

# OSU-Cascades needs your help in Legislature

If you have a few minutes this weekend, future college students from Central Oregon and elsewhere could use your help.

Want them to have a great place to go to a 4-year college right here? They have that in OSU-Cascades. But there's a big difference between getting to college and succeeding in college and going on to get a job.

That's where the plans for OSU-Cascades' student success center comes in. Gov. Kate Brown threw her support behind it. Local legislators are behind it. But money for it is not in the bill that matters, Senate Bill 5505.

That doesn't mean it won't be there. To ensure it is added in and stays there, legislators in Salem need to know the people of Central Oregon support their campus.

Don't take it for granted.

One legislator tried earlier this session to hamstring the potential of OSU-Cascades by severing its connection to OSU. Staff and students would get no say as their school would be transformed into something else, and they would be switched. The new school would have been forbidden from offering anything more than a master's degree. That bill died, though that attitude toward this campus can't be allowed to take hold.

What the student success center will offer is the kinds of services that can have students' backs and help show them the way forward. It will be the home of academic and career advising, tutoring, support for veterans and the very important personal counseling and counseling about how to pay for school. It's where students will be able to go for intern-

ships, to find out about recreation programs and student organizations. There will also be a multicultural center. Don't discount the importance of that to help ensure all students feel welcome.

Our first thought — and maybe yours — was: Why does the campus need a new building for that? The answer: growth. Unlike almost every other higher education institution in the country, OSU-Cascades is seeing solid, sustained increased enrollment. There's student demand. Everything is getting more crowded. If local students want a local opportunity to go to college, they should have one. If students from outside the area and outside the state want to lift up themselves and learn in Central Oregon, let's get behind that.

The cost will be some \$13.8 million. That has already been matched by student contributions of \$5 million. That's right, students voted to increase fees on themselves to raise \$5 million for a campus building. Surely, it's an impressive statement about how students feel about their school.

So if you have a moment take some time this weekend and send off an email to a member of the Ways and Means Committee [tinyurl.com/waysandm](http://tinyurl.com/waysandm) or the Joint Subcommittee on Capital Construction [tinyurl.com/subcomcap](http://tinyurl.com/subcomcap) and tell them to put the money for the OSU-Cascades Student Success Center in SB 5505. There is a much easier way, but it will likely look like a form letter. That's by going to [beav.es/J9C](http://beav.es/J9C).

## Historical editorials: Saloon gets rejected

Editor's note: The following historical editorials originally appeared in what was then called *The Bend Bulletin* on April 20, 1906.

The Supreme Court of Washington recently handed down a decision which is of interest to people owning lots in Bend. The owners of the townsite of Clarkston, Washington conveyed lots by deeds providing for a reversion to the grantor or in case of a barroom, saloon or brewery should be maintained upon the land. A grantee leased the premises for a saloon and the action was brought for a restitution of the property. The defendant did not seriously deny the validity of the reversion clause but claimed it had been waived as to him. The

court decided against this contention and held that reversionary clauses of this nature are valid. A provision similar to the one involved in this case is contained in the deeds of the Pilot Butte Development Company to lots in Bend.

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The resolution adopted by the city council some time ago requesting citizens to clean up their adjacent streets and alleys, seems to have been quite generally acted upon.... Every sum is made up of its units and if every householder will keep his premises and their surroundings in good order the tidy and attractive appearance of the city is assured.

Editorials reflect the views of The Bulletin's editorial board, Publisher Heidi Wright, Editor Gerry O'Brien and Editorial Page Editor Richard Coe. They are written by Richard Coe.

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AND NOW, TO EXIT GRACEFULLY...

## My Nickel's Worth

### Don't flatten Worrell

I read with horror the plan to flatten Worrell Park. This is one of the last pockets of natural landscape in downtown Bend. With its rocky terrain, it is a wonderful place for families and children with imaginations to enjoy our native landscape. It is a vestige of what Bend was once like before any of us arrived.

All of this to justify expanding a parking lot by 68 spaces. Please save this enchanting small space.

— Susan Raleigh, Sunriver

### Protect pollinators

The Bulletin had a great story in the April 10 edition about protecting pollinators and the Pollinator Pathway program. This was the front page. In striking contrast with the front page story was the Real Estate section cover page story "Wake Up Your Lawn for Spring" which reported "at the end of daylight savings time brings the arrival of spring." I think spring and the start of daylight savings go together (OK a typo) but lawns and mowing and fertilizing and using herbicides are all potential death to pollinators. So maybe forget about waking up your lawn and try reducing its size and plant some native plants.

Good for Basesy Klopp, a local resident, who has received a grant and, along with others, is encouraging people to plant native plants and is working with many in the community to plant pollinator gardens and create a Pollinator Pathway that will eventually grow to other communities.

How about instead of flattening the

Bill Worrell Wayside at the County headquarters into a parking lot, the county retain it like it is and add it to the Pollinator Pathway?

— Donna Owens, Bend

### Parking infractions

David Welton's guest column from April 9 advocating for removing minimum parking requirements contained a number of erroneous assumptions. I want to take issue with two of them.

Mr. Welton claims that the 5% of people who don't own cars would benefit from not being forced to pay for a spot to keep something they don't own. We all are forced in some way to pay for things we don't use. People without children pay into the school system. People with cars pay for bike lanes they don't use through road taxes.

Mr. Welton also claims that the cost of a parking spot could make or break some budgets. For single family homes, surface parking is only 1% of building costs. Price is determined by the market, not cost of spaces.

95% of Bend households own 1.9 cars. We need to keep minimum parking requirements for new developments so as to minimize congestion for the vast majority and to keep streets safe and accessible for snow removal and cyclists.

— Diana Franklin, Bend

### Lost control over border

It is difficult to have confidence in an administration that has either lost control of our border or is satisfied with thousands pouring over

the border. In March, over 172,000 were apprehended crossing our border illegally. This does not include the thousands who escape apprehension, or overstay their visas. The Biden approach has been to spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money to accommodate the migrants rather than stop them from coming here.

Many of the migrants are looking for a better life, but also included are gang members, terrorists and numerous criminals. Most would not qualify for asylum, but many are being released in the U.S. without a requirement for a court date; in other words, open borders.

According to U.S.A. Today, 18,890 unaccompanied children were apprehended in March, up from 9,297 in February, with many held in overcrowded conditions as bad or worse than when President Trump was accused of keeping kids in "cages." According to Fox News, the numbers are projected to be 30,000 by June. Most speak only Spanish and will be added to crowded classrooms in the U.S.

The border problems accelerated when President Joe Biden overturned the previous administration's policies, including the banning of deportations and requirement that migrants remain in Mexico until their case for asylum could be heard.

Promising amnesty and free health care during the campaign acts as a magnet.

Until the administration closes the border, expect the numbers and chaos to escalate.

— Charles Boyd, Bend

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# Republicans will regret their breakup with big business

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As the author of a book-length love letter to big business, I have long viewed the Republican Party as more aligned with corporate America than are Democrats. That's certainly the case from a rhetorical standpoint, and on policy as well: It was former President Donald Trump's administration, after all, that pushed through a significant cut in the corporate income tax rate.

Yes, the real picture is much more complicated. Big business typically wants more high-skilled immigration, which Democrats tend to favor, and the Democratic Party at times has done more for free trade than have Republicans.

In any case, all that has changed. Many U.S. big businesses have sided with Democrats on some aspects of the culture wars, and leading members of the Republican Party have responded with vitriol. In the span of just a few years, they have gone from

making apologies for big business to making threats against it.

The final straw may have been Major League Baseball's decision last week to relocate the All-Star game to Denver from Atlanta over concerns about a new voting-rights law in Georgia. Many Republicans in the state favored the changes, and the response from some Republicans in Congress was to start talking about revoking baseball's antitrust exemption.

This is what it has come to in 21st-century America: Left-wing activists bully corporations through social media, while right-wing critics threaten them with the law.

Baseball's relocation of the All-Star game was very likely a business rather than a political decision. If the game had proceeded in Atlanta, some of the players undoubtedly would have spoken out against the new voting law or boycotted the game. The event might have been dominated by politics. So baseball followed a common

crisis-management strategy, deciding to take one public-relations hit now instead of having to confront a slow drip of unpleasant revelations over the next several months.

There is a simple solution for the Republican Party, if it is interested: Give up its opposition to such voting laws. Even if it opposes some parts of the laws, or if the negative aspects of the laws have been exaggerated, it hardly seems worth the price to be pushed into these ideological corners. Practically speaking, the best evidence suggests that such laws may not be a big deal anyway.

There is also something about baseball itself. This is the institution that so helped race relations in America by clearing the path for Jackie Robinson. You don't have to agree with MLB's every decision to see its overall social influence as strongly positive. It is hardly a historical villain in need of restraint.

Beyond sports, there is more evidence of a falling-out between Repub-

licans and big business. When more than 100 major corporate leaders had a conference call last week to discuss what to do about the voting laws in Georgia and elsewhere, J.D. Vance's response was the social-media equivalent of pounding the table with his shoe. "Raise their taxes and do whatever else is necessary to fight these goons," tweeted the best-selling author and likely Republican candidate for U.S. Senate in Ohio. "We can have an American Republic or a global oligarchy, and it's time for choosing."

Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri, meanwhile, has put forward a "trust busting" plan to rein in big business. The plan seeks to beef up antitrust prosecution and eliminate mergers and acquisitions for firms of \$100 billion or more in value. It is something you might expect from the far left wing of the Democratic Party, not a leading Republican senator.

Of course this isn't a serious proposal. Do Republicans really want to see Democratic administrations have

the dominant hand in antitrust decisions for four or maybe more years? Does the U.S. want to stop major pharmaceutical firms from acquiring smaller, more innovative companies with drugs of potential importance? Hawley's bill is meant to send a message: "Nice business you've got here. Be a shame if anything happened to it." It is both a plea and a threat about big business's leftward slide.

I am not seeking to debate Georgia's voting rights bill, nor those of any other state. But I do know a little about sports. Baseball has long been the least political and most traditional of America's pastimes, and it has a relatively old fan base. So the question Republicans might want to ask themselves is not how to punish Major League Baseball. It's how to get it back. Right now, Republicans are moving in exactly the wrong direction.

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