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# From The Sentinel, June 1987

A drier than normal spring and a low snowpack in the mountains have left Oregon facing its worst water shortage in a decade.

Representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates 20 reservoirs in the state, and several state water and wildlife agencies, met in Portland Monday to make a decision on what to do about the predicted low water levels this summer. According to Russell George, chief of the Corps' Reservoir Control Center, the Willamette projects will continue to run at the minimum outflows they've been

operating at for two months. Many reservoirs, including Cottage Grove and Dorena, are beginning the summer unfilled. "Normally both reservoirs would be full by this time of year," says Herschel Henderly, manager of the Corp's Cottage Grove and Dorena reservoirs. "This summer will be far from normal."The outlook is the worst since 1977, according to Corp's officials, who predict 60 percent less than normal runoff. Heavy rains could alleviate some of the problems, but long-range forecasts call for above-average temperatures and below-average precipitation. Under normal conditions, Henderly adds that the boat ramp at the upper end of Cottage Grove Reservoir won't be usable for much longer, and that people used to docking their boat near their campsite will now have to walk through several 100 feet of weeds and mud to reach their boats.

Fishing and water quality are other concerns of state officials although there will be enough water for power generation, irrigation and domestic supplies. The lower water levels mean more caution will have to be taken, even for those who use the reservoirs frequently. "People will have to become famil-

iar with the lake again," says Henderly-

# OLICE BLOTTER

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

### June 9

DUII reported. Complainant advised they were contacted by a very belligerent intoxicated male subject at 911 E. Main St. Subject left in older red four-door sedan.

Possible meth reported. Two arrests made.

Trespass reported. Complainant advised what appeared to be a homeless camp in the proximity of River Rd. Reported the smell of human feces and reported ongoing issues with people trying to camp behind the vacant house.

## June 8th

Hit and run reported. Male subject reported he and his wife were walking along the street on N. 9th St., crossing a driveway and car pulled

out and hit his wife. Vehicle did not stop. Wife may have broken hand.

Criminal mischief reported. Window at 215 N. 9th St may have been shot out with BB gun.

Suspicious subject reported. Male at Bohemia Park reported lurking around children's area wearing black pants, gray hoodie, white goatee and carrying a knapsack.

Theft reported at El Tapatio. Complainant advised a woman ran out on her bill at the location.

Trespass reported. Male sitting on the back side of Emerald Fitness talking to himself. Bicycle leaning against the brick that is posted with no trespass signs.

Welfare check. Subject sitting on the railroad tracks.

> Trespass reported. Male at **Emerald Fitness** reported yelling out back.

Two middle school-aged girls reported attempting to drive a green minivan in the area of Smith Lund Mills.

Harassment reported. Complainant advised there are kids driving by 11th

and Jefferson threatening to kill his

Illegal camping reported at Coiner Park. Female found asleep in the men's restroom and either started or attempted to start a fire. Subject taken into custody for criminal mischief and reckless burning.

Assault reported. Complainant reported being jumped near 900 N. 16th St. Told authorities was kidney punched.

Trespass reported at Emerald Fitness. Complainant advised two transient subjects camped by business doors.

## June 7th

Burglary reported on S. 6th St. Complainant said his apartment was broken into overnight.

Criminal mischief reported. Advised a female driving a darker colored sedan pushed a cart onto the sidewalk and it rolled into another car causing damage at Grocery Outlet.

Theft reported. Complainant believed her wallet was stolen from BiMart the previous day.

Suspicious condition reported on S. 8th St. Advised a white and blue Ford van in the driveway of a residence loading up items from inside the residence. Caller has never seen the male or the van before.



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# News from the state legislature and around Oregon

#### **Matters of government**

• Rep. Peter DeFazio today

submitted comments pushing for worker protections and stronger labor and environmental standards in a new North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) set to be negotiated by the Trump Administration this year. Rep. De-Fazio, a member of the House Advisory Group on Negotiations (HAGON), submitted his resolution, 'The Worker's Bill of Rights', to the U.S. Trade Representative as part of the public comment period for NAFTA negotiations. The Trump Administration issued a notification letter indicating their intent to renegotiate the terms of the trade agreement on May 18. The letter contained few specifics on how the administration plans to conduct the negotiations with the two other countries in the agreement, Mexico and Canada, or what the intended results of the negotiations are.

Oregon's Senator Jeff Merkley on Monday welcomed the first Senate page to be sponsored by his office: Joy Day, a Salem, Ore., native.

"We are thrilled to have a future Oregon leader in the Senate this summer," Merkley said. "Joy has demonstrated her talent in academics and extracurricular activities, and we are excited to watch her excel in the fast-paced world of the Senate, as well." The highly competitive Senate page program provides students with first-hand experience of Senate operations. Pages deliver correspondence, legislative material, amendments and bills around the Congressional complex and during Congressional proceedings. Only 30 page positions are available among 100 senators.

### In the news

Oregon is apparently headed

for a mosquito-infested summer. A wet season followed by high temperatures may have Oregonians swatting away the pests more than usual this summer.

The Oregon State University baseball team is headed to the college world series after punching its ticket late last week.

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