a corner of the yard or a bed up against the house.”

Deer repellents can be effective but need to be applied frequently during rainy periods or when plants have been watered with an overhead sprinkler. Even summer sunshine or extreme heat can degrade the products. It’s also a good idea

to vary the types of repellents you use because deer become de-sensitized to the same one used repeatedly. And remember, don’t spray them on anything you might eat: The odor and taste is just as unpleasant for us as it is for the deer.

No matter what you do, don’t be surprised if you discover munched plants in the garden.

“Deer are determined and persistent when it comes to filling their tummies,” Sanchez said.



courtesy photo

On Saturday, about 40 volunteers helped plant over 100 native trees and shrubs in Pine Meadows Campground and Lakeside Park at Cottage Grove Lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers organized this event to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Most of the volunteers came from local community groups including Cub Scout Pack 140, Boy Scout Troop 140, Girl Scout Troop 20007, Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and Al Kennedy Alternative High School. In the inset photo above, Cub Scouts Bryce Johnson (left) and Ben Evans (right) planted a native pine tree to provide habitat and shade in Pine Meadows Campground.

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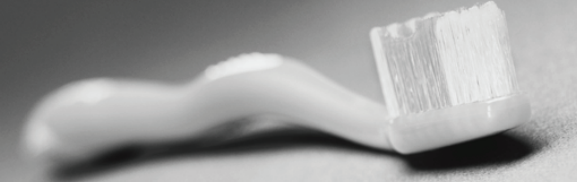
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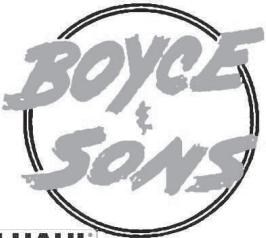
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