

Seaside prepares for 'white-knuckle' weather

'THE BOB'
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My wife and I opted to spend a quiet Thanksgiving holiday together this year.

We rented a nice little Airbnb in Central Oregon and looked forward to exploring the area, maybe going on a couple of hikes and so forth. I have spent a great deal of time over there and I never get tired of the juniper and sage smell in the air. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had different plans this year.

"#Bombogenesis" is what the folks from the National Weather Service were calling the storm building over the Pacific, just off the coast of northern California and southern Oregon in the days before Thanksgiving.

It refers to the development of a "bomb cyclone," a weather pattern that occurs when the air pressure drops 24 millibars or more in a 24-hour period, and this one dropped almost 40 millibars.

I kept tabs on the weather daily as we planned to leave that Tuesday morning and I was getting a little worried about our drive over the Santiam pass. As it turned out, I did white-knuckle it for 35 miles, the fresh powder snow driven by high winds in the higher altitudes created frequent whiteouts and I struggled to see the road in front of me.

Thanks to a new set of snow tires on the all-wheel drive Volvo, we arrived safe at our destination and spent several snow-filled days just east of the Cascades.

While watching the news later that



Billboard down in south Seaside after the storm of 2007.

Tom Horning

week and the intense winds that came along with the storm, I couldn't help but remember the storm of 2007 that knocked out power and blew down trees around our area.

It was 12 years ago this month that we opened up the Bob Chisholm Community Center to the public, thanks to a generator loaned to us by the National Guard out of Camp Rilea.

We cooked well over 6,000 meals that week with food donated by local restaurants to help feed Seaside residents who were without power. Our park district staff manned the kitchen for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The local Red Cross handed out blankets and other supplies as well. It was a true community effort to make sure our residents were warm, safe, and didn't go hungry.

Our local ham radio operators made

sure we could maintain communications with the governor's office in Salem and if you were lucky, there was a spot out near the Cove where you could get one bar of cell service and contact family outside the area to let them know you were safe. It was an experience I will not soon forget and I am glad that our community center was able to serve Seaside residents in the capacity it did.

I certainly hope that we don't ever have to deal with another bomb cyclone and the devastation it brings with it, but if it does happen, I am thankful for such a great community, one that pulls together to care for its residents the way Seaside does!

Every month, The BOB will bring you information on current events and items of interest here at the center. See you next month!

Who are the remaining 80% of 'unrestrained' dogs?

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What if I told you that only about 20% of domestic dogs worldwide are household pets?

The remaining 80% of dogs fall into the "unrestrained" category, which comprises unowned dogs such as feral dogs and stray dogs, along with dogs who are owned but not kept in a home or yard; the dogs from the latter group are cared for by either an individual or by communities but roam freely and live as they choose. It seems that "owned," as it pertains to dogs, means something quite different in other parts of the world than it does to us.

Objectively speaking, it is obvious this means that our pet dogs, and our ways of being with them, are in the minority. What isn't so obvious at first thought is how the 20%'s experience of life differs from the majority.

Perhaps the main difference is that the 20% have no choice but to live almost completely under our rule, by our human mores—they have very little autonomy. Our beloved compan-



Rain Jordan

A rescue dog from the streets of Spain, homed in the United States.

ion canines have pinned to their coats a long list of human-oriented rules that must be followed if they are to live and be accepted. These rules are tiered:

Tier One: The rules of the resident country.

Tier Two: The rules of the resident state.

Tier Three: The rules of the resident city or town. Tier Four, in some cases: The rules of the resident landlord or homeowner's association. And the last but certainly not least tier: The rules

of the individual who possesses a dog from the 20%.

Imagine what would happen if the other 80% of the world's dogs were suddenly scooped up by humans and expected to be "dog" in the way that we think of when we think "dog." Imagine all those befuddled creatures surrounded by crates and gates and collars and huge hands.

I'm not suggesting that we fling open our doors and wave goodbye to the tail end of our best friends until they decided that we meet again. In a society such as ours, this would be very dangerous for them. Nevertheless, it's enlightening to consider the differences and potential ramifications.

While this isn't true for everyone, generally speaking, our relative freedom and prosperity mean we can give our dogs anything we wish. Paradoxically, this situation might also feed feelings of entitlement to treating our dogs in any manner that we please. The 80% do not and would not tolerate much of what we see as normal. They don't have to. They can literally walk away. I wonder how many of our dogs would walk away if they could, opting for more freedom and less obligation.

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Wyndham donation tips the scales to help feed the hungry

Seaside Signal

The employees at Wyndham in downtown Seaside embraced the holiday spirit this year by raising \$2,000 to help feed the hungry over the holidays. The company stepped in and matched the money they raised with an additional \$2,000. The Wyndham staff took the combined \$4,000 and went shopping at Costco for items that the South County Community Food Bank could really use to supplement its offerings to clients.

The donation tipped the scale at about 7,000 pounds, executive director Darren Gooch said, the biggest single donation the Food Bank has received in recent years.



Darren Gooch

Volunteer Karl Amacher, pantry supervisor Jenny Knight, and board member Nate Cooper hamming it up in the back of the truck after getting the 7,000 pounds of food loaded.

BIRTHS

Brandt Van Woodcock

Brandt Van Woodcock was born Dec. 3 Portland. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces.

Brandt is the son of Ciara Van Velsor and Brandon Woodcock, Astoria, and the brother of Reginald (Reggie) Woodcock, 3.

Grandparents are Bill Van Velsor and Ava Van Velsor, Nes-kowin, Oregon and Jerry Woodcock and Cathy Woodcock, Portland, Oregon.



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Marine Board reminds boaters to renew registration

The Astorian

Another option is to mail the payment and coupon to the marine board. Registration decals are mailed within 7-10 business days from the date of receipt, but may take an additional two to four weeks to arrive by U.S. mail.

The Oregon State Marine Board reminds boat owners to renew their boat registrations that expire on Dec. 31.

There is no transaction fee when using a credit or debit card online at boat-oregon.com/store. Boat owners are encouraged to renew their boat registration online and will receive their registration decals through the mail faster.

Any watercraft with a motor or sailboats 12 feet or longer is required to title and register with the marine board. Registration fees vary based on boat length. The fee table can be found at bit.ly/336ex1N.

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