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Shevlin Park, Drake Park turn 100



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A runner makes her way along a footpath through Drake Park on Friday



Bend Park & Recreation District/Submitted photo

A circa-1960 photo shows Drake Park in the winter.

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Bend's dedication to outdoor spaces began a century ago, when the city established Shevlin and Drake parks.

The two original parks were the result of foresight by the early residents of Bend. Since then, the city has developed more than 80 additional parks.

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Internet access slows vaccine signup

BY SUZANNE ROIG
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Deschutes County residents without internet access are finding it difficult to sign up for one of the limited number of vaccine doses available in the county, so health officials are making sure there are other options.

When a limited number of vaccines was made available Monday, health care providers throughout the county began contacting their patients by phone, text or email. Some used their staff; others had automated calls to reach the roughly 168,000 senior citizens in Oregon who now qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine. About 33,000 who are 80 and older have already received a vaccine.

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Censures, security are at top of agendas in D.C., Salem

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With January's ceremonial start of the year out of the way, both Congress and the Oregon Legislature have moved on to sometimes turbulent issues, including disciplinary action against their own members.

Bentz backs Cheney

U.S. Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, has confirmed he backed U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, R-Wyoming, in a secret GOP vote on Feb. 4 to decide if she should retain her position as House Republican Conference Chair.

Cheney was one of just 10 House Republicans to vote Jan. 13 for impeachment of then-President Donald Trump on the charge of "incitement of insurrection" for agitating a mob that attacked the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, resulting in five deaths and injuring over 140 police officers.

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Fired Redmond cop alleges bullying, 'conspiracy'

Lawyer for Ryan Fraker: City Council should 'take lesson from what happened in West Linn'

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

A 19-year veteran of the Redmond Police Department was fired and his reputation

ruined for reporting misconduct, the officer states in a new \$5 million wrongful termination lawsuit against his former employer.

Donald "Ryan" Fraker, who worked for Redmond Police from September 2001 until his termination in February 2020, was the subject of an official "conspiracy" to undermine his career, according to the suit filed Friday in Deschutes County Circuit Court. Fraker's lawyer, Dan

Thenell, told The Bulletin the department suffers from a culture of retaliation against whistleblowers, citing two other officers who quit or were fired after reporting misconduct.

"The City Council should really look into what's happening. . . . They should take a lesson from what happened in

West Linn," Thenell said, referring to the scandal-plagued force of the Portland suburb, including the wrongful arrest of a Black man. "The public is demanding reform, but officers who are reporting misconduct are being forced out of the profession."

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Senate sets stage for rapid impeachment trial

BY MIKE DEBONIS
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WASHINGTON — The Senate prepared Monday to launch a historic second impeachment trial of Donald Trump on the accusation that he instigated the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol riot, with Democratic

and Republican leaders agreeing on a rapid timetable that could bring the proceedings to a close within a week.

The charge is serious and the circumstances are unprecedented — it is the first impeachment trial for an ex-president as well as the first time any

president has been impeached and tried twice. But there is little drama surrounding its outcome: The majority of Republican senators have signaled that they will not be voting to convict a former president.

Under a deal negotiated by Senate Majority Leader Chuck

Schumer, D-N.Y., and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., there still exists the possibility that senators could vote after four days of arguments to extend the trial by calling witnesses and examining testimony that could shed new light on Trump's actions

and motivations surrounding the events of Jan. 6.

But that appeared exceedingly unlikely Monday, with Democrats wanting to move quickly to pass President Joe Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief proposal and Republicans seeking to get past the

internally divisive debate over Trump as soon as possible. Several Senate aides, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe internal discussions, said they expect an acquittal vote as soon as Feb. 15, Presidents' Day.

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