

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

The front page on Feb. 24, 1988

Cuts: Council sets public hearings

Cottage Grove city counselors opted for a public hearing on proposed budget cuts before making final recommendations in the face of a \$350,000 shortfall in city funds for the 1988-1989 budget. City manager Bill Bixby outlines a budget reduction plan t council members at Monday's regular meeting. The city's task is to balance next year's budget that contains \$350,000 fewer dollars than are necessary to fund current programs.

Helpline house increase as Community Sharing expands

As part of an ongoing expansion toward 24-hour service, Community Sharing's Helpline has called upon Cottage Grove Answering Service. Beginning this week, calls to the crisis intervention and information

referral hotline will be answered 24 hours a day and when they are available, volunteers will answer calls from their homes.

SLTV may receive new translators

Negotiations between South Lane Television Inc. (SLTV) and the three Eugene network affiliates could result in three new translators worth a total of at least \$60,000 being placed in Cottage Grove. SLTV board members are working on an agreement to get the local network stations, KMTR, KVAL AND KEZI, to pay for the purchase and installation of new translators and their future maintenance. The proposal calls for each network station to place a new translator on Hanson Butte, where SLTV currently operates translators for seven stations for local viewers.

Hunters say goodbye to Cottage Grove

Bill and Linda Hunter announced their move to Gresham after Bill, publisher of *The Sentinel* for five years, accepted a job offer as publisher of the Gresham Outlook.

An excerpt from Hunter's last "Editor's Notebook" column:

"My long last day as *The Sentinel's* publisher was over. I remember feeling funny. I was both sad and excited. I guess that's a typical new job feeling... When I accepted a promotion last week to move to Gresham, it wasn't an easy decision. Cottage Grove has been good to Linda and me, and we both knew the "goodbye process" would be tough. Who would ever believe that two young college graduates, with only a gas credit card, a car payment, no furniture and little money would stay here 17 years."

POLICE BLOTTER

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

February 12

An individual reported that while he was walking on the bike path between Walmart and I-5 he noticed four case empty cases of bottled water, caps and water on the ground with the bottles missing. He told Grocery Outlet what he saw but the staff told him that they had not had any recent shoplifts.

A man on Blair Ct. requested to talk with an officer about a neighbor coming onto the property and harassing him and his roommate.

A white cockatiel was found in a cage on 2nd St. and appears to have been abandoned.

A man on Main St. reported that his mail had been stolen and that a check had been taken and cashed in Roseburg.

Multiple callers reported seeing a fire on 12th St.

Suspicious condition was reported when a man on Bryant St. was yelling about selling meth and heroin.

February 13

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February 14

A man at Walmart reported that someone stole his binder containing his birth certificate, social security number and his resume.

An individual on Gateway reported a disturbance after seeing two men in a verbal dispute.

February 16

A man observed a group of kids hitting rocks with golf clubs toward a dog park. The individual was concerned that they might change direction and begin hitting them at empty vehicles. The man also noted that he saw them playing with gas.

An individual who refused to give their name or age requested to speak to an officer regarding age differences for dating.

Two juveniles were seen with a rope around a duck on Quincy St. The individual believed that they were trying to steal the ducks but it turned out that they were trying to move the ducks to a safe location out of the roadway.

An individual reported that tonight for the second time someone has thrown a can of Red Bull in their yard.

February 17

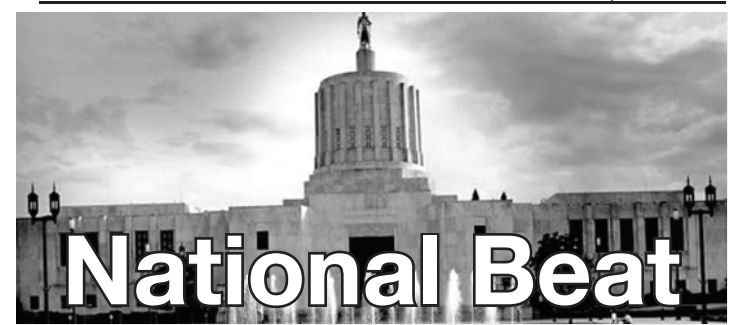
A woman on Ostrander Ln. reported that her windshield was smashed in overnight.

February 18

An individual filed a noise complaint when he heard three juvenile males on Main St. at 2:30 a.m. shouting and goofing around.

An individual reported that they were rear-ended at a business on Gateway and the driver would not speak to her or roll down the window to talk.

A burglary alarm was reported at Les Schwab early around 6:30 a.m. The building was checked and appeared to be secured. The delivery of the paper through the slot appears to have set off the alarm.



News from the state and around the nation

From around the state

- The Oregon State Legislature will take up the debate over net neutrality this month. House Bill 4155, a bill that would prevent internet providers from selling customer information, will be tagged with an amendment focusing on restoring net neutrality. The bill comes after a handful of governors around the country have signed executive orders protecting net neutrality after federal protections were rolled back late last year.
- Changes to the state constitution are being considered after democratic legislators proposed two changes to the document. One proposed alteration would make access to affordable health care a right while the other would allow municipalities to issue bonds for affordable housing projects.
- The 15-year-old boy who threw a firecracker last summer, setting the Columbia River Gorge on fire, has issued an apology. The boy, who's identity is not being released by law enforcement, said that he thinks about his "terrible decision and its awful consequences" every day and apologized to those who were forced from their homes. The teen was sentenced to more than 1,000 hours of community service and five years probation. The fire burned 48,000 acres.
- Oregon lawmakers passed gun control legislation one day after a school shooting claimed the lives of 17 people. House Bill 4145 would ban individuals from owning a gun if they have domestic violence or stalking convictions. The state already has laws in place that deny guns to those with domestic abuse convictions but they did not extend to to abusers who did not live with or were not married to the victim. HB 4145 closes the "boyfriend loophole."

From around the nation

- Nikolas Cruz, 19, has been charged with multiple counts of pre-meditated murder after he entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14 with an AR-15 and killed 17 people, injuring dozens more. Cruz, who had been reported to authorities multiple times and stated on his YouTube channel that he intended to kill people, was expelled from the school prior to the shooting and was not permitted on school property with a backpack. He purchased the firearm legally. Victims of the shooting ranged from 14 to 49-years-old and their deaths have sparked a national debate led by teen survivors of the shooting who have called on Congress and President Donald Trump to pass stricter gun control laws.
- A series of storms swept across the country earlier this week dumping snow, ice and heavy rains that triggered winter storm alerts for 24 states.
- The steady increase in flu cases seems to have leveled off according to national health officials. Diagnosed cases of the flu stayed relatively the same last week instead of increasing as they have each week since November.

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6-day weather forecast

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| THURSDAY Feb. 22 41° 31° Snow | FRIDAY Feb. 23 43° 32° Partly cloudy |
| SATURDAY Feb. 24 43° 34° Snow | SUNDAY Feb. 25 43° 35° Snow |
| MONDAY Feb. 26 44° 29° Showers | TUESDAY Feb. 27 44° 29° Partly cloudy |

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