

Ohio: This Ore-GONE has no love for the Ducks

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Duck Hunters.

But then came more confusion as Mike Seferian, Oregon's mayor, was flooded with media calls from around the country.

Seferian was adamant that the name "Oregon" should remain in the city's name because it dates back to 1838, 21 years before that other Oregon became a state.

Somehow, that convinced a Toledo TV station, WTVG, that Oregon had backed away from a name change and would issue only a proclamation that it was "Ohio State Buckeye Week" in Oregon (Ohio).

That got picked up by Yahoo Sports.

"I don't know where this stuff comes from," Seferian told The Register-Guard.

So, he wants to set the record straight: Oregon, Ohio, has indeed changed its name to that aforementioned 10-word title — which includes the word "Oregon" — until the national championship is decided.

It also includes "Buckeyes on the Bay" because one of Oregon's official slogans is "City by the Bay." (The other is "City of Opportunity.")

"WHEREAS The City of Oregon has been petitioned by residents to make it clear that we are not associated with Oregon University Ducks Football, and request us to change our City name ..." reads part of the proclamation. It ends with:

"Now, therefore, I, Michael J. Seferian, do hereby choose to honor the wishes of the petitioners by the power vested in me, as Mayor of the City of Oregon, and do hereby proclaim January 5 - January 12, 2015, as ... THE OHIO STATE BUCKEYE WEEK IN THE CITY OF OREGON, OHIO" and during that week the City will be known officially as "OREGON, OHIO BUCKEYES ON THE BAY, CITY OF DUCK HUNTERS."

The name debate started after two residents of the city who don't normally cheer for Ohio State started a petition. One of the men is more into soccer than football and, perhaps shockingly, the other roots for rival Michigan.

Matt Squibb, one of the petition organizers, said he didn't want anyone to be confused about who the city would be cheering for during the title game.

"Call it anything but Oregon," he said.

They also thought the city's high school should temporarily change its colors from green and yellow, which, of course, also happen to be the colors of that other Oregon.

Seferian said he looked into the history of the city's name and found it was originally called Oregon Township and that the name came from the Oregon Territory in the Pacific Northwest.

But, he wants to make it perfectly clear that the city of Oregon has no connection whatsoever to the Oregon Ducks.

"We aren't them," said Seferian, who pronounced the name of his city as ore-GONE, the way most Easterners pronounce the state of Oregon.

"We're a separate entity," he said. "We're not the state of Oregon."

Asked to say "Go Ducks," Seferian simply said: "Where do you want me to have them go?"

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Heavy rain in Washington triggers flooding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOQUIAM, Wash. — Torrential rain caused landslides and flooding Monday in parts of Western Washington, forcing emergency crews to rescue an elderly woman and her small dog through a hole cut in her roof. Floodwaters washed away the foundations of other homes.

Floodwaters rose quickly as more than 5 inches of rain fell

within 24 hours in some areas. High water closed parts of many roads. Widespread flooding was reported from Centralia to the Snoqualmie Valley and farther north.

No serious injuries were reported.

By Monday evening, the National Weather Service said the storm's heavy rain was over, although some rivers could continue to rise and landslide danger

could linger for several days.

Police in the coastal city of Aberdeen hitched a ride on a utility truck to get through flooded streets to reach a woman in her 80s whose house had been swept off its foundation by a mudslide. After firefighters cut a hole in the roof, the woman and her dog were pulled out to safety.

"Not a mark on her. A little uncomfortable from the cold and from being wet, but other than

that she was in great condition," police officer George Kelley said, adding that the woman refused to leave until her dog was rescued first. She was taken to a hospital to be checked.

In nearby Hoquiam, mudslides from a waterlogged hillside washed out the foundations of three homes, threatened others and forced the precautionary evacuation of about 60 nursing home residents, authorities said.

Call to Conscience

An Open Letter

To Crossfire World Outreach Ministries From 215 Neighbors in Eugene

You have shown moral leadership through many positive contributions to the well-being of people in Eugene, and for that we thank you.

We are now asking you to show moral leadership in a new way: Withdraw your application to erect a cell tower in the heart of a residential neighborhood and the protected Amazon Creek wildlife corridor.

We believe you made this application with good intentions to help your ministry, unaware that **your actions could cause harm for years to come.** We know your proposed business partner denies all evidence of risks to nearby residents from microwave radiation that would be emitted by a Crossfire cell tower.

Please consider our request and these facts¹:

1. In an ongoing survey of Eugene residents responding to the question "Are you concerned about the possibility of cell towers being built in your neighborhood?", 12% have responded "No" and 88% "Yes." Of those responding "Yes", the number 1 ranked concern is impact on human health, and the second ranked concern is impact on wildlife.

2. The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified microwave radiation from cell towers as a possible human carcinogen.

Now, with new evidence accumulating there is a movement among those same scientists to reclassify it as a "probable" human carcinogen.

3. Three out of four peer-reviewed studies worldwide on physiological and health effects of cell tower radiation report significant effects. These include DNA damage, chromosomal damage, impaired cellular functions associated with development of cancer and neurodegenerative conditions, problems with sleep, concentration and headaches, and increased risk of breast and other cancers.

4. **The closer you live to a cell tower the greater your risk.** People living closest receive the strongest dose and have greater likelihood of ill effects than those living farther away.

5. **The US Department of the Interior is on record that microwave radiation from cell towers harms migratory birds,** citing several studies. Other peer-reviewed research points to microwave radiation as a **contributor to bee colony collapse,** threatening the world food supply.

Your church is located near families, young children, people with disabilities, elders and others who would be particularly vulnerable to continual microwave radiation from a Crossfire cell tower. Your church is also next to our prized environmentally sensitive Amazon corridor, a gathering place for precious wildlife. Nearly \$3 million has been committed to stewardship of the Amazon Creek ecosystem, designated by the Metro Plan as a protected wildlife corridor.

Birds, bees and neighbors living nearby would have NO CHOICE about continual exposure to microwave radiation from a Crossfire cell tower.

Do you want your ministry's name tied to a legacy of harm for years to come?

We in Eugene want good cell phone service delivered in a way that does not threaten our health. Cell towers CAN be placed at a safe distance from our homes. The Lane County ordinance requires a setback of 1,200 feet, but that does not apply in the city of Eugene at this time. With wise planning and co-location strategies, good service CAN be provided without risking our well-being and that of neighbors and wildlife.

While land use processes are available to all citizens to oppose locations of cell towers, we would like to believe that, as neighbors, we should appeal to you on moral grounds. Even if you reject the science and the precautionary actions now being taken in other countries, you can still change course out of **respect and love for your neighbors in Eugene.**

Please withdraw your application now. It is the right thing to do.

May your ministry continue to flourish in all ways that truly affirm life!

Respectfully,

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