

Cottage Grove *Retrospective*

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

At home...a long way from home: 1987

When Americans think of Brazil, the tropical weather, the Amazon River and the sun-splashed beaches of Rio come mind. But what thoughts do Brazilians have when America is mentioned? "Washington D.C., New York, Los Angeles, maybe Dallas," said Joa Antonio Lopes, a chemical engineer from Lorena, Brazil. No, not Oregon," he said with a somewhat stilted, yet understandable English. "I didn't know what it was before I arrived. But it's very beautiful though...I love nature." Lopes, joined by five of his countrymen, toured Cottage Grove and its schools Monday as part of a Rotary International group study exchange program. Oregon District 511 is hosting the Brazilian visit following a similar trip by district members to Brazil earlier this spring. Monday morning, the six-member contingent divided into two groups and dropped in at Bohemia and Harrison elementary

ry schools to visit with some of Cottage Grove's younger students. After an informal luncheon at the South Lane School District offices, the groups headed out to Lincoln Junior and Cottage Grove high schools. At Lincoln, students talked openly with the group members about the two countries, their differences and similarities, and problems facing teens in both nations-including drug abuse. Americo DeSouze Filho, an English teacher and clinical psychologist, said that while Brazil had its share of drug abuse and alcoholism, "it's not as serious as you say it is here." He was interested particularly in why teens turn to drugs, a subject many Lincoln students seemed willing to talk about. On other subjects, the visitors fielded questions about Brazilian cities, ethnic differences and politics. When asked about his impression of Oregon, Filho said the state was "privileged."

"Oregon, in one state, you have everything tied with nature. You have snow, you have beaches, you have dunes. In my opinion, Oregon is privileged," he said. Other members of the group included Jose Geraldo Querido, a hydraulic engineer; Bolivar Zinsly, an ophthalmologist; Jairo Jose Dos Santos Ayres, a chemical engineer; and Persio Martins de Siqueria, a mechanical engineer and exporter. After a stop in Roseburg, the contingent will continue on its six-week Oregon journey by visiting Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls and Lakeview. The group will return to Brazil in early June. But they will have left their mark on Cottage Grove long after they leave the state said Rotary member Al Monce. "I've been involved in this for a number of years," Monce said of the group exchange program, "and it's always a very rewarding experience."

POLICE BLOTTER

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

May 14

Cherry Court: Caller advises there is an old pink house that people have been hauling stuff out of all day. Has been vacant for a couple of years. Transients have been staying in it the last couple of weeks and now appear to be emptying it. Caller states the people with the truck are the same transients that were hauling stuff out of it with their bicycle the previous week.

E. Harvey Ln.: Complainant said male is trespassing at the location and is attempting to run over her boyfriend.

Village Dr.: Complaint of attempted theft of his golf cart sometime overnight, requesting officer contact.

Hwy. 99: Three subjects camped on side of the Goodwill building near the mailboxes and have their personal property spread all over the sidewalk. Per complainant at least one female appears to have been "tweaking." Unable to provide clothing descriptions.

May 13

Row River: Red Pont Sedan, complainant observed the male passenger in the back seat shooting up with some sort of substance. Vehicle is now in the Walmart parking lot driving around.

R St.: Complainant advised he observed a male riding a bicycle, towing a bicycle. Concerned the second bike may be stolen.

13th St.: Complainant called 911 to ask questions about her rights to residence during a divorce. Within that conversation advised she was afraid of him kicking her out because he has assaulted her in

the past.

Crestview Ter.: Subjects stole both plates off his vehicle. Advised it occurred sometime in the last two weeks.

9th St: Intoxicated subject. Male screaming on 9th St.

May 12

Caller heard someone inside the Riverside Church, have set off the alarm.

Coiner Park: Multiple callers advise loud music is coming from vehicle parked over by the basketball courts. Approximately 10 people on the court.

E. Main St.: Complainant called 911 multiple times in a short period of time. Called several times about a dog tied up outside of Walmart then called multiple times referring to the smell of smoke in the area. Caller very agitated and having difficulty tracking questions asked.

May 11

Edison: White 4-door sedan has been sitting at address for several hours. Someone is sleeping in the vehicle. Male subject goes to the door once in awhile, knocks and returns to his vehicle. No one inside vehicle upon arrival.

5th and Main: Multiple calls regarding a subject in the alley way banging on things with a pipe.

May 10

Hwy99: Suspect was in custody for shoplifting at Goodwill. Slipped her handcuffs and fled out of the door and across the street.

9th St: Suspicious subject. A male in red t-shirt and jeans with a gray beanie hiding in the bushes at location.

E. Quincy: Complainant advised his neighbor's horn is going off on the vehicle. Property owner is deceased so unsure who to call to let them know. Was able to disconnect battery, left business card with phone number inside.

May 9

Daugherty Ave: Front counter complainant reports three beagles at location constantly barking during the day. He cannot go out into his yard or entertain guests in his backyard because the dogs bark non-stop.



CAPITOL BEAT

News from the state legislature and around Oregon

From the legislature

• Lawmakers are considering higher gas taxes and registration fees to pay for statewide road maintenance. It's part of a plan to fight congestion in the Portland area, as well as address the issue plaguing cities across the state as they struggle to maintain roads without increased funding. It comes as the legislature prepares to move forward with an \$8.2 million transportation package.

• Governor Kate Brown has entered the discussion on how to avoid interruption of services to Oregon's Medicaid program in the wake of a possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and a budget deficit for the state. The Oregon Health Authority is facing an \$882 million budget gap that must be addressed before an estimated 350,000 Oregon residents are no longer eligible for Medicaid.

From around the state

• John Roos of Medford was sentenced to five years in federal prison for threatening to kill former President Barack Obama. Roos made the threat on social media site Twitter and said in court that the threats "were not serious."

• The man who assaulted two Florence police officers is dead. A 40-year old victim reportedly attacked officers Ken Larson and Stephanie Sansom as they attempted to release the individual from custody on May 8. Medics apparently treated the officers and reported that the inmate became unresponsive and was pronounced dead at Peace Harbor Hospital. No cause of death has been released.

• The New York Times picked up the story of the closure of the Douglas County Library system last week. The issue began appearing in local newspapers at the end of 2016. Plans to re-open the libraries vary with each municipality responsible for the future of its library. Several groups have formed to explore funding options.

• The winter storms that hit Oregon, causing power outages and damage, have been denied federal emergency funds. FEMA has declined to honor the request made by the state for aid in financing the clean-up efforts in a letter that stated, "the damage from this event was not of such severity and magnitude to be beyond the capabilities of the state."

• A complaint was filed in U.S. District Court alleging that inmates at four Oregon prisons were given food not meant for human consumption. Oregon State Penitentiary, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Two Rivers Correctional Institution and Columbia River Correction were named in the suit. It notes that rotten food was reportedly served to inmates and that inmates allegedly suffered from nausea and intestinal dishes after eating it.

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