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Jessica Bruder — pictured atop Halen, her van — spent three years reporting on campsites, job sites and other domains of those who prefer to live a life without the burden of rent and mortgages. Courtesy of Jessica Bruder

REGIONAL BRIEFING

Oregon Tech faculty go on strike

Oregon Tech's faculty union has gone on strike. Picket lines were seen Monday on the Klamath Falls and Wilsonville campuses of the Oregon Institute of Technology. By noon, roughly 100 people, including some students, held signs and chanted near the school's main entrance.

The scene marked the first facultywide strike in the history of higher education in Oregon.

According to Oregon Tech, classes will continue as scheduled, despite the lack of professors. Erin Foley, dean of students, said classes will be covered by full-time faculty who have not gone on strike, part-time faculty and other instructors brought in from outside the university system.

President Nagi Naganathan said the school remains optimistic an agreement can be reached.

Faculty union spokesperson Kari Lundgren said the union and administration bargained through the weekend and into Monday. Her team heard at 5:45 a.m. that administration had rejected their last proposal, which Lundgren said meant a strike would be called.

Lundgren said she was "pleasantly surprised" by the turnout on the picket line, which she said represented a wide variety of departments and disciplines. Faculty, even those who are not striking, said they had been locked out of their emails.

Dispute over pandemic powers could lead to Idaho government shutdown

Idaho government offices and services could start shutting down in June if the part-time Legislature refuses to adjourn and leave coronavirus pandemic decisions solely to Republican Gov. Brad Little, officials said.

The scenario would jeopardize the effective date of some 200 bills, including 65 critical appropriations bills, that are set to become law 60 days after the Legislature adjourns.

The situation could mean money wouldn't be distributed for state police, schools, air and water quality monitoring and more.

Republican House Speaker Scott Bedke said lawmakers are looking into the concerns.

Lawmakers have put forward legislation to have those critical measures take effect July 1 regardless, but attorneys with a watchdog group said that proposed law violates the Idaho Constitution.

Lawmakers have been spending time on social issues and a power struggle with Little this session. Little has vetoed several bills aimed at trimming his power and increasing the authority of the GOP-controlled Legislature.

—Bulletin wire reports

'Nomadland,' winner of the Best Picture Oscar, is based on a book by a former Oregon journalist

BY AMY WANG

The Oregonian

Sunday's big winner at the Academy Awards has an Oregon connection: The book that inspired "Nomadland" was written by a former reporter for The Oregonian.

"Nomadland," which follows a woman in her 60s as she takes up a nomadic lifestyle after losing everything in the Great Recession, won Best Picture. Its director, Chloe Zhao, won Best Director, becoming the first woman of color and the second woman ever to win that award. Frances McDormand won Best Actress, her third such Oscar.

To write the 288-page book "Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century," published in 2017, Jessica Bruder traveled for years throughout the West and worked

alongside her subjects at low-wage jobs.

Bruder worked in The Oregonian's now-closed Clackamas County bureau for nearly two years between 2006 and 2008, primarily covering breaking news, crime and the courts.

In a recent virtual appearance hosted by Clark College's journalism program, Bruder, who now teaches narrative writing at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, said of her book, "I would love to see it become less relevant. I would love for people to look at it and say, that's crazy that things were that way."

"Hopefully we will actually do something about it," she said. "I'm worried that even if we do get to a better place, that it will come too late for some people."

Noting that many of the people she met

while reporting "Nomadland" were at or near retirement age, she added, "I did feel sadness for America. It was only leavened by the creativity and amazing spirit of people I met on the road, which is real and tangible."

The people she met, she said, were at once homogenous and "incredibly diverse" — one person had been a McDonald's executive in the 1970s, while others had been on the "low wage-earning treadmill" for decades.

"Every story was a new story and I tried to treat it that way in the writing," she said.

Bruder called the book a "dream project." She was credited as a consulting producer on the movie and said she occasionally spoke with McDormand on the set.

On her Twitter account Sunday night, she posted a photo of herself clutching an Oscar in each hand and wrote, "What a night."



By Eva

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Maria Lopez-Dauenhauer

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Bend-LaPine School Board Zone 1

My background: I was born in Mexico and came to the US at age 5. I became a naturalized US citizen. I am bi-lingual.

Fortunately, I went to predominately Hispanic schools in East San Jose, CA where there was a focus on teaching what I needed to succeed in life and business.

I worked in Silicon Valley in the high-tech industry, including global supply Management for Cisco Systems.

My husband of 24 years is a US Marine Corps veteran and businessman. We have two children who attend Summit HS. We love Bend and the people we have met.

I want to give something back to the community and believe the best way is to get involved with the school board.

I want kids in school full-time. I want teachers supported so they can be Great teachers. I want parents to have a voice in what their Children are taught.

I want your support by voting for me for the Bend-LaPine School Board Zone 1
Me siento agradecida por su apoyo en votar para mi al Bend-LaPine School Board Zone 1



By Eva D

How I would make decisions:

- No. 1: Does it benefit the student?
- No. 2: Don't just listen to parents, hear the parents.
- No. 3: Do we have the resources needed?
- No. 4: Ask questions.
- No. 5: Don't make things complicated.
- No. 6: Keep an open mind, but not so open my brain falls out.

Having read the many statements from my opponent regarding her campaign for a seat on School Board Zone 1, it appears she is endeavoring to lecture the community on its failures for being white and shows little concern for the actual responsibilities of this position. *I believe schools are for educating our children and preparing them for success in the world by teaching them proper English so they can communicate well, basic mathematics so they can deal with work and personal financial issues, and, most of all, the ability to think so they can form their own opinions based on what they read and hear.* It appears my opponent prefers to indoctrinate them into her way of thinking so that political correctness supplants the educational process. My opponent doesn't focus on kids or students. She doesn't mention teaching in any context except for teaching in a racial bias sense. She is self absorbed and views the board position as a way of providing penance for her whiteness, her white fragility. We need school board members that put kids, parent's opinions and teaching first, not themselves and not unions.

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Zone 2: Wendy Imel WendyforSchools.com
Zone 4: Gregg Henton HentonforSchools.com
Zone 7: Jon Haffner HaffnerforSchools.com

My opponent:

- My opponent describes herself as a white savior. Supports progressives and radical activists.
- Teachers unions over teaching.
- Her involvement with "RV Gate" She sends a letter to the City of Bend and other local agencies asking to restrict tourism and a month later she sets up her RV at Mt. Bachelor as an Airbnb.
- To support her experience claim From the Bend Bulletin January 31, 2020, my opponent and her husband are accused of committing bank, business and mail fraud by my opponent's father-in-law
- My opponent says I shouldn't be running because "She's not from here". I was born in Mexico.
- Her finale, she posted pictures of our house and family on Facebook in a threatening manner.

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