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Winds are a worry in West Coast fires

BEAVERCREEK (AP) — Nearly all the dozens of people reported missing after a devastating blaze in southern Oregon have been accounted for, authorities said over the weekend as crews battled wildfires that have killed at least 35 from California to Washington state. The flames up and down the West Coast have destroyed neighborhoods, leaving nothing but charred rubble and burned-out cars, forced tens of thousands to flee and cast a shroud of

smoke that has given Seattle, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, some of the worst air quality in the world. The smoke filled the air with an acrid metallic smell like pennies and spread to nearby states. While making it difficult to breathe, it helped firefighters by blocking the sun and turning the weather cooler as they tried to get a handle on the blazes, which were slowing in some places. But warnings of low moisture and strong winds that could fan

the flames added urgency to the battle. The so-called red flag warnings stretched from hard-hit southern Oregon to Northern California and extended through Monday evening. Lexi Soulios, her husband and son were afraid they would have to evacuate for a second time because of the weather. They left their small southern Oregon town of Talent last week when they saw a “big, huge flow of dark smoke coming up,” then went past roadblocks Friday to pick

through the charred ruins of their home. While they are staying farther south in Ashland, known for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, she said by text message that the forecast may mean they could be on the move again. “So this isn’t over yet but we just had the car checked so we feel prepared,” Lexi Soulios wrote. Authorities last week reported as many as 50 people could be missing after a wildfire in the

Ashland area. But the Jackson County sheriff’s office said late Saturday that four people had died in the blaze and that the number of missing was down to one. At least 10 people have been killed in the past week throughout Oregon. Officials have said more people are missing from other fires, and the number of fatalities is likely to rise, though they have not said how high the toll could go as they search. In

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Workers begin façade improvements at the Tioga Building in downtown Coos Bay.

Amy Moss Strong Photos, The World

North Bank Fire at 60% containment

AMY MOSS STRONG
The World

BANDON — The North Bank Lane fire is 60% contained with no new growth, the Coos Fire Protective Association announced Monday morning. The fire that started Tuesday morning, Sept. 7, burned 350 acres and hasn’t grown in size since last Wednesday. The fire remains under investigation, though witnesses say it started from a downed power line during high winds and low humidity that morning. No homes were lost, but a yurt that housed a woodworking and art studio burned to the ground and the roof of a barn was damaged, according to officials. The weather continues to be favorable with little to no winds and humidity recovered to normal levels, CFPA announced Monday. A full force of firefighters is on the fire working toward 100% containment and removing and minimizing hazards. North Bank Lane remains closed. Two 20-person contracted crews, one 10-person crew from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution and a CFPA district six-person hand crew continue working the fire, according to CFPA office manager Dominique Ray, acting PIO. CFPA PIO Jef Chase is working the fire, as is CFPA District Manager Mike Robison. Three 20-person crews were released over the weekend to fight the Holiday Fire east of Eugene. Ray said there also are three water tenders and an excavator being used to complete containment lines, which are on contract through an industry agreement. A CFPA contracted type III (light) helicopter is also available and on standby if needed, but as of Monday morning was unable to fly in the area due to smoke and fog. The other helicopters and operators that were fighting the North Bank Lane fire have been released to another fire, Ray said. Ray added that CFPA will reevaluate the fire today to determine a timeline for 100% containment. “They will take a good look and see if where they are and if it’s OK to open the road,” Ray said. The fire was reported at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, approximately 8 miles northeast of Bandon between Bandon and Coquille, destroying the yurt on the property of Candace Kreitlow and Pete Bauer, threatening homes and causing a number of people to be evacuated or self-evacuating. The conditions that day were reminiscent of the Bandon Fire of 1936: hot (it reportedly reached 95 degrees in town), strong east winds and low humidity.

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Tioga, Koski getting facelifts

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COOS BAY — Renovations are underway at the historic Tioga Hotel and Koski Building, with help from the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency Facade Improvement Program. According to city records, the city’s Urban Renewal Agency approved a grant for \$296,742 for the properties at 275 N. Broadway (the Tioga Hotel building, \$218,120) and at 241 N. Broadway (Koski, \$32,250) and the parking lot/fencing for the surround of both buildings (\$46,372). The applicant was Robb Crocker, representing both the Tioga LLC and Koski LLC. The improvements will be made to the 1920s-era Tioga Hotel’s facade, lighting and sign restoration and the Koski Buildings facade, along with the parking lot fencing and lighting. Crocker also proposed to restore the transom window of the Koski Building, but it is not part of the current renovations. For the two buildings combined, a total cost for all improvements was estimated at \$737,575.



The Tioga Hotel in 1947

Coos Historical Maritime Museum

The Facade Improvement Grant program enables the URA Board to authorize 50% of the

value of a project’s low bid for improvements. However, the agency board has authority to

provide additional funds. The Tioga Hotel building is reported to be the tallest building on the Oregon Coast. The building is nine stories high and is 110 feet above the street at its highest point. Construction was first started in 1925, but attempts to complete it were disrupted by first the Great Depression and later by World War II. The building was finally finished in 1948. The Tioga is considered one of the most historically significant buildings in downtown Coos Bay. It is one of nine buildings in the downtown core listed on the National Historic Register. Work to repair the exterior stucco/concrete began a couple of weeks ago. Earlier this month, Crocker presented his facade improvement plans for both the Tioga and Koski buildings to the Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency.

Restoring historic buildings
In February, Crocker, with his development company Opportas Capital, announced that they had purchased some of downtown Coos Bay’s most recognizable

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Council to consider street vacation

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COOS BAY — The Coos Bay City Council will hold a work session to discuss the vacation of the Lindy Lane right of way as part of project preparation work for the Timber Cove Manufactured Home Park. The work session will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in council chambers, 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay and will be limited to discussion only and no formal action will be taken. Social distancing and COVID-19 mask requirements will be in place. The Timber Cove Manufactured Home Park project to develop up to 447 homes was approved by the City Council in July. With access off of Ocean Boulevard to Lindy Lane, the project will include a community building, playground, open space, parking, storage areas, public and private street

improvements, sidewalks and infrastructure to support the homes and other amenities. Necessary city applications have been submitted for many public improvements and common use areas, according to the City of Coos Bay. As a part of the project preparation work, the City Council has initiated vacation proceedings to vacate the south most 1035+/- feet of Lindy Lane right of way. This portion of Lindy Lane, which is bound on the east and west, will serve to access the project and is owned by the Timber Cove project developer. The right of way vacation, if approved, will facilitate improved access to the future homes, according to the city. On Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. the City Council will consider and take action on the Lindy Lane right of way vacation at a public hearing

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Photo gallery: Bikes & Bugs event honors troop
Photo gallery: North Bank Lane fire burns 350 acres

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State reaches 500 COVID-19 deaths

PORTLAND — Over the weekend, COVID-19 claimed 13 more lives in Oregon, raising the state’s death toll to 509, the Oregon Health Authority reported at 12:01 a.m. Sunday. The state reached a total of 500 deaths on Saturday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 693 new cases over Friday (215), Saturday (293) and Sunday (185), bringing the state total to 29,337.

The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported Sunday are in the following counties: Benton (2), Clackamas (9), Curry (1), Deschutes (3), Douglas (1), Gilliam (1), Jackson (13), Jefferson (1), Josephine (4), Lane (8), Lincoln (1), Linn (3), Malheur (26), Marion (27), Morrow (1), Multnomah (38), Polk (6), Umatilla (6), Wasco (1), Washington (33).

The new cases Saturday are in the following counties: Baker (2), Benton (3), Clackamas (15), Clatsop (2), Columbia (4), Deschutes (9), Douglas (4), Jackson (11), Jefferson (4), Klamath (2), Lane (13), Lincoln (1), Linn (3), Malheur (28), Marion (48), Morrow (5), Multnomah (68), Polk (5), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (27), Union (2), Wasco (1), Washington (26) and Yamhill (9).

The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported Friday are in the following counties: Baker (2), Benton (6), Clackamas (14), Columbia (1), Coos (2), Curry (1), Deschutes (3), Douglas (1), Jackson (7), Jefferson (3), Klamath (1), Lane (8), Linn (3), Malheur (27), Marion (36), Morrow (2), Multnomah (59), Polk (5), Umatilla (9), Union (2), Wasco (2), Washington (17), and Yamhill (4).

Oregon’s 498th COVID-19 death is a 64-year-old man in Jefferson County who tested positive on Aug. 5 and died on Sept. 10 at St. Charles Medical Center Bend. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 499th COVID-19 death is a 91-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Aug. 24 and died on Sept. 1 at Adventist Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 500th COVID-19 death is a 49-year-old woman in Umatilla County who tested positive on Aug. 12 and died on Sept. 2 at Providence St. Mary’s in Walla Walla, Washington. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 501st COVID-19 death is a 76-year-old man in Washington County who tested positive on Aug. 27 and died on Sept. 6 at Adventist Medical Center. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 502nd COVID-19 death is a 97-year-old woman in Clackamas County who tested positive on June 29 and died on Aug. 29 at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital. Presence underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon’s 503rd COVID-19 death is a 74-year-old woman in Multnomah County who tested positive on Aug. 27 and died on Sept. 5 in her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 504th COVID-19 death is a 63-year-old man in Multnomah County who died on Aug. 28 at Legacy Emanuel Hospital. The death certificate listed COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing

to death. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon’s 505th COVID-19 death is an 82-year-old man in Lane County who tested positive on Aug. 26 and died on Sept. 2 in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

The 504th COVID-19 death reported yesterday, Sept. 12, was deemed to be an out-of-state resident and has been removed from our case counts. This case was reported to the appropriate state of residence.

Oregon’s 505th COVID-19 death is an 81-year-old man in Marion County who tested positive on Aug. 29 and died on Sept. 7 at his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 506th COVID-19 death is a 96-year-old woman in Lane County who tested positive on Aug. 26 and died on Sept. 12 at her residence. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 507th COVID-19 death is a 76-year-old man in Marion County who tested positive on Sept. 3 and died on Sept. 12 at his residence. Presence of underlying conditions is being confirmed.

Oregon’s 508th COVID-19 death is an 89-year-old man in Washington County who tested positive on Sept. 4 and died on Sept. 12 at his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon’s 509th COVID-19 death is a 89-year-old woman in Washington County who tested positive on Aug. 31 and died on Sept. 10 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. She had underlying conditions.

See table for total cases, deaths, and negative tests by county.

Stay informed about COVID-19:

Oregon response: The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Office of Emergency Management lead the state response.

United States response: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leads the U.S. response.

Global response: The World Health Organization guides the global response.

Stay safe from wildfire smoke

With wildfire smoke creating unsafe air quality conditions, please remember to follow these tips to protect yourself and your family:

Stay indoors as much as possible.

Limit activity outdoors

If you have heart or lung disease or respiratory illnesses such as asthma, follow your health care provider’s advice about prevention and treatment of symptoms.

Reduce other sources of smoke, such as cigarette smoking and wood-burning stoves, for example.

Check current air quality conditions. Go to <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> to find the current air quality and wildfire smoke resources.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water.

Remember that cloth masks and face coverings do not protect you from wildfire smoke, they do offer protection against COVID-19. N95 respirators may offer some protection if properly fit tested and worn. Otherwise, they may create a false sense of security. N95s are not available in children’s sizes.

Learn more about the dangers of wildfire smoke and how you can stay safe by visiting healthoregon.org/wildfires.

County	Cases	Total deaths	Negative tests
Baker	90	2	1,464
Benton	244	6	11,618
Clackamas	2,151	59	55,254
Clatsop	102	0	5,109
Columbia	143	1	6,392
Coos	131	0	6,094
Crook	59	1	2,388
Curry	26	0	1,518
Deschutes	723	12	26,778
Douglas	188	3	11,734
Gilliam	5	0	257
Grant	8	0	822
Harney	12	0	742
Hood River	238	0	4,660
Jackson	967	3	30,127
Jefferson	487	8	4,404
Josephine	178	2	10,860
Klamath	242	2	9,487
Lake	29	0	803
Lane	846	13	57,417
Lincoln	473	13	8,206
Linn	431	13	14,994
Malheur	1,407	22	4,632
Marion	4,248	87	43,598
Morrow	471	4	1,602
Multnomah	6,556	127	129,827
Polk	481	15	8,013
Sherman	18	0	321
Tillamook	45	0	2,801
Umatilla	2,844	41	12,275
Union	431	2	3,237
Wallowa	23	1	888
Wasco	227	3	4,584
Washington	4,107	55	84,413
Wheeler	0	0	157
Yamhill	706	14	15,807
Total	29,337	509	583,283

1This includes cases confirmed by diagnostic testing and presumptive cases.

So It Goes to present live reading of ‘Anchorman’

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COOS BAY — A live reading of “Anchorman — The Legend of Ron Burgundy” will be held one night only with a cast of local celebrities via Facebook live.

“And in San Diego, one anchorman was more man than the rest. His name was Ron Burgundy. He was like a god walking amongst mere mortals. He had a voice that could make a wolverine purr and suits so fine they made Sinatra look like a hobo ...”

As they did with The Princess Bride earlier this year, So It Goes Coffee-

house and Friends have assembled a cast of local celebrities — entertainers, businesspeople, news professionals and more — for “Anchorman” live reading! This one-night-only live reading will take place online at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at www.facebook.com/soitgoescoffeehouse.

The cast includes Taylor Marchant (Bay Eye Clinic), Carmen Matthews (7 Devils Brewery), Rik Villareal (Itty Bitty Inn), Aymee Pedder (Liberty Theater President), Tim Novotny (Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission), Derek Baden (Bay Area Hospital), Stephanie Hadley (Yak Social), Sam-

uel Bonner (West Coast Shower Doors & More), Michael Pedder (Liberty Theatre), Bryan Bailey (live from Hawaii), Korra Slaska (First Grader), Jillian Farmer (formerly of The World Newspaper), and more. It will be broadcast on Facebook Live through Zoom on the So It Goes Coffeehouse page, and later on YouTube. Anchorman is rated PG-13, some language and suggestive situations. The event is free to the community.

So It Goes also continues its weekly storytime for kids and families with owner John Beane every Sunday online. For com-

plete list of events check them out on Facebook, Instagram, or at www.soitgoescoffee.com or for additional information, call 541-808-9333.

Astrobiology, history to be presented

COOS BAY — The Coos Bay Public Library is hosting a virtual talk about the planet Mars with Dr. Aaron Coyner, physics and engineering professor at Southwestern Oregon Community College at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17.

Mars has always been a curiosity for scientists and science fiction authors for decades. Mars has always

been a favorite target in the discussions of life and habitability. In late July 2020, NASA launched the Mars 2020 mission including the Mars Perseverance rover. One of the stated goals of the mission is to search for preserved bio-signatures in Martian rocks and surface samples from periods of Martian history where conditions may have been

more favorable to the existence of microbes to potentially exist.

Coyner will discuss the history and excitement about Mars and what scientists hope to learn from future missions in the quest for evidence of life.

This will be a virtual presentation. For the Zoom link and more information www.coosbaylibrary.org.



COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. IS LOOKING FOR FORMER MEMBERS — TO RETURN UNCLAIMED MONEY!

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. is looking for members who have not claimed the capital credits retirement checks that were issued to them in 2013 thru 2015. The names will appear as a special insert in the Curry Coastal Pilot newspaper on Friday, August 21, September 18, October 16 and November 20, 2020. The list will also be posted to our website at www.ccec.coop; and a few copies are available in our area offices.

In 2013 thru 2015, your electric cooperative board of directors elected to return capital credits for the residual balance for the year 1983, and the years of 1984, 1985, 1986. Capital credits represent the amount of revenue left over after all expenses of the cooperative have been paid for the year and are allocated to each member based on their “participation” in the cooperative. Participation is usually defined as the amount of electricity you use. Think of it as the investment you made in your electric cooperative that particular year. Your ability to invest and participate in making your electric cooperative a success and receive refunds when financial conditions are good is what makes us different than other electric companies.

Unfortunately, some capital credits refund checks issued in 2013 thru 2015 were never cashed. That’s why we’re looking for you. Please call 1 (866) 305-1278 if your name appears on the list, you are legally authorized to claim one of these checks, you have the current address of someone on this list or the member on this list is deceased and you are an heir. Give your name, member’s name and daytime telephone number where you may be reached. Or you may send your information to the attention of Pamela or Rose at Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 1268, Port Orford, OR 97465. A member of our staff will contact you as soon as possible. Capital credits not claimed 6 months after the last published notice, scheduled for May 2021, will be forfeited.



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GUEST OPINION

Will my dog really miss me?

Someday, you may be going back to your office, factory, store or wherever you worked. Know this: Your dog will be OK. He or she will be OK even if you've just spent six months tied wrists to paws, in locked-down intimacy.

Dogs are social animals, it's true, but they do adjust to changes in routine. Humans who love their animals but also have jobs need not put too much stock in dog writers who obsess over any discomfort to which a canine may be exposed. The owners may look askance at guilt-invoking accounts of how dogs suddenly left on their own for hours will suffer.

Of course, there's no harm in reading instructions on how humans can prepare dogs for their absence. The steps basically boil down to reassuring your mutt that your going to work does not equal abandonment.

An item in Bloomberg News -- "Time to Tell America's Dogs This Arrangement Won't Last Forever" -- advises slow separation by, say, putting the dog in a crate in the kitchen for a while. "Extend the alone time from one hour to three to four hours," a dog expert advises. Timers ready?

Early in lockdown, some dog writers discussed the opposite problem: overstimulation by humans. "All dogs should have a safe spot in the house to enjoy when they need some quiet time," wrote Alex Benjamin, a psychologist at the University of York.

That explains a lot. I occasionally dog sit for Rusty, who loves-likes me, often shadowing my moves through the house. Every now and then, though, Rusty jumps off my lap and lopes into a closet, where he naps in a dark corner.

At first, I asked, "How did I offend thee?" But an hour later, Rusty is again at my feet piercing my soul with his cunning dog eyes. And then, the bulb in my head lights up. Perhaps, just perhaps, Rusty wanted to get away from me for a while. Or away from anybody.

Adult dogs need 12 to 16 hours of sleep a day, Benjamin explained, "so having us around



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constantly during lockdown means many dogs aren't getting the rest they need." Aha.

Dogs may object to seeing their humans pick up keys and not the leash. But once the people exit, dogs seem to quickly figure out that much hasn't changed in their world. They still have the familiar couch, and perhaps your sweatshirt, to curl up on. It's not like you've dropped them in the middle of a frozen prairie where wolves do bloody battle over an elk carcass.

In any case, the dog probably won't hold a grudge. That's because dogs have short-term memory spans, only about two minutes, according to a study by Johan Lind, an ethologist at Stockholm University. While they may not remember where you parked the car, dogs, he says, do have specialized memory systems designed to recall "biologically relevant information," such as where to find food.

That may explain why Rusty, even if I haven't seen him for weeks, still races me to the refrigerator. And it brings up a related and somewhat painful thought: Could the hamburger meat I put before him be why he loves-likes me? I've noticed that he happily eats dry kibble at his primary residence, but at my place, he ignores the bowl and holds out for beef. My biologically relevant memory should be so good.

Perhaps you work at some hipster enterprise, where the dogs come along, sit where they please and receive stock options at the end of the year. If not -- if you have to leave the dog home alone for a few hours -- you'll be forgiven, at least by your dog.



A better president

The media obsess about Trump/Biden, but another candidate will be on every state ballot: Libertarian Party nominee Jo Jorgensen.

Dr. Jorgensen, a psychology lecturer at Clemson University, is very different from Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Instead of promising government solutions, she tells people, "You can spend your money better than the politicians."

I like that. So, she's the subject of my video this week.

I start with COVID-19. Libertarians are skeptical of government action, but a pandemic may be the rare situation when government should act. People need protection from contagious people. No one wants medical facilities overwhelmed.

When politicians issued lockdown orders, their actions were praised by most media. "There are no libertarians in a pandemic," smug people said to me.

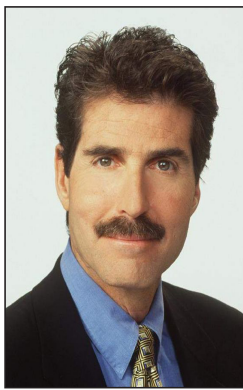
Jorgensen says that's nonsense, that COVID-19 became one more excuse for authoritarian politicians to boss people around.

"Is it right for the government to take away tens of millions of jobs? I say no. Young people could be out there and have no more risks than having the flu."

If government stepped back, she says, the private sector would lead the way. She points out that Walmart required masks be worn in all their stores. "It shows that, yes, we can be adults without government telling us we need to be adults."

I tell Jorgensen that my former Fox Business colleague Lou Dobbs calls libertarianism "an absurd philosophy."

"What I think is crazy," she replies, "is spending a lot more than you take in... having troops in the Middle East, which



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makes us more at risk, just like we saw with 9/11... crazy is actually having taxpayers pay for the defense of Germany and France."

Good points. Why does America need to be the whole world's policeman?

Vice President Biden helped get America into many of its endless wars. President Trump said he'd like to bring our soldiers home, but he hasn't done much of it.

"Instead of fighting wars and having military bases all over the world," Jorgensen says, she'd "make America one giant Switzerland, armed and neutral."

Biden says he would "end gun violence" and that "the Second Amendment is limited." Jorgensen replies, "we limit gun violence by allowing peaceful citizens to arm themselves."

Trump taxed imports, claiming America "loses" when we have a trade deficit.

Jorgensen calls that laughably ignorant. "I have a trade deficit with my gas station because I buy gas from them and they buy nothing from me," says Jorgensen. "It doesn't matter what one country does."

Biden says increasing the minimum wage to \$15 is "just a

start." Jorgensen quips: "Yeah. A start to minorities not being able to get a rung on the ladder to successful employment."

Jorgensen opposes Trump's immigration restrictions.

I push back: "There are billions of poor people all over the world. Some want to come here to freeloader."

Jorgensen replies that welfare programs have rules to prevent freeloading, "Many... have a five-year waiting list." Also, "if you look at people who have the initiative to come here, they typically have the initiative to work."

Biden would spend \$2 trillion to try to delay climate change. Jorgensen says the free market is the better way. "Wherever there's big government, there's more pollution."

Neither Trump nor Biden wants to stop the war on drugs. Jorgensen believes that (for adults) all drugs should be legal.

I agree with Jorgensen about most things. But people say a vote for a Libertarian candidate is wasted.

In addition, Jorgensen will be accused of taking votes from Trump at a time when "only Trump might stop big government Democrats." She'll be accused of taking votes from Biden, when "we need to get this clown (Trump) out of office."

"We need to get both clowns away from the presidency," Jorgensen replies.

Jorgensen won't win, but I hope her campaign inspires some Americans to think about the proper role of government.

Jorgensen is absolutely correct when, at the end of our interview, she says: "We've got Washington in everything we do. It's just causing more problems."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NB council defunded police by choice

I apologize for the length of this letter. The information is necessary for understanding the process and the effects related to the closure of the swimming pool as stated in the August 25 issue of The World.

In the opinion of 75% of the voters in the City of North Bend, it is the right of the voters to determine how much money is available for spending by the City Council. The charter of the city gives the council the power to make choices as to how the funds are spent.

Since 2016, we have been told many times (council meetings, news paper articles, etc.) that the costs of public safety exceeds property taxes. These statements were made by the city administrator in some form or other with the blessings of the city council. The latest statements were delivered in a press release of June 30 and the administrator's report of July 14, 2020. The costs of public safety exceed property taxes received. Clearly, the message has been that property taxes fund public safety costs 100%. Any excess costs required a public safety fee.

These statements have been consistent except for the budget meetings in May, 2020. During those meetings the city administrator presented a hybrid method to limit the amount of property taxes available for public safety costs. The method was called a "subfund" and has never been used by the City of North Bend

before.

At no time did the city administrator's comments, during this three plus years period, share with the public (except for budget meetings) that intergovernmental agreements with the tribes existed which provide for public safety costs only. There was mention of an intergovernmental agreement with School District 13 to provide for one and three-quarters of the cost for two school resource officers.

Here are the facts:

In the 2020-2021 budget, the revenue items related to public safety costs are current year property taxes, previously levied (uncollected) taxes, public safety fees (at \$15), intergovernmental agreements as well as fines, fees and miscellaneous. The sum of these amounts is \$5,999,826.

The budget committee approved a cost of public safety (including 22 police officer positions) in the amount of \$5,806,484.

Revenues exceed costs by \$193,342.

The council actually had two choices.

The first choice was to accept the "subfund" method and limit the amount of property taxes available for public safety costs. The upside to this choice, in the minds of the City Council and the city administrator was to allow the city to claim that services from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. would be suspended as well as other police services. This was their agenda to cause the electorate to vote against the \$15 reduction of the fee. The downside of this choice

was that the city would have only 15 police officer positions.

The second choice was to delete the "subfund" and include 100% of the property taxes to provide full funding for police and fire services. This would have provided what you, the people, desired. The \$785,000 public safety fee reduction could have been offset by resources omitted by the city administrator as well as an adjustment of two police positions which were unfilled through most of the last fiscal year.

As we all know, the City Council took the first choice and voted to defund public safety while trying to blame the loss on the reduction of the public safety fee. The city was forced to restore some of the positions to comply with the intergovernmental agreements.

In conclusion, the August 25, 2020 article in The World newspaper is misleading in many ways. The swimming pool was closed due to COVID-19 restrictions and increased costs, not to the inability to increase pool fees. Your vote limited the amount of funds available to the City Council at this time while allowing the council to request major additional funding for any services in the future. The savings from the pool closure were not necessary to fund the public safety costs. Public Safety revenues already exceeded costs. Finally, you, the voters, did not defund the police and fire services.

The current City Council, with the urging of the city adminis-

trator, defunded the police by choice.

P.S. Mr. City Administrator, would you kindly stop pointing the finger at the voters and accept the blame for this mess. As the Brits would say, blaming the voters is poppycock.

John Briggs
North Bend

Vote Jessica Engelke for mayor

We are excited to hear that Jessica Engelke is running for mayor!

She is enthusiastic and truly cares about the city of North Bend. Being a North Bend native, she has roots to our city.

Not only does she care, but she has the qualities of a leader. She's assertive, yet compromising. She listens to others and is a strong communicator.

Most importantly, we have confidence that she'll get things done and that she has our community's best interest in mind.

We'd encourage you to vote for Jessica Engelke for mayor.

Brad and Heather Horning
North Bend

Fires caused by poor forest management

Wow, more than 1 million acres of Oregon trees burnt up. Perhaps the people of Oregon have been handed a giant reset! I think the huge spreading of wild-fire is the direct result of many years of forest mismanagement. I think the fires were started by spontaneous combustion from all

the hot air coming out of Salem.

If you do not like the whole state being on fire, consider that under new management the forests can be replanted and better managed by bureaucrats who are hired by a Governor who has an older more sustainable perspective on how to care for forest resources that was proven by years of experience.

Perhaps we the people of Oregon should start our own fundamental transformation at the ballot box, one incumbent politician at a time. Start at the state level, county level and city level. Any where you see outcomes that produce living conditions that do not match your concept of how you want life in Oregon to be.

We the people can begin to make Oregon great again. Let us face it: We have not had a decent governor since Tom McCall.

Joyce Walter
North Bend

Stolen signs

If you haven't seen too many BIDEN/HARRIS signs along the roadways it's not because they weren't there, it's because repugnican lowlifes have been out stealing them (I've lost two so far).

It's just another page from the fascist manual — silence the opposition. Not too surprising for a party ruled by the Liar in Chief with a platform built on lies, fear and hatred. SO SAD!

Ricki Green
Bandon

Astronomers see hints of life on Venus

SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

Astronomers have found a potential sign of life high in the atmosphere of neighboring Venus: hints there may be bizarre microbes living in the sulfuric acid-laden clouds of the hothouse planet.

Two telescopes in Hawaii and Chile spotted in the thick Venutian clouds the chemical signature of phosphine, a noxious gas that on Earth is only associated with life, according to a study in Monday’s journal Nature Astronomy.

Several outside experts — and the study authors themselves — agreed this is tantalizing but said it is far from the first proof of life on another planet. They said it doesn’t satisfy the “extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence” standard established by the late Carl Sagan, who speculated about the possibility of life in the clouds of Venus in 1967.

“It’s not a smoking gun,” said study co-author David Clements, an Imperial College of London astrophysicist. “It’s not even gunshot residue on the hands of your prime suspect, but there is a distinct whiff of cordite in the air which may be suggesting something.”

As astronomers plan for searches for life on planets outside our solar system, a major method is to look for chemical signatures that can only be made by biological processes, called biosignatures. After three astronomers met in a bar in Hawaii, they decided to look that way at the closest planet to Earth: Venus. They searched for phosphine, which is three hydrogen atoms and a phosphorous atom.

On Earth, there are only two ways phosphine can be formed, study authors said. One is in an industrial process. (The gas was produced for use as chemical warfare agent in World War I.) The other way is

as part of some kind of poorly understood function in animals and microbes. Some scientists consider it a waste product, others don’t.

Phosphine is found in “ooze at the bottom of ponds, the guts of some creatures like badgers and perhaps most unpleasantly associated with piles of penguin guano,” Clements said.

Study co-author Sara Seager, an MIT planetary scientist, said researchers “exhaustively went through every possibility and ruled all of them out: volcanoes, lightning strikes, small meteorites falling into the atmosphere. ... Not a single process we looked at could produce phosphine in high enough quantities to explain our team’s findings.”

That leaves life. The astronomers hypothesize a scenario for how life could exist on the inhospitable planet where temperatures on the surface are around 800 degrees

with no water.

“Venus is hell. Venus is kind of Earth’s evil twin,” Clements said. “Clearly something has gone wrong, very wrong, with Venus. It’s the victim of a runaway greenhouse effect.”

But that’s on the surface.

Seager said all the action may be 30 miles (50 kilometers) above ground in the thick carbon-dioxide layer cloud deck, where it’s about room temperature or slightly warmer. It contains droplets with tiny amounts of water but mostly sulfuric acid that is a billion times more acidic than what’s found on Earth.

The phosphine could be coming from some kind of microbes, probably single-cell ones, inside those sulfuric acid droplets, living their entire lives in the 10-mile-deep (16-kilometer-deep) clouds, Seager and Clements said. When the droplets fall, the potential life probably dries out and could then get picked up in another drop and reactivate, they said.

Life is definitely a possibility, but more proof is needed, several outside scientists said.

Cornell University astronomer Lisa Kaltenegger said the idea of this being the signature of biology at work is exciting, but she said we don’t know enough about Venus to say life is the only explanation for the phosphine.

“I’m not skeptical, I’m hesitant,” said Justin Filiberto, a planetary geochemist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston who specializes in Venus and Mars and isn’t part of the study team.

Filiberto said the levels of phosphine found might be explained away by volcanoes. He said recent studies that were not taken into account in this latest research suggest that Venus may have far more active volcanoes than originally thought. But Clements said that explanation would make sense only if Venus

were at least 200 times as volcanically active as Earth.

David Grinspoon, a Washington-based astrobiologist at the Planetary Science Institute who wrote a 1997 book suggesting Venus could harbor life, said the finding “almost seems too good to be true.”

“I’m excited, but I’m also cautious,” Grinspoon said. “We found an encouraging sign that demands we follow up.”

NASA hasn’t sent anything to Venus since 1989, though Russia, Europe and Japan have dispatched probes. The U.S. space agency is considering two possible Venus missions. One of them, called DAVINCI+, would go into the Venutian atmosphere as early as 2026.

Clements said his head tells him “it’s probably a 10% chance that it’s life,” but his heart “obviously wants it to be much bigger because it would be so exciting.”

Beloved reggae star Toots Hibbert dies at 77

NEW YORK (AP) — Toots Hibbert, one of reggae’s founders and most beloved stars who gave the music its name and later helped make it an international movement through such classics as “Pressure Drop,” “Monkey Man” and “Funky Kingston,” has died. He was 77.

Hibbert, frontman of Toots & the Maytals, had been in a medically-induced coma at a hospital in Kingston since earlier this month. He was admitted in intensive care after complaints of having breathing difficulties according to his publicist. It was revealed in local media that the singer was awaiting results from a COVID-19 test after showing symptoms.

News of the five-time

Grammy nominee’s ill-health came just weeks after his last known performance, on a national live-stream during Jamaica’s Emancipation and Independence celebrations in August.

A family statement said Hibbert died Friday at University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, surrounded by family.

Ziggy Marley, son of Bob Marley, tweeted about the death saying he spoke with Hibbert a few weeks ago and, “told him how much i loved him we laughed & shared our mutual respect,” adding, “He was a father figure to me.”

A muscular ex-boxer, Hibbert was a bandleader, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist and showman whose concerts sometimes

ended with dozens of audience members dancing with him on stage. He was also, in the opinion of many, reggae’s greatest singer, so deeply spiritual he could transform “Do re mi fa so la ti do” into a hymn. His raspy tenor, uncommonly warm and rough, was likened to the voice of Otis Redding and made him more accessible to American listeners than many reggae artists. Original songs such as “Funky Kingston” and “54-46 That’s My Number” had the emotion and call and response arrangements known to soul and gospel fans. Hibbert even recorded an album of American hits, “Toots In Memphis,” which came out in 1988.

Never as immersed in

politics as his friend and great contemporary Bob Marley, Hibbert did invoke heavenly justice in “Pressure Drop,” preach peace in “Revolution,” righteousness in “Bam Bam” and scorn his 1960s drug arrest and imprisonment in “54-46 That’s My Number.” He also captured, like few others, everyday life in Jamaica in the years following its independence from Britain in 1962, whether telling of wedding jitters (“Sweet and Dandy”) or of trying to pay the rent (“Time Tough”). One of his most popular and surprising songs was his reworking of John Denver’s nostalgic “(Take Me Home) Country Roads,” with the setting changed from West Virginia to a world Hibbert knew so well.

As with other reggae stars, Hibbert’s following soared after the release of the landmark 1972 film, “The Harder They Come,” which starred Jimmy Cliff as a poor Jamaican who moves to Kingston and dreams of a career in music. The Jamaican production was a word of mouth hit in the U.S. and the soundtrack, often ranked among the greatest in movie history, included the Maytals’ “Pressure Drop” and “Sweet and Dandy.” Hibbert also appeared in the film, as himself, recording “Sweet and Dandy” in the studio while Cliff’s character looks on with awe. Around the same time, the Maytals signed with Island Records and released the acclaimed album “Funky

Kingston,” which the critic Lester Bangs called “the most exciting and diversified set of reggae tunes by a single artist yet released.” (The album would eventually come out in two different versions).

By the mid-1970s, Keith Richards, John Lennon, Eric Clapton and countless other rock stars had become reggae fans and Hibbert would eventually record with some of them. A tribute album from 2004, the Grammy winning “True Love,” included cameos by Richards, Bonnie Raitt, Ryan Adams and Jeff Beck. Hibbert also was the subject of a 2011 BBC documentary, “Reggae Got Soul,” with Clapton, Richards and Willie Nelson among the commentators.

Slow-moving Hurricane Sally carrying a deluge to Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Storm-weary Gulf Coast residents rushed to finish last-minute preparations Monday as Hurricane Sally chugged slowly through warm Gulf waters. Forecasters predicted said the biggest threat is flooding, with as much as two feet of rain falling in some areas.

“The bottom line continues to be that Sally is expected to be a dangerous slow-moving hurricane near the coast of southeastern Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama during the next 2-3 days,” the National Hurricane Center said early Monday.

Sally is perhaps the least welcome guest among lots of company: For only the second time in recorded history, there are five tropical cyclones churning in the Atlantic basin, meteorologist Philip Klotzbach said: Paulette, Rene, Teddy and now Vicky also are spinning over ocean waters.

In the Old Town neighborhood of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Jeremy Burke, who owns the Bay Books

bookstore was picking up things from the floor in case of flooding. Outside, he said the picturesque town popular as a weekend getaway from New Orleans, about 60 miles to the west, was nearly empty.

“It’s turning into a ghost town,” he said. “Everybody’s biggest fear is the storm surge, and the worst possible scenario being that it just stalls out. That would be a dicey situation for everybody.”

The National Hurricane Center said it was too early to tell exactly where Sally would come ashore, because it’s still not known when it would make a turn to the north. At 10 a.m. local time, it was about 135 miles (220 kilometers) east-southeast of the mouth

of the Mississippi River. Its top sustained winds were 85 mph and it was moving toward the coast at just 6 mph.

People in New Orleans were watching the storm’s track intently. A more easterly landfall would likely bring the heavier rains and damaging winds onto the Mississippi coast, or east of that. Already outer bands from the storm were hitting the Florida Panhandle.

A more westerly track would pose another test for the low-lying city, where heavy rains have to be pumped out through a century-old drainage system. Officials with the Sewerage and Water Board said Sunday that all of the pumps were in operation

ahead of the storm, but the aging system is also susceptible to breakdowns.

Sally is expected to reach shore by early Tuesday, bringing dangerous weather conditions, includ-

ing risk of flooding, to a region stretching from the western Florida Panhandle to southeast Louisiana.

The Hurricane Center warned of an “extremely dangerous and life-threat-

ening storm surge” for areas outside the levee protection system that protects the greater New Orleans area stretching from Port Fourchon, Louisiana, to the Alabama/Florida border.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Sobering up changes dynamics of wife’s closest relationships

DEAR ABBY: I know I have been blessed with wonderful relationships in my life. I have been married to the same lovely man for 25 years. I am also fortunate to have had the same best friend for 40 years. The problem? They drink.

Because of past behavior, I decided to get sober two years ago. I know I won’t be able to drink socially again. I changed; they didn’t.

We are all very high-functioning alcoholics. We never miss work and lead, for the most part, productive lives. I love them both so much. My husband is supportive and adoring. My best friend and I have gone through everything together. But Abby, I can’t stand them after 8 p.m. after which they both repeat the same things over and over, and tell me how much they love me (in a slurry, sloppy way).

My life isn’t bad, but this is making me miserable. I’m not asking that they quit drinking entirely, but for the sake of our relationship, I wish they’d just slow down some. Am I wrong to ask something of them that will change what was a big part of all of our lives for so long? I’m not willing to throw away long-term relationships, but I am truly at my wits’ end. -- ODD ONE OUT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR ODD ONE OUT: Because you can’t control the behavior of anyone else, you have two choices -- change the way you react to the person(s) or end the relationship(s). In this case, I vote for the former. Because your husband and your good friend are so drunk after 8 p.m. that they can no longer clearly pronounce their declarations of affection, plan some socially distanced visits with other sober individuals a few nights a week, including support group meetings for yourself, if you’re not already attending them.

DEAR ABBY: I’m 16, and I feel as though my mother (a single parent) does not respect that I have differing political

opinions. She is very liberal and is a registered Democrat. I am very conservative and, as of a few weeks ago, a registered Republican.

When I want to leave the house, if I’m wearing any of my conservative slogan apparel, she yells at me and tells me I’m not allowed to represent “us” like “that.” I always do my best to be respectful of her beliefs and to have a civil conversation with her about politics, but she just ends up yelling at me and telling me I’m never going to get a girlfriend or find a job with my beliefs. At the same time, she’s the most loving, supportive person I know when it comes to anything BUT politics. What can I do to get her to respect who I am and what I stand for? -- FREE-THINKING GUY IN D.C.

DEAR GUY: Be patient with her and remain respectful. Because you understand that your mother is the most loving and supportive person you know (except when it comes to politics), try to accept that she’s being protective in the only way she knows how -- warning that in this current environment, expressing political beliefs can have lasting consequences. No matter what your political leanings are, as you mature I’m confident you will find a girlfriend and job that are compatible.

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DEATH NOTICES

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Governor Brown declares abnormal market disruption due to wildfires

The World

SALEM — Governor Kate Brown on Thursday issued Executive Order 20-42, declaring an abnormal market disruption as a result of the statewide wildfire emergency.

This order is in response to reports of unusual increases in lodging rates for Oregonians who have evacuated fire areas and concern that the wildfire emergency may prevent ready availability of other essential consumer goods and services.

“During a statewide emergency, it is absolutely unacceptable to price gouge Oregonians who have already been hard hit and are facing devastating loss,” said Governor Brown. “This order empowers the Attorney General and the



Governor Kate Brown

Contributed photo

Oregon Department of Justice to investigate these instances and take appropriate action if businesses are found to be in violation.”

Oregonians who believe they have been subjected to excessive prices for essential consumer goods and services due to this disruption can report these

instances to the Oregon Department of Justice through their Consumer Protection hotline at 877-877-9392. Oregonians can also visit www.OregonConsumer.gov for more information. The Oregon Department of Justice has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.

“As wildfires force thousands of Oregonians to abandon their homes, local businesses have stepped up to ensure that families can find essential goods and services at fair prices,” said Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum. “To any who would take advantage of neighbors in need, the Governor’s order on price gouging is a reminder that the Oregon Department of Justice will stop them in their tracks.”

The Executive Order is in addition to, and does not replace, Executive Order 20-06, which the Governor issued in March. EO 20-06 declared an abnormal market disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic regarding essential consumer goods and services like hand sanitizer and toilet paper; it remains in effect.

President Trump approves emergency disaster declaration for Oregon

WASHINGTON — FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available to the state of Oregon to supplement state, tribal and local response efforts to the emergency conditions in the area affected by wildfires beginning on Sept. 8, 2020, and continuing.

The President’s action authorizes FEMA to coordinate all disaster

relief efforts which have the purpose of alleviating the hardship and suffering caused by the emergency on the local population, and to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, to save lives, to protect property, public health

and safety, and to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe.

Specifically, FEMA is authorized to identify, mobilize, and provide at its discretion, equipment and resources necessary to alleviate the impacts of the emergency. Emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assis-

tance program, will be provided at 75 percent federal funding. This assistance is for Clackamas, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, and Washington counties.

Dolph A. Diemont has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal response operations in the affected area.

109 homes lost to Archie Creek Fire

The World

DOUGLAS COUNTY — The Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Board of Commissioners and agency partners held a drop-in information session Sunday afternoon at Glide High School for residents of certain areas of the Glide and Idleld Park communities which were impacted by the Archie Creek Fire.

Residents learned that in total, 109 homes have been identified as lost as a result of the fire. The specific locations of the losses are not being released at this time. Thus far, there have been no reports of fatalities or missing persons made to the Sheriff’s Office.

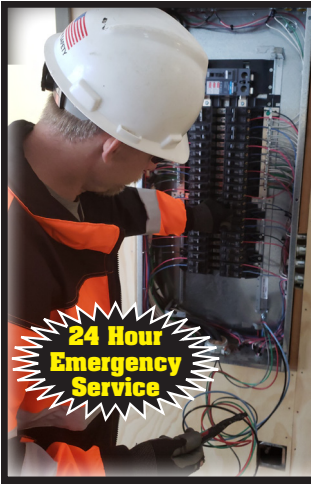
According to a press release from the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, 255 citizens attended the meeting and were able to learn about the status of their homes and meet with emotional support workers and resources such as the Douglas County Assessor’s Office, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Glide School District and Douglas Public Health Network. Representatives from Glide Rural Fire District, Douglas County Fire District #2, Douglas Forest Protective

Association, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and the Archie Creek Fire Management Team were also in attendance.

Over the last several days, Douglas County Search and Rescue personnel as well as Sheriff’s Office deputies have been gathering information regarding residential structure damage and working with Douglas County staff from Public Works to map the damage.

“On behalf of Sheriff Hanlin, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners and all Douglas County employees our heartfelt sympathies go out to all those who have been displaced and negatively impacted by this fire,” Sgt. Brad O’Dell said. “I am confident those who have lost their homes will find the support of our communities. Douglas County is a great place to live and work and we are known for rallying around each other in times of need.”

Those who would like to assist the victims of the fire, donations may be dropped off at the Glide Baptist Church or the through the Red Cross.




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Perfectly preserved Ice Age cave bear found in Russia

Associated Press

Reindeer herders in a Russian Arctic archipelago have found an immaculately preserved carcass

of an Ice Age cave bear, researchers said Monday.

The find, revealed by the melting permafrost, was discovered on the Lyakhovsky Islands with its teeth and even its nose intact. Previously scientists only had been able to discover the bones of cave bears that became extinct 15,000 years ago.

Scientists of the North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk, the premier center for research into woolly mammoths and other prehistoric species, hailed the find as groundbreaking.

In a statement issued by the university, researcher Lena Grigorieva emphasized that “this is the first and only find of its kind — a whole bear carcass with soft tissues.”

“It is completely preserved, with all internal organs in place, including even its nose,” Grigorieva said. “This find is of great importance for the whole world.”

A preliminary analysis indicated that the adult bear lived 22,000 to 39,500 years ago.

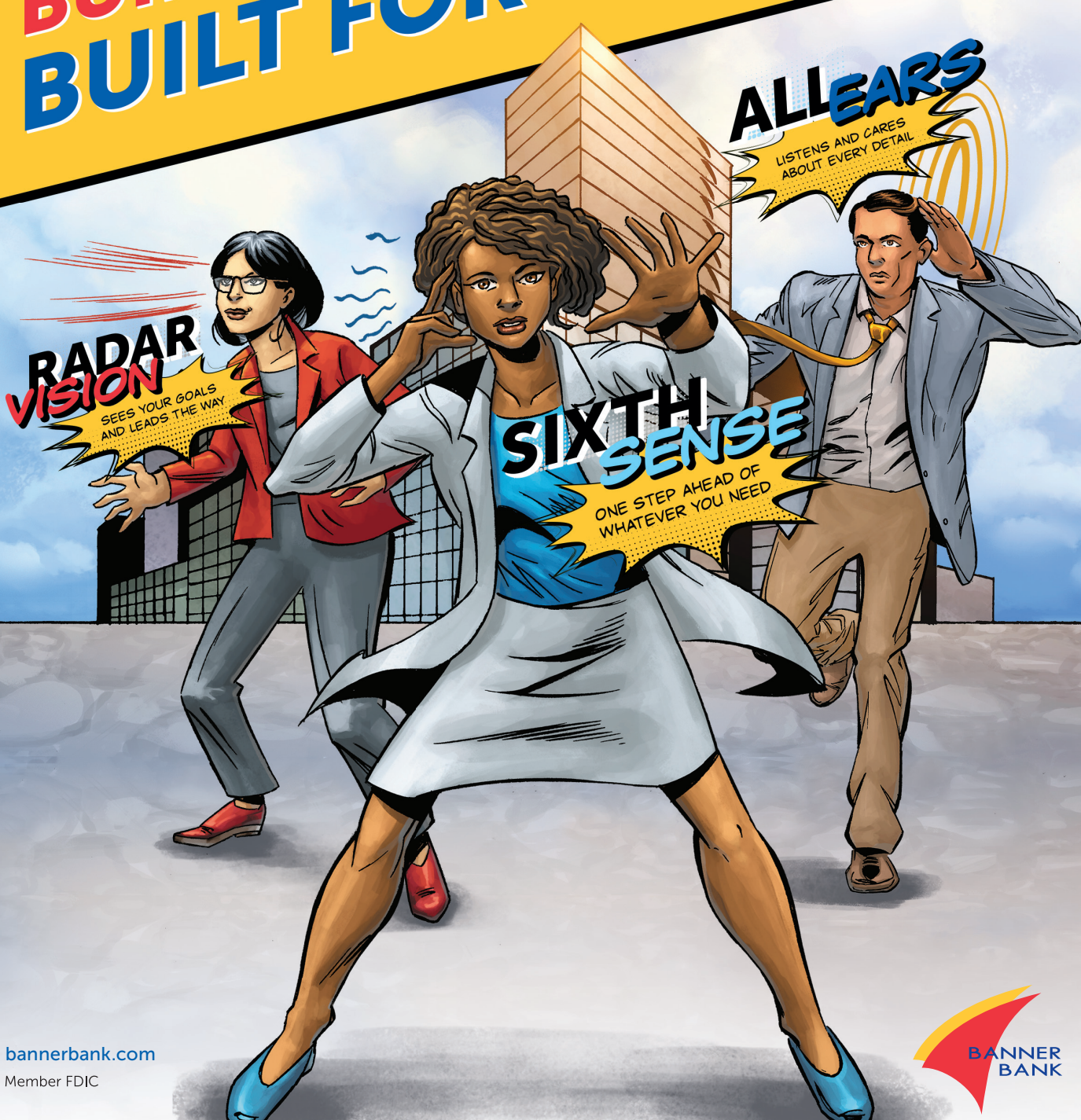
“It is necessary to carry out radiocarbon analysis to determine the precise age of the bear,” the university quoted researcher Maxim Cheprasov as saying.

The bear carcass was found by reindeer herders on Bolshoy Lyakhovsky Island. It is the largest of the Lyakhovsky Islands, which are part of the New Siberian Islands archipelago that lies between the Laptev Sea and the East Siberian Sea.

Separately, at least one preserved carcass of a cave bear cub has been found on the Russian mainland in Yakutia. Scientists are hopeful of obtaining its DNA.

Recent years have seen major discoveries of mammoths, woolly rhinos, Ice Age foal, several puppies and cave lion cubs as the permafrost melts across vast areas in Russia’s region of Siberia.

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Coastal marten receives Endangered Species Act protection

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the coastal distinct population segment of the Pacific marten, known as the coastal marten, warrants listing as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

This secretive, cat-sized mammal in the weasel family lives in coastal Oregon and northern coastal California. It requires mature, structurally complex forest stands with a dense understory. Catastrophic wildfire and historic timber harvest activities threaten habitat of this type in the species' range.

Historically, the coastal marten lived throughout the coastal forests of northwestern California and Oregon. These mammals have lost over 90% of their historical range and currently exist in four small and isolated populations.

The Service evaluated the threats to coastal marten populations including impacts from habitat loss, catastrophic wildfire,

changing climate, vegetation management, exposure to toxins, predation, trapping, vehicle mortality and potential effects associated with small and isolated populations, according to a press release from USFWS. After evaluating the latest scientific and commercial data, the Service concluded that the impact of these threats warrants listing the population as threatened.

"The Service worked closely with federal, state and local partners to help determine the best available science regarding this decision," said Paul Souza, regional director for the Service's California-Great Basin Region. "We are honored to work with such a robust and dedicated group of stakeholders to learn more about the species and find creative ways to conserve and recover the coastal marten, while reducing the potential regulatory burden on landowners."

The Service and other federal, state and private

partners are actively working to implement priority conservation actions from the recently completed conservation strategy in an effort to recover the coastal marten. High priority conservation actions include using assisted dispersal to establish new marten populations, protecting important movement corridors and other high value habitat and conducting research and monitoring to enhance conservation efforts.

The Service will use all the inherent flexibilities of the Endangered Species Act to protect species without unduly burdening private landowners and industry, the press release stated. Accordingly, the Service has finalized a special rule under section 4(d) of the ESA to accompany this listing decision. Such 4(d) rules allow the Service to exempt certain activities from the restrictions imposed by the ESA. The Service recognizes that certain forest management activities (habitat



Mark-Linnell, U.S. Forest Service

Humboldt coastal marten

management, firefighting activities, maintenance of fuel breaks and activities to remove toxicants/other chemicals) can provide long-term conservation benefits for coastal marten populations, and do not warrant additional regulatory restrictions.

"Using all the tools of the ESA, we can protect a species without unduly burdening private landowners and the 4(d) rule accompanying this listing is a perfect example," said Paul Henson, Oregon State

Supervisor for the Service. "By allowing flexibilities for certain routine forest management activities that benefit coastal marten populations, this strengthens our public-private partnership in Oregon and California around many forest species. We look forward to further engaging with these private landowners on strategic collaboration to conserve the coastal marten and to keep working forests working."

The Service is working with California State

Parks, Green Diamond Resource Company and the Yurok Tribe to develop three individual Memorandum of Understanding agreements tailored to each organization's unique land management practices. The agreements provide commitments to conservation of existing marten habitat, research and monitoring, restoration of additional habitat and an emphasis on adaptive management to allow flexibility as we learn more about marten habitat and ecology.

Pacific Power offers energy kits

The World

OREGON — Although things may be difficult right now, Pacific Power customers are not alone. More time at home means they are likely using more energy. Therefore, Pacific Power and Energy Trust of Oregon are offering residential customers in Oregon free options to help them reduce energy costs.

Now through Sept. 30, customers can choose between a Nest Thermostat-E or whole house efficiency kit, which contains 12 60w equivalent general-purpose LED light bulbs, two bathroom aerators, one kitchen aerator, one handheld showerhead, one LED nightlight and one tier 1 advanced power strip.

Only residential customers in Oregon who have not received a kit through Energy Trust of Oregon in the last six months, or a smart thermostat ever, are eligible for this offer. Only one ther-

mostat or one kit may be requested per customer.

Orders will be shipped within two to three weeks from the end of the promotion to qualified addresses.

Customers will need the first eight-digits of their Pacific Power account number, along with a valid Oregon mailing address within Pacific Power service territory to access the offer.

Who should customers contact if they have questions?

• Pacific Power for account related questions

— 1-888-221-7070

• Energy Trust of Oregon for questions about other energy efficiency offers and incentives — 1-866-368-7878

• Techniart for ordering, shipping — customer-service@techniart.com (503-505-9590 only for customers who want to order, but do not have access to the internet — this line is available Monday-Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. PST. Customers calling outside of those hours can leave a message and will be called back the next business day).

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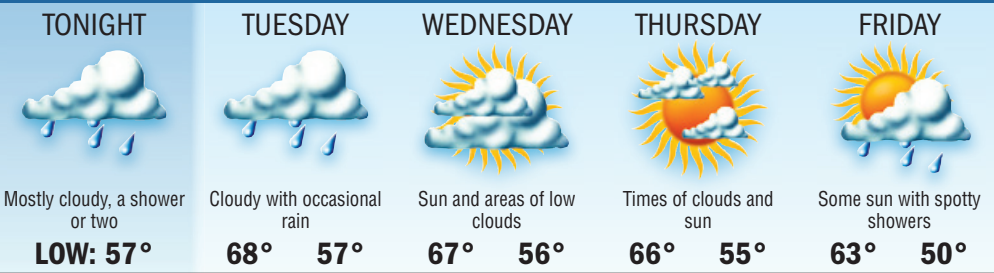
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North Bend Sunday

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	54°/49°
Normal high/low	65°/51°
Record high	90° in 1979
Record low	34° in 1970
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	Trace
Year to date	28.02"
Last year to date	42.29"
Normal year to date	38.03"

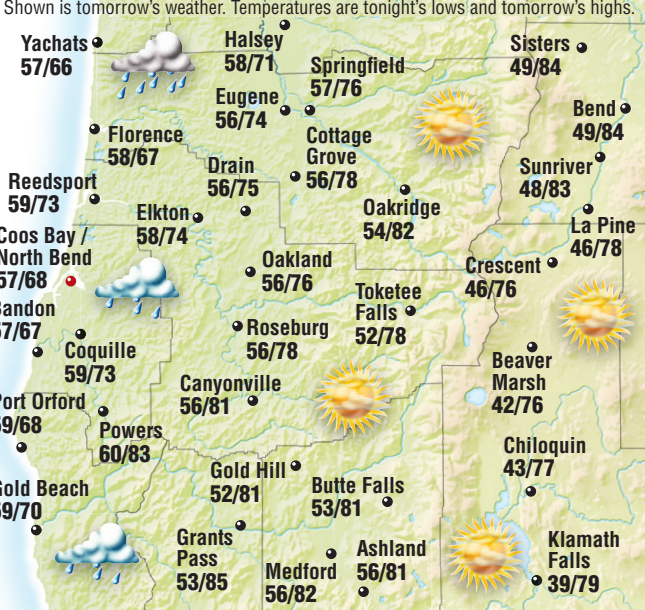
SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	7:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:57 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:27 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	7:01 p.m.



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OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Hi/Low	Prec.	Tue.	Hi/Low
Astoria	65/52	0.00		69/58/sh	
Burns	93/36	0.00		88/41/pc	
Brookings	55/46	Trace		67/58/c	
Corvallis	66/43	0.00		68/56/r	
Eugene	67/46	0.00		74/58/pc	
Klamath Falls	88/40	0.00		79/42/pc	
La Grande	85/40	0.00		86/47/pc	
Medford	72/49	0.00		82/58/pc	
Newport	59/45	0.00		63/54/r	
Pendleton	76/55	0.00		86/56/pc	
Portland	63/51	0.00		67/61/r	
Redmond	89/43	0.00		87/48/pc	
Roseburg	73/48	0.00		78/59/pc	
Salem	64/46	0.00		70/58/r	
The Dalles	66/51	0.00		80/59/pc	

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast	Curry Co. Coast	Rogue Valley	Willamette Valley	Portland Area	North Coast	Central Oregon
56°	67°	59°	70°	56°	82°	56°
67°			74°	62°	67°	58°
				70°		46°
						87°

Facelift

From A1

and historic buildings, including the Tioga Hotel, the Koski Building, the shorter white building located next door to the Tioga, the Bugge Bank Building at 201 Central Ave., and the Fletcher Building on the corner of Broadway and Anderson.

“Our intent is to fix up all these downtown buildings to a point where they are welcoming and a point of pride for the city,” Crocker said in February. “We want these buildings to welcome visitors, welcome consumers and tenants.”

Crocker is interested in the history behind the buildings purchased.

“The story behind the Tioga is that in 1924 around 150 citizens from Marshfield came together and pooled their money to build the nicest hotel in the state,” Crocker said. “It was going to rival the Governor Hotel in Portland, but basically

they ran out of money. Our intent is to bring it back to the original vision of the Marshfield citizens who lost their money.”

According to Crocker, the Tioga has been largely neglected over the last 20 years and he hopes to bring it back its former glory. With a height of 10 stories, the Tioga Building is the tallest building on the Oregon coast.

“We are absolutely going to change the face, the brand and the image of that building,” Crocker said.

At the Bugge Bank Building, 10 apartment spaces have been developed and were completed in July to accommodate students from the Oregon Health & Science University while they study in the Coos Bay Area.

Crocker also plans to renovate the inside of the Tioga Hotel building into 52 apartment units. The Koski Building, constructed in 1916 by a Finnish immigrant and tailor, will be renovated inside to house

seven units.

Crocker grew up in Reedsport, and after starting some businesses and investing in real estate, he decided he wanted to focus on developing downtown areas in rural Oregon. He said Opportas was started with building rural communities in mind.

“We hope this is the start of getting more apartments and nice living spaces down in that downtown core, so we can get more people with money to spend in our small businesses. It’s been a real struggle for some of the businesses downtown, because there’s not enough regular foot traffic and after-hours foot traffic. We’re really focusing on that.”

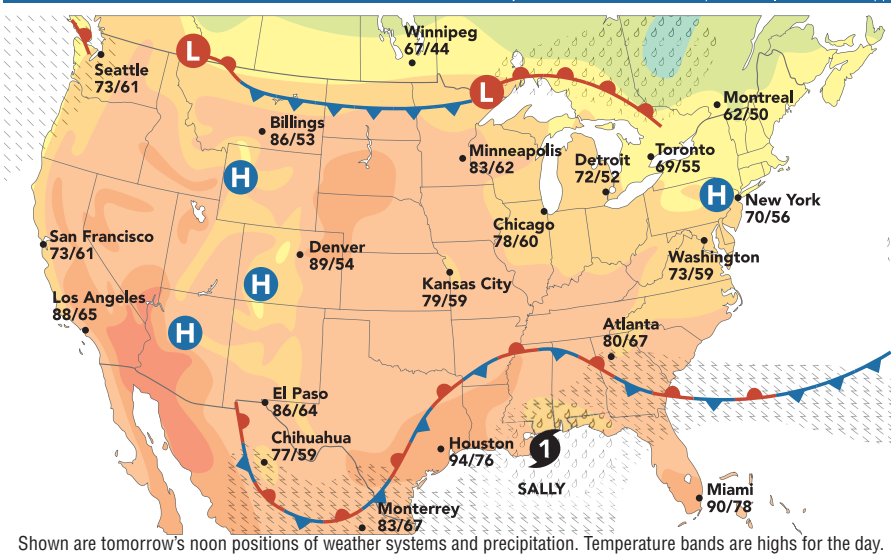
Crocker has worked with partners at Opportas to renovate eight different buildings on Main Street in Oregon City, among other projects.

Façade improvement specifics

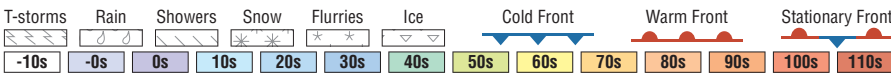
The overall project will be divided into four different façade grant projects: the

NATIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
National high: 111° at Death Valley, CA **National low:** 23° at Bodie State Park, CA

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue.	Wed.	City	Tue.	Wed.	City	Tue.	Wed.
Albuquerque	83/57/s	87/56/s	Fargo	82/51/pc	62/38/pc	Pittsburgh	73/52/s	81/61/s
Anchorage	56/50/pc	58/50/c	Flagstaff	77/42/s	81/42/s	Pocatello	88/49/s	89/48/s
Atlanta	80/67/t	72/67/sh	Fresno	95/64/pc	92/64/pc	Portland, ME	65/50/s	75/59/s
Atlantic City	70/59/s	73/67/s	Green Bay	78/63/pc	79/47/pc	Providence	69/51/s	74/62/s
Austin	90/72/t	91/71/t	Hartford, CT	69/49/s	77/58/s	Raleigh	77/60/s	79/65/s
Baltimore	72/53/s	76/60/s	Helena	85/51/pc	82/49/s	Rapid City	90/50/s	75/47/s
Billings	86/53/pc	75/49/s	Honolulu	90/74/s	90/76/s	Redding	94/56/pc	92/57/pc
Birmingham	83/71/t	75/69/sh	Houston	94/76/c	95/75/pc	Reno	91/54/pc	90/54/pc
Boise	89/58/pc	91/60/pc	Indianapolis	77/58/s	80/63/s	Richmond, VA	76/57/s	80/63/s
Boston	63/52/s	76/62/s	Kansas City	79/59/s	82/60/pc	Sacramento	89/60/pc	88/62/pc
Buffalo	69/57/s	76/61/s	Key West	89/83/pc	89/82/pc	St. Louis	81/63/s	84/67/pc
Burlington, VT	65/51/s	77/60/s	Las Vegas	102/76/s	102/76/pc	Salt Lake City	91/64/pc	92/65/pc
Caribou, ME	61/41/s	71/55/sh	Lexington	79/63/s	81/65/s	San Angelo	84/62/pc	88/60/t
Casper	87/46/pc	82/47/s	Little Rock	86/71/c	86/70/t	San Diego	83/67/s	82/67/s
Charleston, SC	83/71/pc	81/72/sh	Los Angeles	88/65/pc	89/65/pc	San Francisco	73/61/pc	74/62/c
Charleston, WV	81/58/s	83/63/s	Louisville	82/67/s	84/69/pc	San Jose	77/60/pc	80/62/pc
Charlotte, NC	80/61/c	78/66/pc	Madison	77/60/s	78/51/s	Santa Fe	82/48/s	84/47/s
Cheyenne	86/50/s	82/51/s	Memphis	87/73/sh	82/70/sh	Seattle	73/61/r	73/61/pc
Chicago	78/60/s	83/62/s	Miami	90/78/s	89/78/pc	Sioux Falls	87/59/s	78/49/pc
Cincinnati	78/60/s	80/66/pc	Milwaukee	77/61/s	80/58/s	Spokane	78/57/pc	83/57/pc
Cleveland	72/54/s	79/60/s	Minneapolis	83/62/s	73/47/pc	Springfield, IL	79/55/s	81/58/pc
Colorado Spgs	84/56/s	83/52/s	Missoula	82/50/pc	85/48/pc	Springfield, MA	68/45/s	76/57/s
Columbus, OH	76/55/s	81/63/s	Nashville	84/68/t	80/68/pc	Syracuse	69/50/s	80/61/s
Concord, NH	68/41/s	78/54/s	New Orleans	81/75/r	86/75/r	Tampa	88/76/t	89/77/t
Dallas	86/71/pc	88/70/t	New York City	70/56/s	75/63/s	Toledo	75/50/s	81/58/s
Dayton	77/55/s	82/62/s	Norfolk, VA	75/66/pc	79/69/pc	Trenton	70/52/s	75/59/s
Daytona Beach	87/75/sh	88/75/c	Oklahoma City	81/62/pc	84/62/t	Tucson	97/69/s	101/71/t
Denver	89/54/s	86/56/s	Olympia, WA	72/57/sh	75/55/c	Tulsa	83/65/pc	85/66/t
Des Moines	82/60/s	82/55/s	Omaha	83/61/s	84/57/s	Washington, DC	73/59/s	78/64/s
Detroit	72/52/s	78/58/s	Orlando	89/74/pc	90/75/sh	W. Palm Beach	89/77/pc	89/77/pc
El Paso	86/64/s	91/64/s	Philadelphia	72/53/s	76/61/s	Wichita	80/60/s	86/61/pc
Fairbanks	63/44/c	55/42/sh	Phoenix	104/80/s	107/79/s	Wilmington, DE	71/54/s	76/60/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Prec.-precipitation.

lot will be completed at the applicant’s sole expense.

The Downtown Facade Improvement Program grant currently offers a 50% grant match opportunity equal to low bids received for improvements, provided to downtown property owners to upgrade their building facades. Under the program terms, the owner is responsible for the other 50% of the facade improvement costs. The 50% provided by the agency is provided to the applicant property owner upon completion of the project.

“With city authorization, stucco repair and prep for the buildings has been underway, and painting of the buildings should be completed, weather permitting by Nov. 25 (before Thanksgiving),” Crocker wrote in the application.

The Tioga sign will be restored by Dec. 31 and the painting completed by March 31, 2021. All work, even with unexpected delays, should be complete by June 1, 2021, according to Crocker.

Fires

From A1

California, 24 people have died, and one in Washington state. Thousands of homes and other buildings have burned.

Barbara Rose Bettison, 25, left her farm among the trees and fields of Eagle Creek, outside Portland, when a sheriff’s deputy knocked on her door Tuesday. They drove away on a road that became an ominous dividing line, with blue skies on one side and the other filled with black and brown smoke.

She took shelter at an Elks Lodge near Portland, where evacuees wrapped themselves in blankets and set up tents out back.

“It’s terrifying. We’ve never had any form of natural disaster,” she said.

Bettison, a UPS driver, was able to get out with her chickens, rabbits and cats. She hasn’t been back, but neighbors said it is so smoky they can’t see their hands in front of their faces.

North Bank

From A1

Since the fire was in the county, it was under the direction of the Coos Forest Protective Association, with assistance from a crew of Bandon firefighters, and trucks and crews from most fire departments in the county, large and small.

Bandon Fire Chief Lanny Boston said it was

a humbling experience and he learned a lot about wildfires that morning.

“It blew up, and in four hours, it had grown to 300 acres,” Boston said. “It was a good learning experience for everyone, including me. I’ve never quite seen what I saw out there that morning.”

He said it was even harder to fight than gorse would have been, because most gorse is on

flat terrain, but this fire burned up the hill and into the canyons, which made it more difficult to battle, even though gorse burns hotter.

He said the outcome could have been much different had it not been for the helicopters who arrived on scene.

“They were able to see from the air where the fire was spreading and could drop water where it was needed. If we had

not had the air support, it could have gone clear to the sea,” said Boston, explaining that it could have traveled down the river and out to the ocean in the vicinity of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort and Bullards Beach State Park.

He credited the homeowners as part of the reason that no homes burned.

“They had done a good job of maintaining that

defensible space around their homes, keeping brush away, and they did not have cedar shakes for

siding or cedar roofs,” said Boston, who has been chief of the local department for 45 years.

Vacation

From A1

in the City Hall council chambers.

Comments for the City Council for either meeting regarding the proposed right of way vacation may be presented in person or

provided in writing in advance to Public Works and Community Development Director Jim Hossley via the USPS at Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay Oregon 97420. Comments by email are also welcome to jhossley@coosbay.org. For questions, call 541-269-8918.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Friday's closing quotes:					
Stock	Close				
Intel	49.28	49.41	NW Natural	46.21	46.37
Kroger	34.37	32.83	Skywest	34.66	34.58
Microsoft	204.15	205.59	Starbucks	85.27	86.63
Nike	118.00	119.32	Umpqua Hldgs	11.21	11.43
			Weyerhaeuser	28.43	28.96
			Xerox	19.09	19.24
			Levi Strauss	13.27	13.68
			Dow Jones closed at	27,987.18	
			NASDAQ closed at	11,056.78	
			S&P 500 closed at	3,383.41	
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MegaMillions Sept. 11 3-15-42-48-56 Megaball: 13 Multiplier: x2 Jackpot: \$119 million	Powerball Sept. 12 16-17-20-53-67 Powerball: 4 Multiplier: x2 Jackpot: \$94 million	Megabucks Sept. 12 1-14-20-52-34 Jackpot: \$1.8 Million	Win For Life Sept. 12 2-60-62-76
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Alec Mills throws no-hitter for Cubs

MILWAUKEE (AP) — From college walk-on to major league starter, Chicago Cubs right-hander Alec Mills had to earn most every break he got.

On the brink of big league history, he was happy to welcome this bit of luck: expecting to see two-time batting champion Christian Yelich in the on-deck circle, Mills looked over and saw his backup instead.

“That kind of surprised me,” he said.

This one surprised just about everyone.

Mills cruised through baseball’s second no-hitter this season in just the 15th start of his career, completing the gem in a 12-0 romp over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Mills got Jace Peterson — who replaced Yelich, the 2018 NL MVP, on defense late in the blowout — to hit a routine grounder to shortstop Javier Baez with two outs in the ninth. Baez completed the play, and the Cubs swarmed around Mills, tearing off his cap and pulling at the smiling right-hander’s uniform after his first career complete game.

“It just hasn’t really hit me yet,” the 28-year-old said. “It’s kind of crazy, I didn’t even know how to celebrate. Just something that all came together today. Obviously a memory I’ll have forever.”

Mills (5-3) threw 114 pitches and hardly had any close calls in Chicago’s 16th no-hitter. Avisail

Garcia almost got to him twice, hitting a line drive to right in the first and nearly legging out an infield hit to shortstop in the sixth. Garcia crossed first and immediately called to the Brewers dugout for a review, but after a very brief stoppage, the Brewers opted not to challenge.

Mills would have faced Garcia again in the ninth, but Milwaukee manager Craig Counsell pulled the 2017 All-Star along with Yelich in the eighth with his team trailing big. Mills struck out Garcia’s replacement, Tyrone Taylor, for the second out in the ninth.

“Taylor hitting there and then Peterson, I had no idea they were in the game,” Mills said.

Mills struck out five and

walked three. His five strikeouts are the fewest in a Cubs no-hitter since Ken Holtzman in 1969. He only induced five swings and misses, tied with Oakland’s Dallas Braden during his perfect game in 2010 for fewest in a no-hitter since at least 1988, per Stats Inc.

“I can promise you it was not a slow heartbeat,” Mills said. “I had to kind of take a seat and calm myself down. It was tough. I had to take a lot of deep breaths and get into a good mindset.”

Chicago White Sox ace Lucas Giolito threw baseball’s other no-hitter this season against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Aug. 15.

Mills was a 22nd-round draft pick by Kansas City in 2012 and had Tommy John surgery in 2013. He had started just six

major league games prior to this season but cracked Chicago’s rotation because of an injury to Jose Quintana.

He went 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA in his first two starts, struggled in his next five but pitched solidly Tuesday against the Reds with six shutout innings. The no-hitter dropped his ERA to 3.93.

Not bad for a player who didn’t get a college scholarship. Mills was a walk-on at Tennessee-Martin.

“Never give up,” Mills said. “You know, some people are going to tell you you can’t do it or you’re not good enough. That’s just one person. So just keep working. Just persevere.”

Please see **No-hitter**, Page B3



John Gunther Photos, The World

Griff Smith (Junior Stingers), left, and Brody Montgomery (America’s Mattress Super Late Models) were crowned track champions at Coos Bay Speedway on Saturday.

Speedway crowns 2020 champions

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — It was a night of celebration for a trio of Bandon drivers, even though only one of them one his race at Coos Bay Speedway.

The oval track crowned its champions and three of the winners were veteran racers from Bandon. Two others came from the Willamette Valley and the sixth was from North Bend, in what was the tightest season race at the speedway.

The only one of the trio of Bandon season champions to win his main event Saturday was the one who has won all of them this year, and last — 13-year-old Griff Smith.

Smith repeated as champion of the Junior Stingers class and won a main event that was cut short because of too many incidents that led to restarts among a field of 14 young drivers — the classification is for those 11 to 14 years old.

In an unusual situation, though, he had to race form the back because he wasn’t able to



Ken Fox won the Street Stocks division with his finish on the final night of the season at Coos Bay Speedway.

complete a heat race because of a mechanical issue with his car.

“It was a little nerve-wracking at the start,” Smith said of having to start in the back of the pack.

Asked if he was impatient to get to the front, he simply said, “always.”

After several restarts because of first-lap issues, Smith quickly worked his way to the front of the pack and won easily, beating runner-up Jordan Wheeler of Florence and Alex Butler of Bandon. They were followed by Cameron Metzger of Coos

Bay and Lily Metzger of Myrtle Point.

Butler and James Shingleton, another Florence driver, won the two heat races.

Smith won every main event for the second straight season in the division.

“It was a very fun season,” he said, adding that he still can improve next year in his final season in the Junior Stingers division.

“I need to hold my line better,” he said, adding that he also needs to improve on his passing.

The other two Bandon cham-

pions were Brody Montgomery in the America’s Mattress Super Late Models division and Trace Fugate in the Sportsman Late Models class.

Montgomery won the division for the second time in three years essentially by finishing the main event, edging fellow Bandon racer Braden Fugate and Jason Johnson of Gresham.

The main event was won by Preston Luckman, last year’s track champion, who started in the second row and led the entire way after moving to the front. Braden Fugate was second, Montgomery third and Johnson fourth. Fugate and Montgomery won the heat races.

“I had a good season,” Montgomery said. “I didn’t get off to a good start. I turned it into a fairly decent season.”

Montgomery won two of the last four main events and finished in the top five every race, taking the title with his consistency.

“It’s good to be back on top,” he said.

Please see **Speedway**, Page B3

COVID-Style Pre participants need to use sidewalks

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — Participants in Saturday’s unofficial COVID-Style Prefontaine Memorial Run are asked to follow sidewalks along the entire route, since it will be open to traffic.

That includes using crosswalks for all road crossings, including through the downtown area from the traditional start at Fourth Street and Anderson Avenue. Runners should use the crosswalk with the flashing light near the top of Central Avenue to safely cross that busy portion of the street both on the way out and the way back during the run, which follows the traditional course out Ocean Boulevard. There are sidewalks available for nearly the entire course, which finishes as usual on the track at

Marshfield High School.

The track will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for runners who participate in the event. Runners can check in with volunteers any time between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the corner of Fourth and Anderson and will be required to fill out a waiver form, pass a temperature test (anyone with a temperature above 100.4 will be asked to return home) and get a stamp on their hand that will allow them access to the track at the end of the run. They will need to have face masks with them when checking in and maintain social distancing of 6 feet. There is no participation fee.

Volunteers will keep a list of participants for potential contact tracing.

Officials hope the wide range of times available for people to

participate in the run will naturally lead to a lack of large groups and proper social distancing. Runners are encouraged to support each other on the course, but won’t be allowed to gather in the stadium after they finish, instead being asked to leave through the same gate they enter.

And runners are reminded there are no traditional elements of support for the run — no police escort, medical personnel, porta-potties or water stations along with the road being open to traffic.

“Anyone who participates assumes the risk of road running or walking,” officials said. “Anyone who participates must follow the rules of the road and use the sidewalks (not bike lanes) and crosswalks along the course.

“Your life is worth the few min-

utes it takes for crossing a cross walk. Besides, who are we kidding, nothing has been the same in our community since March — don’t anticipate the course to be 100 percent the same either.”

Saturday would have marked the 41st edition of the Prefontaine Memorial Run. Officials hope to be able to return to normal next year in the run that traditionally draws more than 1,000 runners and walkers, including high school teams from all over Western Oregon.

The race was officially canceled in May, but members of the South Coast Running Club and race coordinators wanted to encourage runners who wanted to take part to run the course Saturday anyway.

For more on the history of the run, as well as past results, visit www.prefontaineerun.com.

LeBron has Lakers back in Western finals

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers are going to the conference finals for the first time in a decade, ending the longest drought in franchise history.

LeBron James is going there for the first time since 2018. For him, that also qualifies as ending a drought.

James scored 29 points and the Lakers wrapped up their first trip to the Western Conference finals since 2010 by topping the Houston Rockets 119-96 on Saturday night in Game 5 at Walt Disney World.

“It’s the reason I wanted to be a part of this franchise, to take them back to a place that they were accustomed to being — and that’s competing for a championship,” James said. “It’s an honor for me to wear the purple and gold, and for us, we just try to continue the legacy.”

Kyle Kuzma scored 17 points, Markieff Morris had 16, Danny Green added 14 and Anthony Davis finished with 13 for the top-seeded Lakers. They will play either the second-seeded Los Angeles Clippers or third-seeded Denver Nuggets for the West title in a series that won’t begin before Wednesday. The Nuggets beat the Clippers on Sunday to force a Game 7 in that series.

James is going to the conference finals for the 11th time overall — six with Cleveland, four with Miami and now with the Lakers. It’s his ninth time getting to this round in the last 10 seasons; the one miss in that stretch was last season, when his inaugural year with the Lakers fell apart because of injury and the team missed the playoffs.

“The opportunity to play for a championship, that’s what we’re all here for, that’s what we all signed up for,” James said.

James Harden scored 30 points, Jeff Green scored 13 and Russell Westbrook had 10 for Houston.

“Tough season for us,” Harden said. “Obviously, it didn’t end like we wanted it to. Just got to figure it out.”

And now that the offseason is here, the speculation about coach Mike D’Antoni’s future will ramp up. His contract with the Rockets is now complete, the sides couldn’t agree on terms of any extension a year ago, and he’s been mentioned as a candidate for the vacancies in Indiana and Philadelphia.

“We’ve got a great organization, great city, great fans, team’s great,” D’Antoni said. “I mean, everything’s good here. We’ll see what happens, but I couldn’t ask for a better situation. I had four years and hopefully it keeps going. You just never know.”

It was a tough end to a tough week for the Rockets.

Houston won Game 1 of the series and lost the next four. Saturday’s finale came a day after Danuel House — who averaged 11.4 points in nine playoff games this season — was told to leave the bubble. An NBA investigation showed he had an unauthorized guest in his room for several hours earlier this week, and he missed the last three games of the series.

Slovenian racers set up for Tour de France showdown

Associated Press

There is only one big question left to be answered at the Tour de France: Which Slovenian will stand on the top of the podium on Sunday on the Champs-Elysees?

Baring a crash, or an unexpected event like a positive COVID-19 test, the final week of racing should offer a showdown between the Jumbo-Visma team leader Primož Roglič and his young challenger Tadej Pogacar, who rides for the UAE Emirates team.

The two rivals from Slovenia have proved their superiority in the big climbs that punctuated the route over the past two weeks. They are only separated by 40 seconds in the general classification ahead of the race's six remaining stages, which will provide more action in high mountains and an individual time trial before the traditional procession into Paris.

"It's been a long time since I have not been at home, especially in Slovenia, but for sure it might be really crazy and nice," Roglič said.

After defending champion Egan Bernal cracked during Sunday's grueling ascent to the Grand Colombier to lose more than seven minutes in the Jura mountains, the pair's closest opponent is another Colombian, Rigoberto Uran, who is lagging 1:34 behind Roglič overall.

Ahead of Tuesday's mountain stage to the ski station of Villard-de-Lans, fourth-place Miguel Angel Lopez has a 1:45 deficit, while Adam Yates, Richie Porte and Mikel Landa trail by more than two minutes.

The time difference is not that big, but the way Roglič's team has been controlling the race so far does not bode well for Uran and the handful of riders who still hope they can turn things around.

Using an efficient and simple strategy displayed by the mighty Ineos team in previous years, Jumbo-Visma has dethroned the British outfit as the most potent squad. Their attrition technique is not tactically complicated, requiring a group of strong riders capable of setting a fast and steady tempo in ascents to break up the pack and prevent rivals from launching attacks.

That's exactly what they managed on the Grand Colombier. On the steep ascent of the mountain, Roglič's Belgian teammate, Wout van Aert, put in an impressive stint that proved fatal to Bernal and Nairo Quintana's ambitions. Tom Dumoulin, a former Tour runner-up now riding in support of Roglič, then led the reduced pack of favorites until the final 600 meters, when the race leader finally attacked.

Unlike Roglič, Pogacar has to deliver alone. His team is lacking collective strength and the 21-year-old Tour rookie has drawn praise for his aggressive and clever racing.

Pogacar beat Roglič in a sprint at the top of the Grand Colombier to claim a second stage win Sunday and reduced his overall deficit thanks to a time bonus. But his options to seize the yellow jersey are not many. He first needs to try to isolate his compatriot in the Alps, then gain more time in Saturday's race against the clock at the Planche des Belles Filles. Pogacar beat Roglič in the Slovenian time trial championships earlier this year.

Keselowski dominates NASCAR race

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Brad Keselowski entered NASCAR's playoffs certain he has as good a chance at the Cup championship as favorites Kevin Harvick and Denny Hamlin.

He even predicted he'd win at Richmond Raceway.

His confidence was justified as Keselowski dominated Saturday night at Richmond Raceway, leading 192 laps in the second playoff race and advancing into the next round.

On a night when the only caution flags were scheduled by NASCAR, leading to plenty of green-flag pit stops that jumbled the leaderboard, Keselowski kept rising to the top.

"I tell you, it's a chess game and I got blinders on," Keselowski said. "I don't know what everybody is doing and who is where and who is on what strategy, but (crew chief) Jeremy Bullins, the whole 2 team, excellent performance."

Harvick, the title favorite, won last week's opener to earn the automatic berth into the second round. Hamlin, derailed at his home track of Richmond by a speeding penalty, finished 12th but still advanced into the next round based on points.

Martin Truex Jr. finished second at Richmond, followed by Keselowski teammate Joey Logano and Austin Dillon, who has opened the playoffs with back-to-back top-five finishes for the first time in his career. Harvick finished seventh.

Buccaneers lose first game with Brady as QB

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NEW ORLEANS — Tom Brady threw two interceptions in his Tampa Bay debut, Alvin Kamara scored touchdowns running and receiving, and the New Orleans Saints beat the Buccaneers 34-23 on Sunday.

The first of Brady's interceptions led to Kamara's 6-yard touchdown run. The second pick thrown by the new, 43-year-old Bucs QB — who left the New England Patriots in free agency after 20 years and six Super Bowl triumphs — was returned 36 yards for a touchdown by Janoris Jenkins.

Neither quarterback was statistically exceptional in this first-ever NFL game featuring two quarterbacks in their 40s. The 41-year-old Drew Brees passed for 160 yards and two TDs, but he also avoided critical mistakes. He did not turn over the ball and took only one sack. His first TD pass was a dump-off to Kamara from 12 yards. In the fourth quarter he hit free-agent signing Emmanuel Sanders for a 5-yard score.

Few witnessed this historically significant quarterback matchup in person, with government leaders and the Saints having agreed that no fans should attend the opener amid the coronavirus pandemic. That turned the normally deafening 73,000-seat Superdome into more of an echo chamber. When Wil Lutz's field goal put New Orleans up 17-7, the squeaking of pulleys could be heard across the stadium as the net behind the goal post was lowered.

RAMS 20, COWBOYS 17: Malcolm Brown rushed for a career-high 79 yards and two touchdowns, Jared Goff passed for 275 yards and Los Angeles opened SoFi Stadium with a victory over Dallas.

Robert Woods had six catches for 105 yards to help the Rams improve to 4-0 in season openers under coach Sean McVay and spoiled the debut of Mike McCarthy, Dallas' first new head coach in a decade.

Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 96 yards and a touchdown and caught another scoring pass, but the Cowboys began a season of high expectations by losing three starters to injury in the first half and then failing to mount a late comeback in a scoreless fourth quarter for both teams.

CARDINALS 24, 49ERS 20: DeAndre Hopkins had a career-high 14 catches for 151 yards in his Arizona debut and set up Kenyan Drake's 1-yard TD run with 5:03 to play.

Kyler Murray threw for 230 yards and a touchdown and ran for 91 yards and another score to help the Cardinals overcome a pair of fourth-quarter deficits to beat the defending NFC champion 49ers in a smoky opener at an empty stadium.

CHARGERS 16, BENGALS 13: Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow ran 23 yards untouched for a touchdown — the best moment of his NFL debut — but the Chargers roughed him up and rallied.

Playing in empty Paul Brown Stadium, Burrow got his first snaps in the NFL and learned the hard way what it's like to face a tough front line.

The Bengals also had an in-character finish. A.J. Green was called for offensive interference in the end zone in the closing seconds, and Randy Bullock missed a 31-yard field goal try with 2 seconds left and pulled up lame.

WASHINGTON 27, EAGLES 17: Peyton Barber ran for two touchdowns and Dwayne Haskins rallied Washington from a 17-point deficit.

After falling behind 17-0 following a pair of touchdown passes by Carson Wentz, Washington relied on a punishing defense and opportunistic offense in its first game since owner Dan Snyder finally agreed to change the team's name and former employees alleged sexual harassment in the organization.

Wentz was sacked eight times and threw two costly interceptions behind an injury-depleted offense line featuring two guys — right tackle Jack Driscoll and right guard Nate Herbig — starting their first career games.

RAVENS 38, BROWNS 6: Looking every bit like the reigning NFL MVP, Lamar Jackson threw for 275 yards and three touchdowns, ruining Kevin Stefanski's debut as Cleveland's head coach in a game played without fans in attendance.

Facing a Cleveland secondary depleted by injuries, Jackson completed 20 of 25 passes and racked up a team-high 45 yards on the ground. A year ago, the multi-faceted star set an NFL single-season record for yards rushing by a quarterback and threw 36 TD passes.

PATRIOTS 21, DOLPHINS 11: Cam Newton looked just fine as Tom Brady's replacement, rushing for two touchdowns.

Newton rushed for 15 times for 75 yards and threw for 155 yards, leading a Patriots offensive attack that did most of its damage on the ground in their first game since the departure of Brady to Tampa Bay as a free agent. Sony Michel added a touchdown for New England, which had

NFL Schedule	
Thursday's Games	
Kansas City 34, Houston 20	
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Green Bay 43, Minnesota 34	
Jacksonville 27, Indianapolis 20	
Las Vegas 34, Carolina 30	
Buffalo 27, N.Y. Jets 17	
Seattle 38, Atlanta 25	
Washington 27, Philadelphia 17	
New England 21, Miami 11	
Baltimore 38, Cleveland 6	
Chicago 27, Detroit 23	
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Tennessee at Denver, late	
Thursday, Sept. 17	
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Sunday, Sept. 20	
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 10 a.m.	
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Detroit at Green Bay, 10 a.m.	
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.	
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San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.	
L.A. Rams at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.	
Atlanta at Dallas, 10 a.m.	
Denver at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.	
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.	
Washington at Arizona, 1:05 p.m.	
Baltimore at Houston, 1:25 p.m.	
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m.	
New England at Seattle, 5:20 p.m.	
Monday, Sept. 21	
New Orleans at Las Vegas, 5:15 p.m.	

217 of its 357 yards on the ground. Newton was 15 of 19 passing.

PACKERS 43, VIKINGS 36: Aaron Rodgers took full advantage of the young cornerbacks and the empty stadium in Minnesota, beginning his 13th season as Green Bay's starting quarterback by passing for 364 yards and four touchdowns.

Davante Adams was predictably the biggest beneficiary with a career-high, franchise-record-tying 14 catches for 156 yards and two scores.

SEAHAWKS 38, FALCONS 25: Russell Wilson was cooking right from the start, throwing four touchdown passes. With the Falcons not allowing fans for at least their first two home games because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Seahawks took advantage of what was essentially a neutral site to pull away in the second half.

Wilson completed 31 of 35 passes for 322 yards, throwing a pair of TD passes in the first quarter as Seattle built a 14-12 halftime lead, adding two more in the third quarter to put the Falcons away.

The biggest one came after the Falcons made what looked to be a crucial stop, leaving the Seahawks with fourth-and-5 at the Atlanta 38. The offense stayed on the field, but instead of going for the first down with a short throw, Wilson lofted one to DK Metcalf, who was streaking toward the end zone.

Metcalf beat cornerback Isaiah Oliver and hauled in the perfectly thrown ball without breaking stride to push Seattle to a 21-12 lead.

On the ensuing possession, Atlanta attempted a fake punt on fourth-and-2 from its 33. Blocking back Sharrod Neasman took a direct snap and had enough for the first down on a run up the middle, only to fumble the ball. It was recovered by Seattle's Freddie Swain at the 36. Five plays later, Wilson zipped his fourth TD pass of the game.

BEARS 27, LIONS 23: Mitchell Trubisky perfectly lofted a 27-yard go-ahead touchdown pass to Anthony Miller with 1:54 remaining.

Detroit drove to the Chicago 16 with a chance to win, and rookie running back D'Andre Swift dropped a pass in the end zone. Matthew Stafford threw another incomplete pass as time expired to complete the collapse.

JAGUARS 27, COLTS 20: Gardner Minshew threw three touchdown passes, including a 22-yarder to Keelan Cole in the fourth quarter, and Jacksonville stunned Indianapolis and Philip Rivers.

The Jaguars entered Week 1 as the NFL's biggest home underdogs, with talk of tanking being the most prevalent preseason topic surrounding the revamped team. The tempered expectations may have contributed to the team only being able to distribute about 14,000 tickets for the league's lone game played with fans in the stands Sunday.

Minshew gave the sparse crowd plenty to celebrate. The second-year pro completed 19 of 20 passes for 173 yards and no turnovers. He connected with DJ Chark, rookie Laviska Shenault and Cole for scores — and looked sharp all day.

RAIDERS 34, PANTHERS 30: Josh Jacobs ran for 93 yards and three touchdowns, Derek Carr threw for 239 yards and a score to spoil Matt Rhule's coaching debut.

BILLS 27, JETS 17: Josh Allen led three consecutive first-half touchdown drives, and the Bills overcame their own sloppiness and injuries to two starting linebackers.

John Brown had six catches for 70 yards and a touchdown, and Stefon Diggs finished with eight catches for a team-leading 86 yards in his Bills debut after being acquired in a trade with Minnesota in March.

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Wildfires intensify economic pain in the West

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The fires consuming the forests of California and Oregon and darkening the skies over San Francisco and Portland are also damaging a regional economy already singed by the coronavirus outbreak.

Wildfires are destroying property, running up huge losses for property insurers and putting a strain on economic activity along the West Coast that could linger for a year or more.

The credit rating agency A.M. Best estimates that insured losses from the blazes in California could top the unprecedented \$13 billion recorded in 2017 when the state was hit by three of the five costliest fires in U.S. history.

“We know that the damage is widespread, but we don’t really know how many homes, how many structures have been destroyed,” said Adam Kamins, an economist who tracks natural disasters for Moody’s Analytics. “I imagine the number is going to be an unbearably high one.”

The fires are unlikely to make much of a dent in the overall \$20 trillion U.S. economy. The financial fallout will be measured in the low billions of dollars, not in hundreds of billions or trillions. To make a nationwide impact, Kamins said, it would

take something like Hurricane Katrina in 2005, which disrupted oil supplies.

But the economic pain will be intense in areas decimated by fire, especially poor towns in rural Oregon and California, piling on at a time when many businesses have already succumbed to the pandemic-induced recession. U.S. economic activity collapsed at a record 31.7% annual pace from April through June. The virus and the steps meant to contain it have thrown millions of Americans out of work.

Fire wiped out much of the small community of Phoenix, in southern Oregon, including downtown businesses like La Tapatia, a Mexican restaurant opened in 1992.

“Good places like our own La Tapatia, but so many other family run businesses, (were) destroyed by the massive fire,” its owners informed patrons in a Facebook post, adding there was “lots to do” but they hoped to some day reopen.

Five hours away in coastal Lincoln City, Oregon, the Autobahn 101 survived, but the couple who own the German-style pub lost their home, their chickens and nearly all of their personal belongings to fire. They sleep in a back room of the roadside business.

The pub had already scaled back hours because of the pandemic, but co-owner Roy Baker was optimistic about its future and still has dreams of opening a small brewery inside a shipping container out back.

“We’re getting back on our feet,” said Baker, who temporarily reopened Sunday after rewiring the pub’s electricity and discarding food that spoiled after days without power. “Everybody’s coming together and helping each other.”

The Bakers were among thousands of Oregonians who evacuated; dozens are missing and feared dead.

In California, nearly 17,000 firefighters are battling 29 major wildfires. Since mid-August the blazes have destroyed 4,100 buildings and killed 22 people in the state. Fires have engulfed 3.3 million acres of land in California this year -- desolation greater in size than Connecticut.

“This is like living through an apocalypse,” said Sarah Trubnick from San Francisco, where smoke from the fires has blotted out the sun.

Trubnick had to temporarily close her restaurant and wine bar, the Barrel Room, in the city’s financial district two weeks ago because of the pandemic. Even her restaurateur friends who managed to stay open are

now struggling with smoke that makes outdoor seating impossible. “It’s like every day is something new,” she said.

Wildfires once did little economic damage because they occurred in remote forests. But Americans increasingly have moved into what was once wilderness, leaving themselves, and their homes and businesses more vulnerable.

In 2014, Max Nielsen-Pincus, chair of the environmental science and management department at Portland State University, and researchers from the University of Oregon and the U.S. Forest Service studied the economic impact of wildfires. They found the fires actually generated short-term economic gains in small communities as firefighters checked into local hotels and ate at local restaurants. Local laborers cleared roads and helped rebuild.

But such economic bumps are usually short-lived. By spring, affected economies typically lost momentum and fell into a period of slower growth that could last up to 18 months. Tourism could suffer because “visitors may not want to return fearing a blackened landscape,” according to the paper published in the journal Forest Policy and Economics. And economic activity such as logging can be wiped out.

Rebuilding can kick start a local economy, but a lack of resources to see those plans through can lead to “a period of limbo.”

“Urban areas like the suburbs of Portland -- they’ll probably recover pretty quickly,” Nielsen-Pincus said in an interview. “But these rural communities that are impacted by nearby fires -- this could be a drag on their economy that lasts months or years.”

He said poor rural communities, like those in Oregon’s hard-hit Santiam Canyon east of Salem, will need federal and state aid.

Wildfires have grown increasingly common. California, for instance, recorded 43 from 1980 to 1999 -- but 300 from 2000 to 2019. Oregon had no wildfires from 1980 to 1999 but 63 from over the past 20 years, according to federal data analyzed by the insurance website QuoteWizard.

All five of the costliest fires in U.S. history, measured by insured losses, have occurred in the last three years, all in California, according to the Insurance Information Institute. That includes the November 2018 Camp Fire that destroyed Paradise, California, and left more than 80 people dead and up to \$10.7 billion in insured losses.

Trump defies Nevada governor with indoor and largely maskless rally

LAS VEGAS (AP) — In open defiance of state regulations and his own administration’s pandemic health guidelines, President Donald Trump hosted his first indoor rally since June, telling a packed, nearly mask-less Nevada crowd that the nation was “making the last turn” in defeating the virus.

Eager to project a sense of normalcy in imagery, Trump soaked up the raucous cheers inside a warehouse Sunday night. Relatively few in the crowd wore masks, with a clear exception: Those in the stands directly behind Trump, whose images would end up on TV, were mandated to wear face coverings.

Not since a rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, that was blamed for a surge of coronavirus infections has he gathered supporters indoors.

“We are not shutting the country again. A shutdown would destroy the lives and dreams of millions Americans,” said Trump, before using his inflammatory moniker for the coronavirus. “We will very easy defeat the China virus.”

He didn’t mention the pandemic’s death toll — it’s killed nearly 200,000 Americans and still claiming about 1,000 lives a day.

The rally in Tulsa, which was his first in three months after the coronavirus reached American shores, was a disaster for the campaign, a debacle that featured a sea of empty seats and a rise in COVID-19 cases, including on his own staff. One prominent Trump supporter at the rally, businessman and former presidential candidate Herman Cain, died of COVID-19 weeks later, though it was not clear if he contracted the virus in Tulsa.

Recognizing that many supporters were uncomfortable to gather in a large group indoors, where the virus spreads more easily, the Trump campaign shifted to holding smaller, outdoor rallies, usually at airplane hangers. But those rallies have grown in size in recent weeks, with little social distancing and few masks.

And on Sunday, they returned indoors, in part as a nod to the Las Vegas-area heat. Temperature checks were given to all upon entrance at the industrial site in Henderson and while masks were encouraged, few wore them.

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, a

Democrat, has limited in-person gatherings indoors and outdoors to 50 people since May, a recommendation based on White House reopening guidelines. In a statement released just before the rally began, Sisolak said Trump was “taking reckless and selfish actions that are putting countless lives in danger here in Nevada.”

“To put it bluntly: he didn’t have the guts to make tough choices,” Sisolak said of Trump’s handling of the virus. “He left that to governors and the states. Now he’s decided he doesn’t have to respect our State’s laws. As usual, he doesn’t believe the rules apply to him.”

The city of Henderson informed Xtreme Manufacturing on Sunday that the event as planned was in direct violation of the governor’s COVID-19 emergency directives and that penalties would follow. The Trump campaign pushed back against the restrictions with the president saying he would support those in attendance “if the governor came after you.”

“If you can join tens of thousands of people protesting in the streets, gamble in a casino, or burn down small businesses in riots, you can gather peacefully under the 1st Amendment to hear from the President of the United States,” campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said.

To this point, the campaign has not been played out as a choice election between Trump and his Democratic opponent, Joe Biden, but rather a referendum on the president’s handling of the coronavirus. By wide margins, Americans have disapproved of Trump’s leadership, as the United States has suffered more deaths than any other nation.

Therefore, the president’s campaign believes it needs to change the subject and project the sense, despite evidence otherwise, that the pandemic was winding down and that a vaccine was on the horizon. Part of the plan: create images of normalcy, like the packed White House lawn for Trump’s convention speech, though it was unclear if viewers were reassured or frightened.

In a rambling, hourlong speech, Trump mused on mandatory prison sentences for flag burning, praised various UFC fighters in attendance

and appeared to endorse extrajudicial killings for those who target police officers. And Trump unleashed a series of attacks on Biden, labeling him a him a tired career politician and declaring him “unfit to be president.”

But, Trump ruminated, while complaining about the media’s coverage: “Maybe he’ll win because they don’t like me, they don’t like my personality.”

The crowd answered with a deafening “We love you” chant.

The rally came the night before Trump was to travel to California to receive a briefing on the devastating wildfires racing through the region. He has largely been silent on the blazes that have claimed dozens of lives in Oregon and California.

Earlier Sunday, Trump aimed for further inroads with Latinos who could prove vital in closely contested states that could determine the White House race, promoting economic gains they made before the coronavirus pandemic.

Though Trump has made scores of inflammatory and derogatory comments about Latinos, his campaign is growing confident that he has won some support that could help in Florida, Arizona and Nevada, his target this weekend.

Winning support from Latinos has been an uphill climb for Trump, whose hard-line immigration policies and sometimes virulent depiction of immigrants have alienated many Hispanics.

In the first moments of his 2016 campaign, he declared that many Mexican immigrants were “rapists.” He has drawn criticism for his tepid response to a hurricane that ravaged Puerto Rico, his policies to separate children from their families at the U.S.-Mexico border and his efforts to dismantle an Obama-era program that allows young immigrants living in the country illegally who were brought here as children to remain in the U.S.

Trump tailored his pitch to Latinos on Sunday, noting their low unemployment rate before COVID-19 reached American shores and affirming his anti-abortion stance. He again hammered home his recent push on law and order, saying that recent violence in American cities endangered Latinos. He was set to hold a similar event in Arizona on Monday.

TikTok owners pick Oracle over Microsoft as US tech partner

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Oracle said Monday that the Chinese owner of TikTok has picked the U.S. company to be its “trusted technology provider,” beating out rival Microsoft in a deal that could help keep the popular video-sharing app running in the U.S.

Oracle spokeswoman Deborah Hellinger said she was confirming remarks made by U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who told CNBC on Monday that TikTok’s parent company, ByteDance, submitted its proposal to the U.S. government for approval.

“We did get a proposal over the weekend that includes Oracle as the trusted technology partner with Oracle making many representations for national security issues,” Mnuchin said.

Mnuchin said there’s also a commitment to make TikTok’s global operations a U.S.-headquartered company with 20,000 new jobs.

TikTok said in a statement Monday that its proposal to the Treasury Department should “resolve the Administration’s security concerns” and emphasized the importance of its app to the 100 million users it claims in the U.S.

President Donald Trump’s administration has threatened to ban TikTok by Sept. 20 and ordered owner ByteDance to sell its U.S. business, claiming national security risks due to its Chinese ownership. The government worries about user data being funneled to Chinese authorities. TikTok denies it is a national security risk and is suing to stop the administration from enacting the threatened ban.

Much remains unclear about the proposed deal with Oracle, which is pointedly not referring to it as a sale or acquisition.

Any deal must still be reviewed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, known as CFIUS, a U.S. government group chaired by the Treasury Secretary that studies mergers for national security reasons. Mnuchin said he expects the group to review the proposal this week and later make a recommendation to the president.

The president can approve or deny a transaction recommended by the panel, though Trump has already voiced support for Oracle as a “great company” that could handle the acquisition.

If the arrangement is approved by the U.S. government, TikTok would be allowed to continue operating.

Microsoft said in a Sunday statement that ByteDance “let us know today that they would not be selling TikTok’s US operations to Microsoft.”

Proposals to acquire TikTok’s U.S. business raised questions among outside observers about how it would be split from the rest of TikTok’s social media platform, which is popular worldwide. ByteDance also owns a similar video app, Douyin, for the Chinese market.

Microsoft added it was “confident our proposal would have been good for TikTok’s users, while protecting national security interests.” The company said it “would have made significant changes to ensure the service met the highest standards for security, privacy, online safety, and combating disinformation.”

Walmart, which had planned to partner with Microsoft on the acquisition, said Sunday it “continues to have an interest in a TikTok investment” and is talking about it with ByteDance and other parties.

TikTok, which says it has 100 million U.S. users and about 700 million globally, is known for its fun, goofy videos of dancing, lip-syncing, pranks and jokes. It’s recently become home to more political content such as the comedian Sarah Cooper, who drew a large audience by lip-syncing Trump’s often-disjointed statements from public appearances.

But the app has also raised concerns because of its Chinese ownership. The White House has cracked down on a range of Chinese businesses, including telecom equipment makers Huawei and ZTE and messaging app WeChat, over worries that they would enable Chinese authorities to access U.S. user data. Republican and Democratic lawmakers have raised concerns about censorship and children’s privacy.

TikTok denies that it has shared user data with the Chinese government or that it would do so if asked. The company says it has not censored videos at the request of Chinese authorities and insists it is not a national-security threat.

TikTok has sued to stop the ban, but not the sale order. The negotiations have been complicated by several factors, including Trump’s repeated demands that the U.S. government should get a “cut” of any deal, a stipulation and role for the president that experts say is unprecedented.

Authorities search for man who shot LA deputies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities were continuing to search Monday for a gunman who walked up to a parked sheriff’s squad car and opened fire, critically wounding two Los Angeles County deputies in an ambush recorded on surveillance video.

Officials asked for the public’s help in identifying the gunman in a weekend ambush after officials offered a \$100,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

The 31-year-old female deputy and 24-year-old male deputy underwent surgery after the shooting Saturday evening and were expected to recover, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said Sunday.

“They performed in an admirable

fashion in spite of grave adversity,” Villanueva said during a conversation with local religious leaders. “God bless them.”

The deputies, who graduated together from the sheriff’s academy 14 months ago, were shot while sitting in their patrol car at a Metro rail station and were able to radio for help, the sheriff said.

The department has faced criticism during recent protests over racial unrest but it’s unclear if that was a factor in the shooting. Officers have only a “very, very generic description” of the shooter to go on, officials said.

Surveillance video shows a person approach the parked patrol car on foot and shoot with a handgun through the passenger-side window.

“The gunman walked up on the deputies and opened fire without warning or provocation,” the department stated.

An extended version of the video reviewed by the Los Angeles Times shows the shooter running away in the direction from which he came. He turns a corner out of the frame, past a second figure lingering on the sidewalk, according to the Times. It’s unclear if the second person was involved in the attack. A Sheriff’s Department spokeswoman declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

Moments after the shooting, the passenger door opens and a deputy stumbles out, hand on head, according to the newspaper. The driver’s-side door opens soon after.

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600 Autos/Trade

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602 Boats & Motors

12' ALUMINUM DURACRAFT boat with 3 mounted seats. Honda 4-stroke 9.9 engine. \$3500 OBO for all. Or willing to sell separately. 541-366-0160.

702 Garage Sales

Estate sale: 443 S. 20th St., Reedsport. Sept 18-19, 8am-4pm. Sept 20th 10am-2pm. Hot tub, tools, wood, mens clothing, furniture, household goods, misc items. Everything must go.

712 Furniture

For sale: solid oak headboard with cabinet and dresser drawers attached. \$500.00. 541-297-4572.

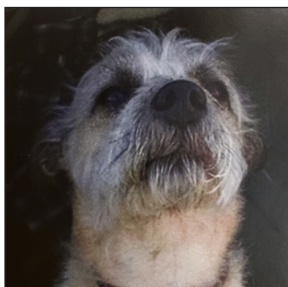
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Home for rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, sitting on 3/4 of an acre, with a fenced yard. Completely remodeled, new appliances, washer & dryer. Tenant pays sewer, water, & electricity only. A pet on approval. No smoking. Rent is \$1650/mo., \$2000 security deposit. Call 541-290-4668.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rhonda Blankenship has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of AARON LOWRY, deceased, Coos County Circuit Court Case No. 20PB02945. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months from the date of the first publication of this Notice to the Personal Representative at Willamette NW Law Firm, LLC, 1991 Garden Ave, Eugene, OR 97403, or they may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or from the Personal Representative's attorney. DATED and first published: September 15, 2020.
/s/ Rhonda Blankenship, Personal Representative
Published: September 15, 22, & 29, 2020
The World & ONPA (ID:296050)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
On September 28th, 2020, at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 1127 S. Broadway, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. The court case number is 09CV0178, where WESTERN MERCANTILE AGENCY, INC., an Oregon corporation is plaintiff, and RICKY ROBERT SMITH dba ALL COAST TRANSPORTATION INC., and ALL COAST TRANSPORTATION, INC is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregon-sheriffssales.org/>
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for the **City of Coos Bay - Newmark Bank Stabilization** will be received by electronic means only by Jennifer Wirsing, PE, City Engineer, at Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420 until 2:00 PM local time on **October 6, 2020**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The City will receive and accept Bids only through www.questcdn.com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service. No bids will be accepted after this time. The Project is for construction of: Excavate west end of Newmark Ave., install riprap, and install 60 feet of cured-in-place pipe lining. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **KPFF Inc.**; Peter Miller, PE. Bidding Documents may be viewed at www.QuestCDN.com, and at the City of Coos Bay City Hall. To be qualified to submit a Bid the Contractor must obtain the bidding documents at www.questcdn.com, QuestCDN Project No. 7303537. All pre-Bid questions shall be submitted to the City and responses will be posted on QuestCDN. All pre-qualifications for this bid are to be turned in with bid in order for bidder to be deemed responsive. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time **September 24, 2020**, at the Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Attendance at the Pre-Bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. This contract is for public work and is subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 regarding prevailing wage rates. This project is being fully funded by City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Agency. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in connection with the bids. No Bidder may withdraw their bid until thirty (30) days after the bid opening. By order of: **City of Coos Bay Jennifer Wirsing, PE, City Engineer**
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of: JOYCE CLAIRE FLEETWOOD, Deceased
Case No. 20PB05606
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Scott Howard, Kivel & Howard LLP, 1530 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205-1819, Tel: (503) 796-0909; Fax: (503) 802-4757; within four (4) months of the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred.
All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published September 1, 2020.
By: s/ Melissa McNally
KIVEL & HOWARD LLP
Attorneys at Law
P.O. Box 40044
Portland, OR 97240-0044
503.796.0909 / Fax: 503.802.4757
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999 Legal Notices

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10
1200 Sixth Avenue Suite 155, Seattle, WA 98101

Application for Treatment in a Similar Manner as a State for Water Quality Standards
The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) have applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 for treatment in a similar manner as a state (TAS) for the purpose of developing and administering water quality standards. The TAS application includes all surface waters within the boundaries of CTCLUSI's Reservation and trust lands comprising a total of approximately 14,800 acres, held in 28 individual parcels. The location of each parcel is identified in the CTCLUSI's TAS application. Waters within these parcels include fresh, estuarine, and marine waters, as well as wetlands. EPA approval of the application would allow the CTCLUSI to adopt, review, and revise water quality standards and to certify that discharges comply with those water quality standards for all surface waters within the boundaries of CTCLUSI Reservation and trust lands. EPA is currently reviewing the CTCLUSI's application and is requesting comments on the CTCLUSI's assertion of authority to regulate surface water quality in the waters described above.
For More Information: A copy of the complete TAS application with supporting documentation and maps is available for review at: <https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices/notices-search/location/Oregon>. For questions about the TAS application, contact Ted Yackulic, EPA Assistant Regional Counsel: yackulic.ted@epa.gov, (206) 553-1218 or 800-424-4372 x 1218.
Public Comments: Written comments must be submitted via email by October 16, 2020, and be directed to CTCLUSIapp@epa.gov with a courtesy copy to Mr. Richard Whitman, Director, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at ORDEQ.WQAdmin@deg.state.or.us. Please include the title "CTCLUSI application" in the subject line. TTY/TDD users please call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 and give the operator Ted Yackulic's phone number, 206-553-1218.

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Astro-Graph
Your Birthday:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2020

Finish what you start. It's time to build a solid foundation upon which to build your future. How you perceive your journey will have a lot to do with the success you achieve. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Aim to stand out, not to blend in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- As information unfolds, you will have second and third thoughts. Listen, assess and think things through before you change directions or commit to something uncertain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Listen to your inner voice and make your move. Let your emotions take charge and the world know how you feel. Saying what's on your mind will help you discover the best path to take. Don't fold under pressure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Protect your reputation. Think innovatively, and make adjustments that will protect your safety, well-being and important relationships. You can get things done today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep moving forward. Refuse to let anyone come between you and your goal. Stay on top of new technology and any economic changes that might jeopardize your financial standing. Avoid impulsive moves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- It's time to make a move. Look over your finances, and you'll find a way to improve your current situation. Let your gut feeling lead you to security and long-term success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Sit tight, be an observer and plan how best to move forward when the time is right. You can make personal improvements if you pool your resources with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Speak the truth and clear the air. Focus on building strong unions with the people who are most likely to have your back. Someone from your past will offer insight into a confusing situation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Do something that will boost your morale or help you bring about positive physical change. Start a new fitness routine or diet that will help you build strength and ward off illness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Aim to please, but not at your own expense. Offer kindness and compassion, not your cash. If the advice you offer comes from the heart, it will be well-received. Hard work will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Inconsistency is apparent. Ask questions, and be precise to avoid a misunderstanding. Emotions will flare if someone doesn't give you accurate information. Proceed with caution, and stick to the truth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You'll stumble across valuable information through conversations with friends, relatives or colleagues. Be open to suggestions, but keep an eye on your wallet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You must get things right the first time if you wish to avoid criticism or complaints. A change someone makes will leave you in an awkward position. Be prepared to proceed on your own. Romance is featured.

Rain or Shine

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TUESDAY

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	9	8	7	6	2	3	5	1
5	2	3	8	1	4	6	7	9
7	6	1	9	5	3	8	2	4

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

ACROSS

1 Pallid

4 King of gorillas

8 Margarine

12 Birthday count

13 Toledo's lake

14 Epsilon follower

15 Sable

16 Nah

17 Seaweed derivative

18 Lingerie item

20 Traverse

21 Western treaty grp.

23 Stir-fry pan

24 Enemies

27 Nongeneric swab (hyph.)

29 Region of India

32 Past due

33 Search engine find

34 Massage

35 Eureka!

36 Help out

37 Diligence

38 Play on words

39 Woodwind

40 D.A. backup

41 Qt. fractions

42 Decay

44 Dark ale

47 Sandwich (Var.)

51 Holds gently

52 Stew pods

55 Billy — Williams

56 Ogden locale

57 Raise, as kids

58 Miscellany

59 As expected

60 Data unit

61 Sea, to Yves

DOWN

1 Blow gently

2 Fit of shivering

3 Dweeb

4 Where Nairobi is

5 Sierra

6 Bite

7 Haw opposite

8 Arkansas mountains

9 Toy building block

10 LAX info

11 Paddle kin

19 Rx amount

20 Uniform wearer

22 Young pigeons

23 More rugged

24 Turkey

25 Waikiki's island

26 Bond's alma mater

28 Three musicians

29 Mardi —

30 What we have

31 Help in wrongdoing

37 Roman censor

39 Giants slugger of yore

41 Aggressive

43 Windy City airport

44 Low-drifting clouds

45 Ballerina's attire

46 October's stone

48 Eve's mate

49 Mr. Hackman

50 Trip around the sun

52 Moon, e.g.

53 Custodian's need

54 Informer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

M	O	B			M	S	G			H	U	B		
A	G	O			T	O	T	E	M	I	L	E		
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WEDNESDAY

DILBERT

WE ADDED THE FOLLOWING TRICK QUESTION TO OUR INTERVIEW PROCESS. ...

DO BLACK LIVES MATTER?

YES, OF COURSE.

SAY MORE ABOUT THAT.

I THINK ALL ...

DISMISSED!

CLASSIC PEANUTS

IF I WENT AWAY, DO YOU THINK YOU'D MISS ME?

NOPE

OH, SURE, YOU WOULD... YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT TO TEASE ME..

NOPE

HOW COME YOU NEVER TEASE ME?

FRANK AND ERNEST

IT'S BEEN HARD TO FIND SILVER LININGS IN THIS SITUATION, BUT I WAS ABLE TO BUY THIS BOAT WHEN MY DAUGHTER HAD TO SWITCH FROM A HUGE TO A TINY WEDDING.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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	7	2	9					
				5				
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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4	6	7	2	9	3	1	5	8
8	5	2	1	7	6	4	3	9
9	1	3	4	8	5	2	6	7

HOW TO PLAY:

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ACROSS

1 Moves to the beat

7 Effervescent

13 Romantic

14 Prowled

15 Neckwear holder

16 Tolerates

17 Ski instructor

18 Give — break

19 TV network

22 Pen part

24 Nods off

28 — -eared bunny

29 Fiery stack

30 Real bargain

31 Boxing's greatest

32 Jacques' friend

33 Telegraph code

34 Excellence

36 Health resort

38 Golf coup

39 Mountains or river

40 Penn or Connery

41 Phone bug

42 Vote

43 Recipe amt.

44 England's Isle of —

45 Novelist Umberto —

47 Pet shop sound

50 Salem's state

53 Wakens

57 Flea market milieu

58 Puts into words

59 Orchard produce

60 Lustrous fabric

DOWN

1 Banned bug spray

2 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"

3 Born

4 Daisy Mae's creator

5 Arab VIP

6 Thesaurus entry

7 Fiery dish

8 Govern

9 Citrus Bowl site

10 Boxing stat

11 Chop down, as a tree

12 Fabric meas.

19 Refuse to say (2 wds.)

20 Ravel opus

21 Football pass

23 Bearded flowers

25 Add oxygen

26 Computer language

27 Drowsy

29 Apply makeup

33 Checkers piece

35 Not kosher

37 Egyptian paper

40 Pebbles

46 Curly-leafed cabbage

48 Jot

49 Golf stroke on the green

50 Mouths, in zoology

51 Gym iteration

52 Psychic's power

54 Grasp the concept

55 Previous to

56 Common ID

Answer to Previous Puzzle

W	A	N			K	O	N	G		O	L	E	O	
A	G	E			E	R	I	E		Z	E	T	A	
F	U	R			N	O	P	E		A	G	A	R	
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DILBERT

WE DOUBLED OUR INCOME DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND IT ISN'T A GOOD LOOK.

WE NEED TO MAKE SOME SORT OF INSINCERE GESTURE OF SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING.

OR WE COULD ACTUALLY HELP PEOPLE.

I'M THINKING MORE ALONG THE LINES OF A SIGN IN THE FOYER.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

His wife had always hated his work.

"You'll never make any money growing toadstools," she complained.

"On the contrary," he declared. "My toadstool business is mushrooming!"

She creamed him with the electric toaster.

FRANK AND ERNEST

YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE RAN OUT?

LIKE IT WAS BEING CHASED BY A GRIZZLY BEAR.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

	6	4		9	8			
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HOW TO PLAY:

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ACROSS

- 1 Fossil fuel
5 A bit
8 Motor's sound
11 Garfield's foe
12 Natural resources
14 Osaka sash
15 Brings together
16 Hold onto
17 Ground cover
18 Not polite
20 Rum drink (2 wds.)
22 Want ad letters
23 Huh?
24 Dirty Harry portrayer
27 Stoic founder
29 Heating fuel
30 Plot
34 Huge numbers
37 Sea bird
38 Up to the task

39 "Divine Comedy" poet

- 41 Film
43 Sz. option
44 Barbarian
46 Face-to-face exams
49 MPG monitor
50 Frame of mind
52 Narrow the gap
54 Prince
55 Valiant's son
56 Seacoast eagle
57 Tell a fib
58 QB objectives
59 Misrepresent

DOWN

- 1 Milk source
2 Sappho's verse
3 Verdi opus
4 Diminish
5 Japanese metropolis

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	A	N	C	E	S		F	R	O	T	H	Y
D	R	E	A	M	Y		L	U	R	K	E	D
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- 6 "— we having fun yet?"
7 Regard as
8 Shade-loving plant
9 "Lusitania" sinker (hyph.)
10 Skirt length
13 Lays upstream

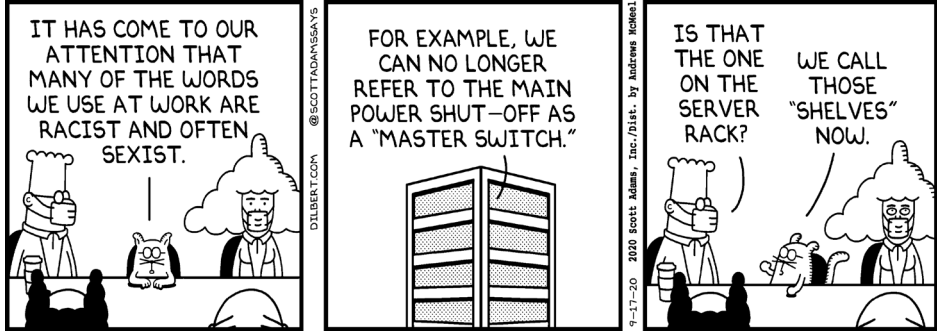
- 19 Adjust a watch
21 Flapjack chain
24 Kissin' kin
25 Caesar's 52
26 Sick
27 District
28 Coast Guard off.
30 Rank above maj.
31 Holm or Fleming
32 Habit
33 Barely make do
35 Secure a contract
36 Girders (hyph.)
39 Berlin article
40 Old sayings
41 — pants
42 Pointless
43 Ways
44 Wiener schnitzel base
45 Boor
47 Adventure
48 Trig function
51 Law (abbr.)
53 Just bought

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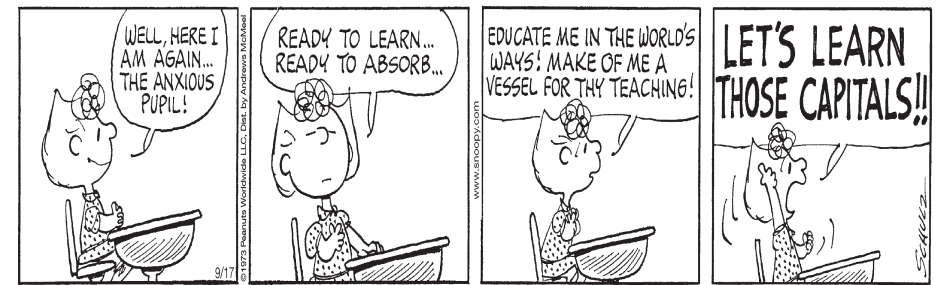
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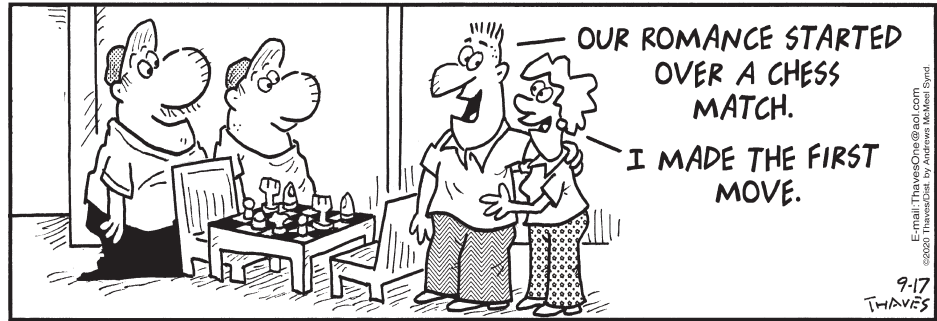
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST

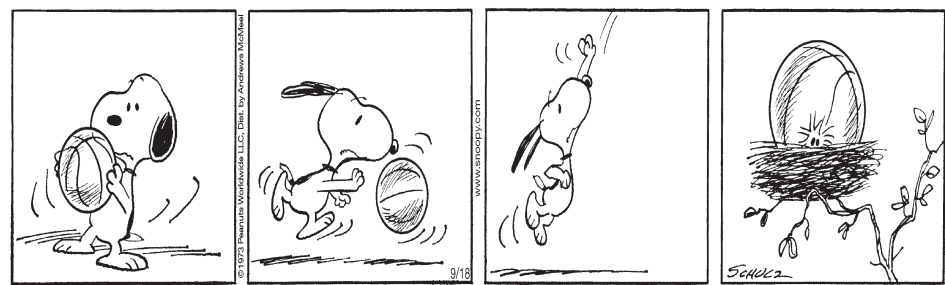


FRIDAY

DILBERT



CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

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					1			7
5				1	6	8		
	8			9		2	1	
		2		7			3	

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	6	4	3	9	8	5	2	7
8	9	2	1	5	7	4	6	3
7	5	3	4	6	2	9	8	1
4	2	9	6	3	5	1	7	8
3	7	1	8	2	9	6	4	5
6	8	5	7	1	4	3	9	2
5	3	8	2	4	6	7	1	9
2	1	6	9	7	3	8	5	4
9	4	7	5	8	1	2	3	6

HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

ACROSS

- 1 Softball or tennis
5 Express grief
8 Stick-in-the-mud
12 — Saint
13 Legume
14 Fashion magazine
15 Inch fractions
16 Rocket trajectory
17 Drawn tight
18 Wild guesses
20 Cutting instrument
22 — Kippur
23 Refrain
24 Tibet's capital
27 Burrowing rodent
30 Geological period
31 Turkish official

32 Tayback or Damone

- 34 Oils or watercolors
35 Out caller
37 Mr. Lilly
38 Alcoves
40 Held title to
42 Daiquiri need
43 Utility bill abbr.
44 Spud source
46 Approaches
49 Put one's foot —
50 Tax shelter
52 Regulations
54 Single time
55 Race the engine
56 Latin 101 word
57 Manipulated
58 Compass dir.
59 Mathematician — Descartes

DOWN

- 1 Place for a workout
2 Hertz competitor
3 Become soft
4 Dryden works
5 Twitch
6 Poet's contraction
7 Inventory

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	A	L		T	A	D			H	U	M
O	D	I	E		O	R	E	S		O	B	I
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					E	E	O			W	H	A
					C	L	I	N	T		Z	E
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						A	B	L	E		D	A
					C	I	N	E		M	E	D
					V	A	N	D	A	L	O	R
					E	P	A			M	O	O
					A	R	N			S	U	R
					L	I	E			T	D	S
												S

- 8 Charm
9 Viking name
10 Book-binder's need
11 Still
19 Jungle snake
21 Wine valley
24 Meadow
25 Auto part
26 Debate side
27 Mountain passes
28 Flush with
29 Vex
33 British FBI
35 Nope (hyph.)
36 Autobiographies
39 Boxed up
40 Get a loan
41 Ahab's vessel
43 Scoundrel
44 Hostels
45 Gambler's cubes
47 Not easily found
48 Long-necked bird
49 Chit
51 Legal matter
53 Sault — Marie

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This week in Coos County history: September 13-15

100 YEARS – 1920

Road to Sunset now impassable

Delay in improving plank highway is cause

L.J. Simpson gets stuck this morning — Bunker Hill Road also bad

As a result of the recent rains, the road to Sunset bay is today impassable for autos. L.J. Simpson, while coming into town this morning from Shoreacres, got mired in the road and had to walk about to his place to get a team to haul the car out.

The worst part of the road is the 1000 feet across the “prairie section” between Sunset and Bastendorf ranch, where the county recently took up the old planking, which was badly broken about a month ago. They have failed to get replaced, and hence the trouble.

Another place that is very bad and dangerous is the approach to the Coel Bank Inlet bridge on the Bunker Hill side. A number of old plank, between the concrete roadway and the bridge, are broken, making it difficult for numerous cars to pass.

Storm causes break down of telegraph

Western Union wires down since yesterday on account of wind

Phone company restores its lines

Connections with the Coquille Valley were cut off yesterday afternoon

Are working today

Many lines are repaired last evening and communication with outside comes today

The storm of Monday played havoc with telegraph and telephone lines. It was the first real winter storm of the season, but today the weather cleared up and the old-time residents said that there would be several weeks of good weather and perhaps a month or two before the winter weather sets in.

The Western Union wires went down today and there was no communication today at all. Today a crippled line was working this afternoon but little was getting through. It was uncertain when the line would be reestablished.

Telephone communication with the

Coquille valley was cut off yesterday, but today the phone lines were working to all points in the county and to Curry county.

Buy Dotson Hotel for apartments

W.T. Phillips and wife purchase property here

Will convert it into eleven apartments — remodeling will start immediately

W.T. Phillips of the Taffy Tavern and wife have closed a deal for purchase of the Dotson hotel property at South Second and Curtis and will convert it into an apartment house. It will be remodeled and made thoroughly modern.

The plans call for eleven apartments of three rooms each, with private bath. The plans call for an expenditure of about \$12,000 in improvements. A small addition will also be built to the present structure.

The structure was erected as a hotel several years ago, but recently has been vacant.

County fair is ready to open

Will open tomorrow at Myrtle Point

Especially fine exhibits of livestock and good races promised

The Coos and Curry fair at Myrtle Point starts tomorrow and will continue for the rest of the week. With the heavy rain yesterday it looked rather gloomy for the fair but the weather cleared up nicely today and it is said that the sunshine will quickly put the track in good shape.

There is to be an especially fine exhibit of live stock. Many of the Holstein breeders around Coos Bay are sending their fine stock to the fair. Some were being shipped over today. Several blooded hogs were also sent from this side of the county to compete for prizes.

There will be good races every afternoon on the track. A number of outside horses are at Myrtle Point for the races.

The judging contests of the Boys’ and Girls’ clubs will be a feature of the fair. The young people will take quite a prominent part this time.

The exhibits of all kinds will be more extensive and better than ever and the fair association has provided additional buildings and improvements.

50 YEARS – 1970

Four from Coos win top awards

Four Coos County 4-H Sheep Club members took nine sheep to the Oregon State Fair this year and won 14 blue ribbons, two red ribbons and six champion ribbons.

Members are Jo Ann Mast of Coquille, Kathy Hill of Coos Bay, and Betsy Hartless and Roberta Wilson of Arago. Jo Ann Mast showed the champion Romney producing ewe, while Betsy Hartless showed the champion Romney yearling ewe and reserve champion Romney ewe.

The Coos County exhibitors also won the championship trophy for herdsman-ship.

Kathy Hill, a member of the Coos County livestock judging team, was awarded a blue ribbon for livestock judging.

Needs following scheduled closure of McAuley emphasized by board

The importance of taking immediate steps to keep McAuley Hospital open until a new hospital is built was emphasized during a meeting Monday of Bay Area Hospital District directors.

Board members said they were working on the problem but were handicapped by financial limitations. Operators of the hospital, Sisters of Mercy, announced last year it would close Dec. 31, 1971.

Sister Mary Albin, administrator, said the Sisters hope to sell the hospital “as it stands,” with only the convent and chapel to be moved. The closure date is firm, she emphasized, adding “We feel we have given the community ample time” to make other arrangements.

20 YEARS – 2000

State impatient about stern’s removal

At 18 months, the presence of the New Carissa is getting old.

So is Bill Milwee’s job of selling the difficulty of the wreck removal operation to Oregon’s policy makers.

“I hear a lot of ideas for removal, but they all require repeal of the laws of

physics,” said salvage expert Milwee, who represents the owners of the ship that ran aground off the North Spit in February 1999. “This is not an easy fix situation.”

To assist in his ongoing educational effort, on Monday morning Milwee conducted helicopter tours of the ship’s remains for the chiefs of staff for Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and Jim Hill, state treasurer. With Gov. John Kitzhaber, they make up the State Land Board, which administers the Division of State Lands, one of the agencies overseeing the wreck’s removal.

“I want the state people to take a look at it and see for themselves what this whole thing is about,” Milwee said prior to the flight. “You get a whole different appreciation for the (removal) task if you have seen the wreckage.”

Student increase means overcrowding for two schools

Most of the Coos Bay School District’s class sizes are in a good range for educating students, Director of Curriculum Barb Walton told the Coos Bay School Board Monday night, but two of the elementary schools are experiencing enrollment increases that are crowding some classrooms.

The two schools facing the overcrowding issues at Madison and Charleston. The teacher-to-student ratio in Madison Elementary School’s third grade is 2 to 53, or an average of 26.5 students per class, Walton said. At Charleston Elementary School, the ratio is 2 to 52, or an average of 26 students in each classroom. The best size for a third-grade class size is between 22 and 24 students, Walton said.

Charleston and Madison also have larger fourth- and fifth-grade classes than most of the other elementary schools in the district. Charleston’s average for fourth grade is 27 students per class and Madison’s is 26.5. For fourth grade, Walton said the best class size for teachers is about 25 students per class.

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