

Cottage Grove Retrospective

A look back at a Sentinel story from 40 years ago



March 31, 1977 Gliding into spring

It's still too early in the spring to enjoy most outdoor sports. Yet you're probably itching to get out of the house.

You may find this to be the perfect time to try out cross-country skiing. If you like to be outdoors and want some great exercise, you'll probably love it.

Cross-country skiing is an ancient skill which originated in Scandinavia and has been practiced in North America for centuries.

But only in the past decade, as more and more people became disillusioned with the rising costs and crowds associated with downhill skiing, has the popularity of cross country skyrocketed.

On a typical weekend, cross country enthusiasts flock to areas in the Willamette, Santiam and McKenzie Passes, as well as Mt. Hood and Crater Lake. Beginners often start out on snow-covered roads, while the purists bushwhack to more isolated areas.

Ski touring is a very natural thing. It's similar to running or walking, only each stride is lengthened by a short glide across the snow. Most peo-

ple pick up the basics their first time out. But to develop and refine the technique requires considerable practice and concentration.

Learn something about it before you go out for the first time, or definitely go along with some experienced friends. Several inexpensive cross country books are available at The Bookmine.

Most importantly, go prepared. Temperatures can change suddenly at this time of year. And a fun trek through the snow can be ruined if you don't take adequate clothing and equipment.

Cross country equipment can be rented from most outdoor stores in Eugene from \$6 to \$8. Various combinations of boots, binding skis and poles sell for \$75-\$150. And due to the dry winter, which hurt most retail outlets, several sales are still going on.

The 12-mile John Craig Memorial Cross Country race will be held this weekend east of the McKenzie Pass. Take Highway 126 to Sisters and Highway 20 from there to the snow gate.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

March 20

ATL Information, Lincoln Middle School

A senior officer advised that a student fled from the bridge program. The student had short brown hair, jeans, a green and white striped shirt and no shoes. The school staff were attempting to locate the subject on and off school grounds.

March 21

Suspicious Conditions, S.

Second St.

A complainant advised she was told by her elderly neighbor to call the police because she is in fear for her life. The neighbor was transported to the CG ER for a voluntary evaluation.

Trespass, S. Sixth St.

A complainant was asking to speak to an officer about an ongoing problem with trespassers from the neighboring vacant property. The caller was also concerned someone may be squatting inside that property, but has not seen anyone today,

although a gate was opened.

March 22

Runaway Juvenile, Grant Ave.

A complainant advised police that her son ran away from the location on Monday night at around 8:30 p.m. An officer spoke with an SRO who advised that the juvenile was in school.

Possession of Meth, Madison Ave.

A police unit observed a subject walking from the 7's deli who is known to reside around this address. The subject was located and arrested for possession of meth and heroin.

Incomplete 9-1-1, N. Douglas

An open line was heard with a male subject yelling "you're done" along with other swear words. There was no response to the hails and no other voices were heard. The line was disconnected and went straight to voicemail after that.

March 24

Assault, HWY 99 Frontier Village

A complainant advised that his son assaulted him. The subject was walking along HWY 99 heading to work. The father didn't wish to prosecute.

Mental evaluation, Main St. PD

A complainant at the front counter came in with concerns

that he is going to be killed in his tent tonight and wanted to confess to jay walking and go to jail. Police couldn't put him in jail for jay walking and gave the subject a courtesy ride back to his tent.

Death Investigation, London Rd.

A caller advised that her neighbor came to her house advising that a 51 year old woman was dead in her bed. The call was transferred to Lane County Sheriff's Department

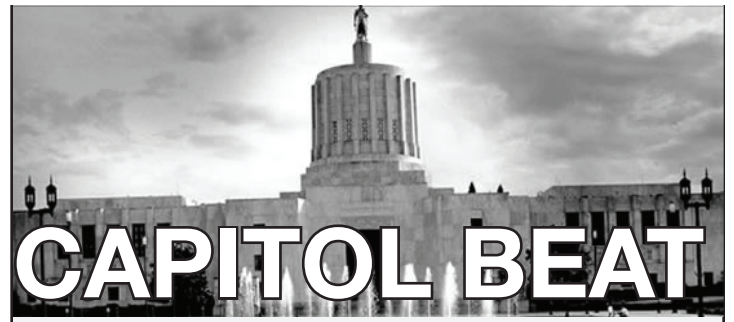
March 25

Suicidal Subject, Pennoyer Ave.

A subject had made threats to kill herself. While she did not mention the means, she reported that she tried to stab herself in the throat with scissors earlier in the day. The complainant said that the subject was having a mental breakdown and has an appointment with a mental health expert next week.

Agency Assist, Wagner Rd.

A complainant advised that a female came to her door telling her she was in a motor-vehicle accident. The subject had blood on her and wasn't able to stand much. Police located a single vehicle overturned in the trees near the location. The female stayed at the location while the male extricated himself from the vehicle. The male subject was combative at first with medics.



News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the legislature

• Despite childhood warnings against tattling, House Bill 3138 would reward individuals who helped authorities catch and convict elk poachers. Those that offer assistance could be guaranteed the opportunity to purchase the difficult to obtain Rocky Mountain elk tag.

• House Bill 2104 will tackle overtime in state prisons. The bill, if approved, would give guards triple pay for mandatory overtime hours.

• A hearing is expected to be held this week on Senate Bill 888 which would require all candidates for the presidency or vice presidency to disclose their most recent tax returns or a financial interests document that would outline their financial ties to any potential business or entity that would create a conflict of interest.

From around the state

• Multnomah County Judge Amy Holmes Hehn has ruled that Portland residents who wish to be "gender-less" can do so. The ruling came after a 2016 ruling that would allow residents to change their sex on legal documents to "non-binary." Holmes Hehn's ruling allowed Patrick Abbatiello to be known only as "Patch" going forward.

• This August, the sun will vanish. At least for 12 minutes, according to NASA who puts Oregon right in the path of a total eclipse that isn't expected to return for another 100 years. The event has had Oregon hotel rooms and camp ground booked for nearly a year and the newest reports show that the state can expect up to one million visitors.

• A 14-year-old Eugene girl died at Bandon Beach on Sunday after a log she was playing on fell on top of her in the surf. News of the incident spread across social media and prompted the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to warn beach-goers that the ocean can move large limbs and branches and residents should not use the fallen trees for recreation.

• For the first time in 78 years, the University of Oregon's men's basketball team made it to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament. The Ducks will take on North Carolina on April 1. The UO women's basketball team also made it to the elite eight with OSU women's team advancing as well.

• ICE agents detained a 25-year-old "Dreamer" from Portland who was expected to be allowed to stay in the United States after being brought to the country as a 5-year-old child, faced deportation under new Trump administration regulations. Francisco J. Rodriguez Dominguez was arrested at his home and it was reported that he was detained for having a misdemeanor DUI.

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY March 30

53° | 38°



Mostly Cloudy

FRIDAY March 31

60° | 39°



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SATURDAY April 1

59° | 43°



Showers

SUNDAY April 2

56° | 39°



Showers

MONDAY April 3

61° | 40°



Showers

TUESDAY April 4

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