

Cottage Grove Retrospective

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

Boy dies from gun accident

APRIL 13, 1988--A 15-year-old boy died at noon yesterday (Tuesday) after an accidental shooting at his home.

Michael Ray Mauldin of 77742 Quaglia Lane in Cottage Grove suffered a gunshot wound to the head about 4:30 p.m. on Mon-

day when a .22 rifle discharged while being unloaded by David Lowell Moss, 15, of Cottage Grove according to Oregon State Police reports.

Mauldin had been talking on the telephone when the accident occurred, accord-

ing to the reports. He was taken to Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene where he was listed in critical condition until he died yesterday.

Police are continuing their investigation of the incident.

Rate hikes expected

APRIL 20, 1988--Responding to statements from Public Works Director Bob Sisson that rates for Cottage Grove's water and sewer programs are outdated, the city's budget committee decided to consider a \$2.15 per month charge for the storm sewer service and a 10 percent rate hike in water charges.

The committee told city manager Bill Bixby to prepare alternative budgets for the water and sewer departments based on the recommended increases.

Sisson told the committee expenses for sewer and water programs exceeded revenues.

Cash reserves used to subsidize the programs in the past

years now are exhausted, Bixby said.

The last rate hike for the utilities came in 1982. It was four percent.

Sisson said the city has considered rate increases as recently as last year. "I don't think we have a choice this year. I think we have to make a move," Sisson said.

Without an increase, the water department faces an estimated \$91,000 shortfall with expenses totaling \$661,000. The sewer department is expected to fall about \$173,000 short of the \$518,301 it needs to continue current operations.

Easter delivers countless uses for bunny business

MARCH 30, 1988--You just can't get away from them. Whether they're chocolate, ceramic, stuffed or live, bunnies tend to be rather prevalent at this time of year.

Just why the rabbit is so popular, however, isn't so obvious. One theory is that a poor woman dyed eggs during a famine and hit them in a nest as her children's Easter gift. Just as the children discovered the nest, a rabbit hopped away. The story grew, saying the rabbit had brought the eggs.

Another legend says that in ancient Egypt, the rabbit symbolized birth and new life, a symbol that coincides with the

traditional Easter celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Whatever the source, the Easter bunny seems to be here to stay, at least for now. That's good for those in the bunny business, because, after all, bunnies make popular pets this time of year.

Yet Easter is a difficult time to market Peter Cottontail for his fur and meat, commodities some local rabbit breeders would like to promote.

"You have to find different markets for them" says Ted DeLoyola, president of the local Emerald Empire Rabbit Breeders Association.

He calls the nation's annual love affair with the rabbit the

Easter Bunny Syndrome. It's a boon for pet stores, but the commercialization of rabbits puts a damper on the other markets.

Who could think if stewing those soft, shy cuddly creatures at this time of year anyway, you say?

DeLoyola, for one. "It's the best meat that there is for you," he says pointing to figures that show it's lower in calories and fat and higher in protein than chicken. Only 7 to 8 percent of domestic rabbit is bone.

In addition, rabbit meat is good for stomach disorders because it is easily digests, and it can be raised and eaten any time of the year.

Both Ted and his wife, Arlyse DeLoyola, insist that rabbit meat tastes good. All of its meat is white, and there's no danger of salmonella poisoning, Arlyse says. While rabbit meat isn't cheaper than chicken, a higher demand would bring the price down, she notes.

Dallas Loomis of Cottage Grove has been raising rabbits for about eight years. He doesn't mind rabbit stew at all. In fact, he'd fry Peter, Thumper, Harvey, Vonie and Erna if he couldn't sell them as pets or breed them for more bunnies.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

March 18

An individual went into the police station to report that they had concerns about children on 6th St. who were being exposed to drugs in their home.

Trespassing was observed on Jefferson Ave. when someone noticed signs that there were individuals squatting in the residence. The individual who reported the behavior looked through the windows and saw food wrappings and other debris inside the house but did not believe anyone was in the house at the moment.

Criminal mischief was reported when an individual on Kalapuya Way had their windshield struck and damaged.

A man on Crestview Terrace reported an ongoing problem with his 11-year-old son stealing various items within the residence.

March 19

A man was found unconscious and laying

in the middle of the Row River bike trail. Authorities determined that he was intoxicated.

A noise complaint was reported on 14th St. after a house has continued to play loud music. This has been reported to be an ongoing problem.

Juvenile problems were reported at Coiner Park when an individual saw a group of eight or nine teenagers putting bark mulch on the merry-go-round and "spewing it all over the place." When the complainant's wife confronted the youths about their behavior the individual reported that they became belligerent towards her.

A man reported that he lost his wallet that contained his credit cards, fishing license, \$280 in cash and his social security card.

March 20

At 1:14 a.m. a 72-year old woman reported that she was locked out of her residence and that the door is typically unlocked. The woman grew concerned that it meant her roommate is missing.

A woman reported that she observed a woman and man drinking in the park and then the woman urinated in the bushes.

Two men were observed fist fighting in a parking lot. No weapons were observed in the interaction.

A man on Hwy. 99 reported an ongoing verbal harassment with his neighbor. The neighbor has also been videotaping him without permission. The man reported that this situation has been going on for approximately one month.

March 21

After hearing people on the porch of the Historical Society building allegedly stomping and banging around, a man confronted them. The individuals then left the area and said that they were just there using the wifi.

March 22

A man on Row River Rd. reported at 4:02 a.m. that he saw people outside his residence with "glowing eyes" and are using night vision glasses to watch him.



News from the state and around the nation

From around the state

- A cougar was euthanized in in The Dalles last week after police responded to a call that it has wandered into a local motel. The cougar had been spotted around town on at least one other occasion. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that the animal posed a public safety risk.
- A University of Oregon student reported being abducted and sexually assaulted last Tuesday. The male student told local law enforcement that he was approached from behind and put in a vehicle. This comes in conjunction with reports that a female student was held down and her backpack taken. A separate string of robberies has also been reported in the area surrounding the university, prompting UO President Michael Schill to address the incidents, stating, "We have been very impressed with the way our students and others have stepped up to watch out for their friends and classmates by taking extra precautions, such as walking together and reporting suspicious activities. We are a community that looks after each other."

- The judge who silenced the victim of a domestic violence case by interrupting and subsequently refusing her victim impact statement is the subject of three additional complaints by victims' rights advocates. The complaints were filed against Multnomah County Circuit Judge Kenneth Walker last week and claim the judge violated the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct.

- Naomi Vaughan, 7, found what she described as her "Moana" rock—after the popular children's movie—but in actuality, the girl discovered a 65 million-year-old fossil in Bend.

From around the nation

- A political data firm hired by Trump's presidential campaign, Cambridge Analytica, reportedly obtained private information of Facebook users to the tune of 50 million profiles. Facebook has since hired a digital forensics firm to investigate and the CEO of Cambridge Analytica has been suspended.

- A new law in Mississippi that would ban abortions at 15 weeks was temporarily blocked by a federal judge on Tuesday.

- Six months after Hurricane Maria battered Puerto Rico, some of the island is still without power. The official death toll stands at 64 but is estimated to climb into the thousands due to the conditions plaguing the island in the months after the storm.

- Another bomb was discovered in Austin last week when it exploded at a FedEx facility in the area. It marked the fifth explosion with the prior four killing two people and injuring four others. The four initial packages were left on various doorsteps around the city.

- A school shooting in Maryland injured two students when a 17-year-old entered Great Mills High School and shot two students before encountering the armed school resource officer.

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6-day weather forecast

THURSDAY March 29 62° 39° Sunny	FRIDAY March 30 62° 40° Partly cloudy
SATURDAY March 31 58° 36° Partly cloudy	SUNDAY April 1 59° 38° Sunny
MONDAY April 2 61° 42° Partly cloudy	TUESDAY April 3 58° 44° Showers

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