

# Dog park could be barking up wrong tree

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McMinnville officials may have to leave it when it comes to a proposed location for a dog park if a barrier of bamboo cannot be removed. Selected by the city Parks and Recreation Committee last month for the dog-friendly area is the intersection of Old Morrison Road and Old Viola Road. The property is across the street from Pepper Branch Park and West Riverside Church of God of Prophecy. The city owns three lots there. Located in a flood plain, the property is overgrown. Behind the overgrowth is a field of bamboo, says McMinnville Parks and Recreation director Scott McCord. “You have to heat the soil to 600 degrees to kill bamboo,” he reported to members of the committee this month. “I didn’t realize it was infested that badly with bamboo.” Bamboo is extremely invasive. The creeping rhizomes and roots of bamboo are virtually immune to the herbicides people normally use on unwanted plants. Also, it grows very fast – the world record in the United Kingdom is 35 inches in a day – and it can get very tall. The tallest bamboo on



Lisa Hobbs photo

**McMinnville officials want to place a dog park on this property across from Pepper Branch Park, but have discovered it’s infested with bamboo.**

record in the USA is 98 feet. While it can be removed without extreme heat, it is a painstaking process to eliminate all the roots to prevent regrowth. “Anything can be eradicated, if you know how to do it and put the funds into it,” said Alderman Ben Newman. McCord was instructed to look into an eradication effort and bring that information back to committee members.

## DCS shares child neglect statistics

**NASHVILLE (AP)** — An analysis has found Tennessee’s Department of Children’s Services investigated 647 allegations of child abuse or neglect involving students at more than 460 schools during a recent 20-month period. Data obtained by USA Today’s Tennessee Network showed DCS investigated claims at both public and private schools serving 74 of 95 Tennessee counties between January 2016 and August 2017. The agency did not provide investigations’ outcomes.

The data indicates DCS investigated 373 allegations of physical abuse, 130 allegations of sexual abuse or exploitation, 97 allegations of children lacking supervision and 33 allegations of psychological abuse. State education officials said they didn’t know how frequently child welfare workers were called. Spokeswoman Sara Gast’s response to the shared data noted that “school officials generally err on the side of caution” when making reports.

## Royal wedding set for Saturday

**LONDON (AP)** — Thomas Markle spent a career in Hollywood, but nothing prepared him for this. The father of royal bride-to-be Meghan Markle has reportedly said he will not attend his daughter’s wedding to Prince Harry this week after suffering a heart attack amid media frenzy around the nuptials. The retired TV cinematographer had been due to walk his daughter down the aisle at Windsor Castle’s St. George’s Chapel on Saturday. But celebrity news website TMZ reported Monday the elder Markle has decided to stay away amid criticism over his decision to pose for mocked up wedding-preparation shots taken by a paparazzi agency. Kensington Palace issued a statement calling for “understanding and respect to be extended to Mr. Markle in this difficult situation.” Meghan Markle’s half-sister said her father was under an “unbelievable” amount of stress because of media intrusion. Samantha Markle told



**Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are scheduled to wed this Saturday.**

the TV show “Good Morning Britain” on Tuesday that journalists “rented the house next to him in Mexico, four or five of them. He can’t open his blinds, he can’t go anywhere without being followed.” For centuries, Britain’s royal dramas played out at a distance from the public, as a deferential media protected the secrets of the monarchy. In the 1930s, the romance between King Edward VIII and divorced American Wallis Simpson was headline news in the U.S. press, but barely mentioned in Britain until the king abdicated, forced to choose between the crown and the woman he loved. That changed by the

time Prince Charles married 20-year-old Lady Diana Spencer in 1981 in a ceremony watched by hundreds of millions of people around the world. The media charted every twist in the saga that followed: the births of sons William and Harry, Diana’s glamour and charity work, and her evident and growing unhappiness in the marriage. Charles and Diana both used the media as a weapon as their marriage foundered, giving TV interviews to present themselves in a sympathetic light. It was ratings gold, reaching a peak when Diana told an interviewer that “there were three of us” in the marriage — Diana, Charles and his par amour Camilla Parker-Bowles. “Diana turned the royal family inside out,” said Ellis Cashmore, honorary professor of sociology at Aston University and author of books on celebrity culture. “All the dirty secrets had come into the public domain.” Diana became the most famous woman on Earth, trailed by paparazzi wherever she went — including to her death. She was killed in a Paris car crash in 1997, while

being pursued by photographers. When Harry and Markle decided to make their relationship public, the prince fired a broadside at the media, saying that biracial Markle had faced “a wave of abuse and harassment,” including “racial undertones” in comment articles. Still, Markle’s media experience, gained during her career as an actress, has been evident from the start. At the couple’s televised engagement interview she appeared relaxed, confident and happy. It was a far cry from a 1981 interview with shy Diana and awkward Charles, who replied “whatever love means” when asked if he was in love. Saturday’s wedding is expected to draw more than 5,000 media staff and 79 TV networks from around the world to Windsor. American and international TV networks plan hours of live coverage. “I don’t think anything can quite prepare her,” Cashmore said — though as “an independent-minded woman, brimming with confidence” Markle is well equipped to deal with intense media interest that is unlikely to fade.

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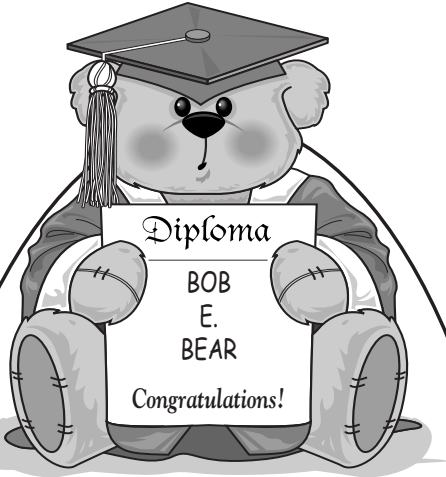
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