



## Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

# Phraseology of 'medicology'

Some of us may have decided to catch up on doctor's appointments as a way to get out of the house during the pandemic.

When the doctors got wise, most reverted to telephone appointments.

I was delighted to talk to my doctor for about 20 minutes. Had it not been for the pandemic, I would never have had the opportunity.

Have you ever noticed that medical specialties end in "ology"? Oh, yes, like dermatology, urology, optomology, cardiology, psychology, pathology, terminology or even gastrology?

So many of our ailments end in "itis." Those bother me the most. You know, like laryngitis, televisionitis, pancreatitis, tendinitis, hepatitis, meetingitis, bronchitis and neuritis.

Add the "itis" to something and, through the Latin, it becomes a disease or inflammation.

The "ology" is derived from Greek. "Terminology" combines the Latin terminus with logia to mean "the study of terms and their uses."

As one can easily see, the "ology" and "itis" words are not all related to medicine.

Televisionitis, for instance, can become like a disease and even inflame others in our home. "Meetingitis" describes a person with a propensity to hold unnecessary meetings.

In studying the "ologies" and "itises," I ran across this unique little list defining some familiar medical terms

for us to enjoy.

Artery - The study of paintings.

Caesarean section - A neighborhood in Rome.

Cauterize - Made eye contact with her.

Colic - A sheep dog.

Dilate - To live long.

Fibula - A small lie.

Labor pain - Getting hurt at work.

Morbid - A higher offer.

Nitrates - Cheaper than day rates.

Node - Was aware of.

Outpatient - A person who has fainted.

Post-operative - Letter carrier.

Recovery room - Place to do upholstery.

Terminal illness - Getting sick at the airport.

I can identify with a joke from Bob Newhart, who is 91:

"When it's all over, you go to heaven and God says, 'What did you do?' And I say, 'I made people laugh.' 'Get in that real short line over there.'"

I think I will end with a quote from 75-year-old Dolly Parton:

"I can't stop long enough to grow old. I'm just gonna be the best that I can be at whatever age I am."

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## Mayor's Message

by Henry Balensifer III



# Relief money helps city cope with utility fund

Federal relief money for cities is on its way and there's a lot of questions from people about what the city is going to do with those dollars.

There still are quite a few unknowns — like how much of a cut the state of Oregon will take in "administrative costs" for creating new rules over and above the federal rules for the money. However, we do know that the money will not come all at once.

Prior relief dollars distributed to the city were earmarked solely for helping Warrentonians with rent and utility relief and distributed through Clatsop Community Action.

The first tranche of that relief was used quickly. The second did not have as much demand, but was used up. It helped the city go from having more than 200 water customers so far behind in their bills that they were going to get water shut-off notices, to only 28. To put it in perspective, before the pandemic we averaged 12 to 20 customers a month who received shut-off notices.

Specific verbiage was included in the federal bill suggesting it could be used to shore up depleted utility ac-

counts with cities that have been burning through cash reserves to continue providing safe, clean utilities. This is what I anticipate we will be putting most of the funds toward.

While it seems puzzling to some people when I tell them, but the city's utility rates don't cover the operations and maintenance costs of the system.

The current commission has been playing catch up after an extended period of no rate changes in the first decade of 2000. As a result, the costs increase, but the revenues don't. Using the federal money to backfill the

shortfall will benefit ratepayers because it both covers the cost of the loss of funds and commensurate lack of rate changes in 2020.

The relief funds also are expected to be sufficient to avoid having to ask the budget committee for a rate increase this year.

I cannot guarantee this, as the budget committee is equally five appointed citizens, and five elected commissioners.

The City Commission cannot significantly alter the recommended budget by state law. However, utility relief appears to be where we're headed.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Warrenton-Hammond School District, Clatsop County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, will be held at Warrenton High School, 1700 S. Main Ave., Warrenton. The meeting will take place on April 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget.

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 14, 2021, at WHSD District Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

### NOTICE OF SALE UNDER WRIT OF EXECUTION – REAL PROPERTY

Case No.: 19CV34800

Plaintiff/s: Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company.

v.

Defendant/s: Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Patricia A. Chesser, Bank of the Pacific; Clark David Chesser; Robert John Chesser, United State of America; State of Oregon; Occupants of the property.

Notice is hereby given that the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will, on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM, in the main lobby of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, 1190 SE 19th Street, Warrenton, Oregon, sell, at public oral auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check, the real property commonly known as 113 SW Cedar Avenue, Warrenton Oregon 97146.

Conditions of Sale: Potential bidders must arrive 15 minutes prior to the auction to allow the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office to review bidder's funds. Only U.S. currency and/or cashier's checks made payable to Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will be accepted. Payment must be made in full immediately upon the close of the sale.

For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>  
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