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Zoran Bargas, 25, of San Luis Obispo, runs the 40-yard dash during a tryout Saturday for the Oregon High Desert Storm at the Deschutes County fairgrounds.

Tryouts

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"I've been nervous this whole week," Bargas said. "So I'm just ready to get it done."

Bargas was joined by about 20 other men, some from Central Oregon, some from out of state. The men ran through several drills to show off their fitness during the team's three-hour tryout.

Prior to the tryout, the team signed 11 players with professional football experience, including wide receiver L.J. Castile, who played briefly for the NFL's Cleveland Browns. The team plans to invite 40 players to a training camp in April and cut the roster down to 25 players for the first game of the inaugural season May 8.

The High Desert Storm will play a 12-game schedule through August against four other teams in the American West Football Conference. Six games will be played inside the First Interstate Bank Center at the fairgrounds. The first home game will be May 22.

Once the football season starts, it will be one of only a few options for local sports entertainment beyond high school athletics.

The region has Bend Elks baseball and the Central Oregon Outlaws, a semi-pro outdoor football team. But the other closest professional sports are on the west side of the Cascades in Eugene, Salem and Portland.

Norma Bautista, manager at The Hideaway Tavern sports bar in Bend, said she believes local sports fans will be excited to have another op-



Oregon High Desert Storm coach Keith Evans talks to a group of athletes before starting tryouts for the football team at the fairgrounds.

tion in Central Oregon. And the new football team could bring more business to The Hideaway Tavern's Redmond location, near the team's home games, she said.

"I think it's awesome," Bautista said. "Anything that can bring people together and watch some football."

Eric Wellman, manager of Sidelines Sportsbar & Grill in downtown Bend, said it makes sense the region would attract more professional sports since the population has grown steadily in the past few years.

"That's the logical step," Wellman said. "We are definitely happy about that."

At the tryout Saturday, a group of players came from the Central Oregon Outlaws. The local players were interested in the chance to play more football in their own community.

JT Brewster, a 27-year-old furniture company employee from Redmond who plays for the Outlaws, said he always thought the expo cen-

ter would be a perfect place for indoor football. Brewster played football at Redmond High School and is excited by the possibility of playing again in Redmond for the High Desert Storm.

"I think it's a good opportunity for the community to have something like this," Brewster said.

None of the players are going to get rich playing, though.

Those who make the team and are on the game-day roster will earn \$175 for each win and \$150 for each loss, according to the league.

The team plays eight-on-eight football on a 50-yard field, which is a smaller version of an NFL game, which

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features 11 players on each side and a 100-yard field.

The small-scale football allows fans to be closer to the action, said High Desert Storm head coach Keith Evans.

"It's very fast and high paced," Evans said. "It's great family entertainment. It's a big difference from being outdoors, where you are so far away from the field. This, you are up on it and you hear it."

Evans, who has coached eight other indoor league football teams in Alaska, Florida and Washington, said there are several logistics to starting a team from scratch including finding housing for the players and coaches from out of town.

The team's success will rely on the help from the Central Oregon community, he said.

"We need the community involved," Evans said. "We need their support."

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OREGON | TRANSGENDER DISCRIMINATION SUIT

Judge dismisses woman's lawsuit against pageant

Associated Press

PORTLAND — A federal judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit by a transgender woman who accused the Miss United States of America pageant corporation of discrimination for denying her the right to participate in competitions.

U.S. District Judge Michael W. Mosman found that the pageant association cannot be required to allow a transgender woman to participate in light of its mission to promote "natural-born" females.

"I view it as an association that cannot under the Constitution be required to allow plaintiff to participate in what defendant says is a contradiction of that message," Mosman ruled from the bench.

Anita Noelle Green, of Clackamas, said she was disap-

pointed in the ruling.

"This case brought awareness to an issue many people were and still are unaware of and that issue is that discrimination against transgender people is still actively happening in the private and public sector even within the pageant circuit," Green said in a statement.

Attorney John T. Kaempf, who represented Miss United States of America LLC, said his client is not anti-transgender but just wants to hold a pageant that is only for biological females.

Green holds the title of 2019 Miss Earth Elite Oregon and competed in the 2018 Miss Montana contest.

Her application to participate in the Miss United States of America national pageant in 2019 was rejected.

Dozens of horses seized from Yamhill County farm

Associated Press

CARLTON — The owner of a horse farm southwest of Portland is facing a felony charge for animal neglect, after investigators found nearly 50 horses there were not being given adequate food or water.

Susan Swango, 82, faces one count of second-degree animal neglect, which is a felony because of how many animals she had.

She is scheduled to appear in court in March. The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office said earlier this month they got a report that Silver Oaks Saddlebred, a farm in rural Carlton, had its water turned off for not

paying bills.

The sheriff's office said Swango had been the subject of previous animal neglect complaints.

The sheriff's office served Swango with a warrant Feb. 19, and at that time found that the horses did not have enough food and water, and were in concerning physical condition. They said Swango was getting water for the horses from a creek, but it was not enough.

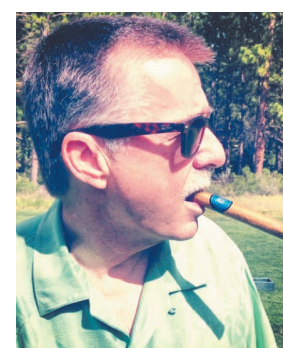
It wasn't clear if Swango has a lawyer.

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OBITUARY

Arthur Kelly Conrad Jr. MD

October 18, 1951 - February 15, 2021



Kelly passed away in his home on February 15, 2021 due to cardiac arrest.

Kelly was born on October 18, 1951 in Conrad, MT. He had a deep love for the Big Sky country and enjoyed spending every summer in Whitefish, MT with his family. Kelly was a type 1 diabetic from the age of 3,

which inspired him to dedicate his life to medicine and serving others. He studied pre-med at Carroll College. After attending the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, he moved to UNC Chapel Hill for residency, where his son, A.K., was born. His first daughter, Caitlin, was born in Rochester, Minnesota, while completing his fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the Mayo Clinic. His second daughter, Naime, was born in Bend in 1986, where he practiced medicine for over 30 years.

Kelly was a stellar student and a lifelong learner. He had a wicked sense of humor and an infectious laugh. He had a tender heart and was not afraid to show his love and affection. He enjoyed the finer things in life including golf, cigars and bubble baths. Much like his medical subspecialties, he was equally passionate about his favorite college basketball teams, the Tarheels and Zags. His children were his greatest pride and joy. He taught them what mattered; compassion and kindness, the value of hard work and family, and the healing quality of humor.

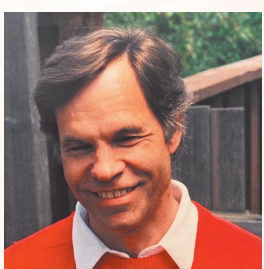
He is preceded in death by his parents, Betty and Jerry Conrad. He leaves behind his wife, Sandra Berge; his children, A.K. Conrad, Caitlin Conrad Fields (Jeremy) and Naime Conrad; grandson, Karsten Fields; siblings, Cindy Brown, Bill Conrad and Lisa Clark; and numerous nieces.

He was loved tremendously and will be deeply missed. There will never be another Kelly Conrad, Dad, Daddio, Daddykins, Dolemite. We are proud to be his family and find comfort knowing he lived an extraordinary life and is now resting easy.

Donations can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at JDRF.org in his memory.

Tentatively a memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, June 19 at the Bend Golf and Country Club. An additional notice will be placed in the Bulletin in early June to give service details.

OBITUARY



Jed Langley

March 12, 1948 - January 26, 2021

Jed Langley, 72, passed away January 26, 2021. He had been dealing with heart failure and cared for by hospice. Born March 12, 1948 in Portland, Oregon. He earned his bachelor degree in education from Oregon State University, then married Susan Hillesland in 1975. He is survived by his wife, son Werner and daughter Kory.

When Jed moved to Bend to prepare for the White Water Canoeing World Cup with his twin brother Jay, he became a cabinet maker and started Jed's Woodworking, which will continue under his most excellent crew and shop manager. Jed loved singing barbershop style and loved to quartet on Valentine's Day. More recently, he had taken up catch and release fly fishing with his lifelong friend Tom. His true passion was always waterskiing. He was kind hearted, generous, hardworking, and loving. He always wore a smile and touched many.

A memorial service will be held after Covid 19 is less of a concern. Donations can be given to the Swank MS Foundation.

OBITUARY

John Flood

February 10, 1950 - February 12, 2021

John Flood, a Bend resident for thirteen years, passed on Friday, February 12. He was 71.

His wife, Jane, made the announcement of his sudden passing.

An avid outdoorsman, John and his family took full advantage of all that Central Oregon had to offer; including cycling, hiking, fishing, camping and hunting.

John Snyder Flood was born in Clayton, New Mexico in 1950 to Paul and Frances Flood. During his early years, his family relocated to Oregon. John graduated from Astoria High School in 1968 and went on to the University of Oregon. While at Oregon, he played on the Men's Rugby Club Team. He graduated in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He would make great use of his Oregon education as a stock and commodities trader and his love for his home state.

John's next adventure centered on aviation. After earning his pilot's license and garnering the necessary flight hours, he flew as a pilot for United Express, Atlantic Coastal Airlines and Independence Air until 2006. After a nearly twenty year career as a commercial pilot, John focused his energies in the commodities market as a trader.

He was a devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather and uncle.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Jane; his sister, Ann Meyer and her husband, Craig and their two children Alyssa and Alex; his half-brother, Bobby Flood, and his wife, Elli; his half-sister, Helen Lazar, his step-children Jeff Hoxsey and his wife Kellie; Jennifer Parillo and her husband Chris; and his two granddaughters Gena Hoxsey and Elizabeth Parillo.