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After being closed for two months because of COVID-19, the Mill Casino will reopen Monday.

County approved for Phase I reopening

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The World

COOS COUNTY — In a letter from Governor Kate Brown, Coos County's application to enter Phase I of reopening on Friday has been approved.

While reopenings will occur, it does not mean that there is no longer a threat of the novel coronavirus.

"I want to be clear that reopening does not come without risks," wrote Gov. Brown in a letter addressed to Coos County Commissioner Robert Main. "With every restriction lifted we know transmission of the virus has the potential to increase. The contact tracing, testing and personal protective equipment requirements that were part of the conditions for opening will be essential to mitigate that transmission increase."

Brown also thanked community hospitals and public health experts for putting a plan together to meet the prerequisites to reopen.

"Thank you for ... demonstrating your county's preparedness for beginning to lift restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic," Brown wrote.

"Overall, I was incredibly impressed by work that counties put in to their applications. The prerequisites that we laid out were excellent. They were an excellent road map for counties to be prepared for future challenges," Brown said during the press conference.

"We are all much better prepared now than we were before going through this exercise. Reviewing these applications reinforced the fact that these were the right requirements that we must remain vigilant in the

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States fall short on testing levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — As businesses reopened Friday in more of the U.S., an overwhelming majority of states still fall short of the COVID-19 testing levels that public health experts say are necessary to safely ease lockdowns and avoid another deadly wave of outbreaks, according to an Associated Press analysis.

Rapid, widespread testing is considered essential to tracking and containing the coronavirus. But 41 of the nation's 50 states fail to test widely enough to drive their infections below a key benchmark, according to an AP analysis of metrics developed by Harvard's Global Health Institute.

Among the states falling short are Texas and Georgia, which recently moved aggressively to reopen stores, malls, barbershops and other businesses.

As health authorities expand testing to more people, the number of positive results should shrink compared with the total number of people tested. The World Health Organization and other health researchers have said a percentage above 10% indicates inadequate testing. South Korea, a country praised for its rapid response, quickly pushed

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Casino set to reopen

First casino in Oregon to reopen

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The World

COOS COUNTY — After exactly two months of being closed because of COVID-19, the Mill Casino is opening back up on Monday May 18, the first in the state. Three Rivers Casino and Chinook Winds Casino Resort will open again later this month.

According to a press release from the Mill Casino, 300 people will be allowed on the floor at one time.

"We looked at the guidelines similar to what Walmart or Safeway will do for capacity to ensure that the social distancing measures are in place," said chairman of the Coquille Indian Tribe Brenda Meade on how capacity was determined.

While the state has offered clear guidelines on how retail stores and restaurants should open up, there have not been recommendations on how casinos should proceed during this time.

"Because the Tribes are sovereign nations, the state does not provide guidance for casino reopenings. But, Tribes have



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Slot machines have been rearranged by staff at the Three Rivers Casino Resort in Coos Bay and Florence in order to follow social distancing guidelines.

been sharing information with the Oregon Health Authority and our office, and we're encouraging counties to work and consult with the Tribes as well," said Press Secretary Liz Merah of Governor Kate Brown's office.

Coos County received information on the Mill Casino's plan to reopen.

"We had received notification from the Coquille with the details of their Safe Play plan. They will be screening at the

door and providing PPE to their guests. They are confident that this plan will provide protection for their guests," said County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins in a text to The World.

"Tribes are not subject to county or state laws, and the federal government never put into place restrictions on gathering sizes. Because of the lack of federal regulations, each tribe makes its decision on reopening based on what they believe is

best for them and their customers."

On Friday, select businesses in the county, including restaurants, will be reopening as part of the Phase I reopening plan around the state.

"It's not the state that closed the casino, it was the decision of each of the tribal governments. I think all of the tribes are looking at the guidelines and policies and looking to implement a reopening. I think that there are so many things that have to be implemented, training programs for employees and all those things, that each one of them will have to make decisions on when they open and when they feel comfortable to open," said Meade, who noted that they have been working with the county and state.

With the reopening, the Mill Casino has offered a set of protocols aimed at helping safety.

All guests and employees will have their temperatures taken upon entry. Employees will be wearing masks while guests, who will have masks provided to them, will be required to have a mask but will not be required to wear them.

Every other slot machine will not be in use to create more

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Therapy program wins national award

Coquille office selected as training site

AMANDA LINARES
The World

COQUILLE — The "Senior Life Solutions" program, an outpatient group therapy program at Coquille Valley Hospital, earlier this spring received the 2019 Program of the Year award.

The program, which provides assistance to the county's elderly population struggling with depression and anxiety, began seeing patients in December.

According to Susie Breuer, the program director for Senior Life Solutions, this is the first time that a program has ever received this award during its first year of operation.

"It's wonderful to be recognized and be part of a program and team that is changing lives in our community," she said.

As part of Coquille Valley



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Pam Borreson, Therapist; Susie Breuer, Program Director; Tony Oldani, Regional Director from Denver, Colorado; Elizabeth Hanson, Office Patient Coordinator; Dr. Rochelle Tucker, Medical Director, accept the 2019 Program of the Year award. (From left to right.)

Hospital's efforts to expand its behavioral health services within the area, the program works to help meet the needs of seniors 65 and older by providing them with a number of support services.

With a team of healthcare

professionals from diverse backgrounds, Breuer said the program teaches seniors healthy coping skills, provides them with the tools needed to manage all aspects of aging as well as connects them with community resources.

Oftentimes, the patients seen by its healthcare professionals are community members who have recently lost a spouse or loved one, are acting as a caregiver for their spouse or are experiencing a number of things such as loneliness, chronic health issues or any major life change, said Breuer.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic unfolded locally, Breuer said the program has seen an increase in calls from seniors struggling with anxiety and stress surrounding the novel coronavirus.

With a number of statewide COVID-19 restrictions currently in place, the program recently shifted its in-person services to Telehealth as a way to continue helping seniors in need.

"During these unfamiliar times for our country and local community, we are here to address the continued needs of our seniors to help improve the quality of their life," said Breuer.

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Health concerns remain during reopening

ZACH SILVA
The World

COOS COUNTY — As Coos County, and counties across the state, begin to reopen, there is still a concern over the spread of COVID-19.

“I don’t think we’re ever going to be, from a public health perspective, 100 percent ready. We’re always prepared for what could be around the corner: planning for the worst and hoping for the best,” said Eric Gleason of Coos Health and Wellness on Wednesday.

On Thursday the county was approved to reopen select businesses on Friday.

But regardless of when things began to open up, Coos Health and Wellness explained that there will be a continued risk factor.

“We could be having the same conversation a month from now or two months from now. I wouldn’t necessarily say that we would be against reopening, we’re just certainly being cautious and trying to make sure that we have everything in case,” said Coos Health and Wellness epidemiologist Brian Leon.

During a press conference on Thursday morning, Governor Kate Brown echoed similar concerns.

“As I said last week,

as we reopen parts of our economy, we know and expect that there may be an uptick in new coronavirus cases. Reopening any part of our state comes with risk. The virus is still very dangerous and until there is a reliable treatment or vaccine, unfortunately, we will not be able to go back to life as we knew it. Not here in Oregon or, frankly, anywhere,” said Brown.

Across the state there have 3,479 positive cases of COVID-19. In Coos County there have been 28 positive cases in addition to two presumptive cases.

With counties opening up, Coos Health and Wellness cited a concern for in-

dividuals from other areas coming to Coos County.

“There are some aspects to our geography, though, that are of course a concern. One of them being that this is a tourist area. We’re entering peak tourism season and people have been itching to recreate,” said Leon.

On Thursday the Mill Casino announced plans to reopen next Monday. This would be the first casino in the state to reopen.

If there were to be an increased spread of the coronavirus that proved difficult to track, state officials and local health officials have said that there could be a time when

businesses could again be forced to close.

“I’ve had conversations with the commissioners in the last few days, they’re also aware of that as a concern and are fully prepared to adjust accordingly in the event that we have a spike. I think we can go into this knowing that we’re never really going to be 100% ready but we will be as ready as we can given the circumstances that we have,” said Gleason.

Oregon Health Administration director Pat Allen further explained that risk will continue to be associated with this opening.

“Until we have an effective vaccine or treatment for COVID-19, tracing and isolating are the only tools we have to continue to suppress disease in Oregon without returning to business shut-downs and other extreme tools,” said Allen.

“Reopening is a team sport. It’s not going to work if some people follow the rules and other people don’t. If people decide to travel whether it’s to tourist destinations or other counties that are opening up services. We need to take this slowly, we need to take this one step at a time. We need everyone on the team to do their part.”

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Blessing of the Fleet service canceled

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CHARLESTON — The annual Blessing of the Fleet Memorial Service has been canceled this year due to public safety concerns over the novel coronavirus.

The Blessing of the Fleet is a service which honors locals in the commercial fishing industry who have died since 1941. According to a release from the Port of Coos Bay, the service has been canceled “due to public gathering restrictions and social distancing recommendations.” It is usually

held annually on Memorial Day.

According to Fiona Bai, with Port of Coos Bay, the decision to cancel the service was difficult for the Fisherman Memorial Committee.

“It’s so meaningful to the community, it’s regretful to have to cancel it,” Bai said.

While the ceremony will not be held this year, names will still be added to both the plaques in the Charleston Fisherman’s Memorial Garden. Bill Ainsworth and Jack L. Hutchens will be added to “In Memory of Charleston

Fisherman.” Wayne Clemens will be added to the “In Memory of Charleston Fisherman’s Industry” plaque.

Though there will be no ceremony, the names will be added to the plaques prior to Memorial Day, which is May 25 this year.

According to the release, “These members will be included and fully honored at the Blessing of the Fleet ceremony next year.”

Floral arrangements or memorial wreaths, provided they contain only biodegradable materials, will still be accepted and placed in the memorial garden.

Local floral businesses can readily accommodate requests for this type of arrangement.

Visitors to the memorial garden are asked to please practice social distancing.

Those who wish to participate in the committee or have questions can contact Bai directly at fbai@portofcoosbay.com or 541-297-2007.

Some of events canceled include the July Jubilee, the July 4 event at Mingus Park, the Gay 90s and Music on the Bay. Watch theworldlink.com for updates.

POWERS POLICE LOG

Thursday, May 7

At 3:10 p.m. on Johnson Mountain Road, a parking complaint was handled.

At 3:18 p.m. on Salmon Creek Road, a report of criminal trespass was handled.

At 8:33 p.m. on Hemlock Street, fraud was reported.

At 10:27 p.m. on Third Avenue and Fir Street, driver issued a warning following a traffic stop.

Friday, May 8

At 12:07 a.m. on Fourth Avenue and Fir Street, an intoxicated subject was handled.

At 5:13 p.m. on County Round 90, driver issued a citation following a traffic stop.

Saturday, May 9

At 12:40 p.m. on South Second Avenue, suspicious conditions were reported.

At 11:11 p.m. on Bingham Street and First Avenue, driver issued a warning following a traffic stop.

At 11:20 p.m. on U.S. Highway 242, driver issued a warning following a traffic stop.

At 11:50 p.m. on First Avenue and Fir Street, a DUI report was taken.



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Coquille budget meeting to be streamed on Facebook Live

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COQUILLE — The Coquille City Council and Budget Committee will hold a public hearing next week to discuss the city's proposed fiscal year budget for 2020-21.

The budget meeting, which is one of possibly more to come, will include discussions on how the city should use the estimated \$38,000 it will receive from State Revenue Sharing for the year beginning July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place regarding large gatherings, the meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, May 20, will be streamed live online at 6 p.m. on the city's Facebook page.

According to a public notice issued by the city, the funds appointed by the state have in the past been used to offset taxes and provide support for community support.

Coquille City Manager Sam Baugh said residents interested in submitting written comments or questions related to the budget can do so by either emailing him at cm@cityofcoquille.org or Coquille City Recorder Jennifer Rose at jstolz@cityofcoquille.org.

This year, Baugh said

he'll lead the budget sessions as the city has not yet replaced its previous finance director. As previously reported in The World, the position was eliminated last October as part of the council's decision to restructure its finance department.

Baugh, who has acted as the interim finance director, said he is currently working with the council on how it would like to move forward with the restructuring of its finance department. On Monday, May 18 at the city's regularly scheduled city council meeting, Baugh said he will discuss a proposal recently submitted by Merina and Company.

The company, which is based out of Tualatin, specializes in helping municipalities restructure its finance departments, said Baugh. A presentation is expected to be given at Monday's meeting of the company's proposal and how it plans to fulfill the city's financial needs.

While acknowledging that not everything will make it through this year's budget, Baugh said the budget will be balanced and the city's best interest and needs will be met.

Anyone looking to attend the city's budget

hearing, which will also be followed the Urban Renewal Budget meeting, can do so by visiting the city's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/City-OfCoquille/. In compliance with the governor's executive order related to COVID-19, the Coquille City Council meeting will also be streamed on Facebook Live on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

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Here are some things to think about if you're wanting to use your stimulus money to buy a car, truck or SUV.

LATEST TECHNOLOGY

Today's newest cars have features that make them safer and more enjoyable to drive than ever before.

They're also more reliable, with the difference between the "best" and "worst" new vehicles narrower than in the past.

While the overall refinement and features seem to get better with each passing year, it's the technology that really sets today's best vehicles apart from the others.

Today's automotive tech falls into three broad categories.

First, active safety features use sensors, warnings and intervention to help the driver avoid accidents. Many of the new cars for sale today offer blind-spot sensors, automatic braking and cameras that help when parking.

Second are features that assist the driver. It's becoming much more common to see affordable cars that come close to driving themselves, at least for short periods of time



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on well-marked roads. Semi-autonomous capability such as lane following and adaptive cruise control making long trips safer and more comfortable in today's cars.

Third are the digital entertainment features. The best new cars are designed to work in conjunction with your smartphone, including offering interfaces with Apple's iPhone and Google's Android operating system that let you access your phone's functions more safely using the car's digital screen and controls.

With Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, the most popular interfaces in modern vehicles, your phone and your car work together seamlessly.

CONSIDER A CROSSOVER

There are plenty of good

choices for vehicles today, especially in the most popular segment of all: crossovers.

These family-friendly vehicles look like SUVs but are built more like traditional cars. They offer the handsome looks, visibility, spaciousness and capability of a traditional SUV without the downsides. Their car-like construction means they handle better on the road and get better fuel economy than their truck-based SUV ancestors, which is why they're the most popular new vehicles for sale today.

If you haven't driven a crossover before, check them out. You might see why so many buyers are switching from traditional sedans to these practical and stylish alternatives.

PAY CASH

If you're in a position to do so, the most affordable way to drive is by paying cash for a good used car. It's the move many financial advisors recommend for a variety of reasons.

At the top of the list are two big benefits: no monthly payments to worry about, and less depreciation than new cars. While you won't get that new-car smell, you will get peace of mind knowing the car belongs entirely to you, not a lender.

SHOP CAREFULLY

Used cars don't come without risks, though. You can minimize the risks by shopping at dealers with a great reputation and getting a pre-purchase inspection per-

formed by an independent mechanic.

Take the time to research the reliability ratings of different vehicles before deciding which model to purchase. Some brands and model years are more reliable than others, so look for online sources that have unbiased data about a car or truck's dependability.

One way to check the history of a vehicle is by obtaining the VIN and using an online service to uncover significant incidents it may have endured. Many vehicle history reports will disclose any accidents it was involved in, substantial repairs or devastating experiences like flooding.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A fighter for healthcare

I am a local nurse in our community and an avid supporter of healthcare and community wellness. I am also a single mom of two teens. I believe that right now we need someone to be a strong advocate for healthcare and our families. That is why I have chosen Cal Mukumoto to fight for us in Salem.

While working with Tribal communities he not only managed their natural resources and helped them make it through rough financial times but also supported their community wellness programs. He focused on access and made sure that the care they received was culturally inclusive, which is often something that is forgotten when money is tight. I know I can trust Cal to continue this kind of leadership by investing in clinics and community services here on the Southern Oregon Coast.

You can count on him to prioritize transparency and accountability in our healthcare system. Cal will work hard to ensure that folks can afford the treatment and preventive services they deserve because, like me, he believes healthcare is a right, not a privilege.

I am proud to endorse Cal Mukumoto to represent the south coast and ask that you do too. Make sure to turn in your ballots by Tuesday, May 19th!

Catherine Bice, RN BSN
North Bend

Proud mother of Sam Schwarz

As a proud mother on this Mother's day, I am happy to

endorse Sam Schwarz, my son, for Coos County Commissioner and reminding everyone to vote this week. It is the single most important power we the people have in a democracy.

Sam has worked with both sides of the political arena, bridging the gap between industry versus environment. His work includes over a decade of grassroots organizing in the Elliott State Forest and together with OSU and Salem, continue to work towards a viable resolution for all...

He has worked with Surfriders. His work with Oregon Coastal Energy Alliance, OCEAN, an offshore wind energy project can bring jobs in the clean energy sector, a goal for all energy conscious and union workers alike.

His work with numerous agencies, state, local and regional, has been to facilitate common threads to lead us to prosper. Check out OSWE.org (offshore wind energy) for more on that.

His support with Sustainable Development Association Team who makes "key" recommendations for Coos County including environment, economic development, corporation and planning downtown center and transportation.

As a hard-working community member empowering Coos County to thrive, he continues to be a team player for all of us attending meetings and bringing our voice to the table. There's more info at samschwarz2020.com for one.

Thanks and remember to vote,
Barb Shamet
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On this day in Coos County history

100 YEARS - May 15, 1920

Fishing Season On Umpqua Starts
Chinook Salmon And Shad Will Be Caught

Good Run Is Expected and Reedsport Fish Company Anticipates A Big Business

James Cavers of the Reedsport Fish Company came to Marshfield last night on a freight train to make a hurried business trip and returned home this morning. Mr. Cavers says that the fishing season on the Umpqua river starts today. The river is open May 15, but this being Saturday night, the one night in the week that fishing is excluded, the fishermen cannot actually start until tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

There are a good many fishermen on the river and a good run is expected. Salmon and shad will be caught now. The Reedsport Fish Company will put up shad in cans and will also can the shad roe which was in great demand in the big markets last year. It is expected to do a big business with shad this year.

Port Bonds Are Declared Legal
Lawyer Who Made Examination Reports Favorably
Bonds Will Now Be Printed and Are In Shape to be Sold Without Further Delay

A.K. Peck, the attorney for the Port of Coos Bay, received word today from Storey, Thorndyke, Palmer and Dodge, attorneys of Portland, giving their approval of the legality of the \$250,000 port bond issue.

The next step will be to have the bonds printed and they can now be sold, the necessary matter of legality having been settled.

75 YEARS - May 16, 1945

Efforts to Aid Youth Fail

A 15-year-old Coos Bay boy today was keeping a twice-postponed date with the Oregon state training school at Woodburn. County Judge Louis Felsheim

decided that everyone concerned had gone just as far as they could go with the boy, and County Juvenile Officer James Leonard was delivering him today to authorities at Woodburn.

The boy first came before Judge Felsheim March 23, 1944, as the result of a long series of unlawful acts, all of which police say the youngster freely admitted having performed. At that time he was made a ward of the court and was paroled to his parents for one year on condition that his conduct be good.

He was arrested last month by city police who charged him with prowling a car. He was brought to court and confessed to prowling and to "getting drunk from liquor he took from many of the cars," police said.

Milk Situation Report Is Given To Health Group

The board of directors of the Coos County Health association at their regular monthly meeting Saturday heard a report from C.P. Macnab, chairman of the Coos Bay city council's committee on health and sanitation, on the city's milk supply situation.

Macnab compared surveys made by the state board of health of Coos Bay's milk in November of last year and in March of this year. He said the March report showed an improvement of five per cent in retail raw milk, five per cent in raw milk to plants and 23 per cent in pasteurizing plants.

50 YEARS - May 16, 1970

Port of CB Appoints Knutson

The appointment of Ernest S. Knutson as Charleston Boat Basin manager was announced today by M.W. "Hap" Ball, manager of the Port of Coos Bay. He succeeds Ray Becker, who resigned effective May 1.

Knutson is a resident of Allegany and lived in Coos County for some three years, coming from Rainier.

The new manager was with Martin-Marietta Co. in Portland, heavy machine and construction company, with which he was

plant manager.

CB Firemen Honored Tonight

Former members of the Coos Bay Fire Department and employers of present firemen will be honored at a dinner tonight at 6:30 in the department's meeting room at the west end of Michigan Street in the Empire area.

Invitations have been sent to as many old timers as could be located, but those who were not contacted also are urged to attend as a guest of the department.

Employers of present volunteers, as well as city council members, city manager and the mayor also are invited to the event, planned to recognize and pay tribute to old timers for their contribution as well as all employers for allowing the volunteer firemen time off from their jobs to fight fire whenever necessary, according to Chief Meekers.

15 YEARS - May 16, 2005

Crash ends in arrest, woman hospitalized

A Coos Bay woman was badly injured and a man was arrested on assault and drunken-driving charges near the intersection Libby Lane and Lapping Road Saturday morning, after the vehicle he was driving flipped over, partially ejecting a passenger.

Cassandra S. Reed, 40, sustained several injuries and was removed from the vehicle and immediately air-lifted to Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center in Portland, where she was listed in critical condition this morning.

The driver, Clifford Brownson, 51, of Coos Bay, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of intoxicants and second-degree assault. He was taken to the Coos County jail, where he was being held this morning on \$107,500 bail.

These stories were found in the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum newspaper repository stored in Marshfield HS courtesy of Coos Bay Schools and on The World newspaper website www.theworldlink.com.

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Now that's what I consider to be really scary ...

It's scary going to work," White House economic adviser Kevin Hassett told CBS. "I think that I'd be a lot safer if I was sitting at home than I would be going to the West Wing."

Hassett's comment cogently captures the mood of the country. Even though President Trump, backed by some slavish Republican governors, is ardently urging a return to normal life, most Americans are still too skittish to follow his lead.

We know how to respond to, say, a (devastating) hurricane, or even a terrorist assault like 9/11. But this silent, sinister pandemic is so different, and so unnerving, that it's shaken the country to the core. In the latest ABC News/Ipsos poll, 3 out of 4 voters say slowing the spread of the virus should be the top national priority, even if that means keeping most businesses closed. Only 1 in 4 favor Trump's position, a rapid reopening that could lead to more infections.

But Hassett is frightened in another way, or at least should be. He's a first-rate economist (and a personal friend; we coached a



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Little League baseball team together), but he's working for a president who denies basic science, who traffics in "alternative facts," and who refuses to recognize reality when it contradicts his personal prejudices or political self-interest.

Now that's REALLY scary. It's also unpopular.

In the ABC survey, state governors receive an average approval rating for handling the coronavirus of 71%. Ohio Republican Gov. Mike DeWine, who has followed a steady, sensible approach that reflects scientific advice, is viewed favorably by 86% of state residents, including 9 of 10 Democrats. Trump's national positive rating, by contrast, is 43% — exactly half of DeWine's.

Every American wants a return to normalcy. Democrats and Republicans alike are suffering from horrendous losses of jobs and income. Reenergizing the economy should not be a partisan issue. But Trump has made it one.

There's no way this country can rapidly and effectively defeat the virus unless our national response is rooted in facts, not fantasy; hard science, not soft sentiment. Yet from the day he entered public life, this president has rejected the basic principle that objective reality even exists, that professional researchers — economists, scientists, intelligence analysts, prosecutors, judges, journalists — can discover

and describe a universe separate from Planet Trump.

Take just one issue: widespread testing as a way of ensuring public safety and restoring public confidence so reopening can get started. As Sen. Lamar Alexander, a Tennessee Republican, told a Senate hearing, "All roads back to work and back to school lead through testing, tracking, isolation, treatment and vaccines."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the country's top epidemiologist, cautioned that if the country reopened prematurely, "the consequences could be really serious." And a study by Harvard researchers concluded, "The bottom line remains: We need a lot more testing."

And yet Trump directly contradicts this scientific consensus. He called testing "overrated" and said, "the whole concept of tests aren't necessarily great." Then there was his most memorable line: "In a way, by doing all this testing, we make ourselves look bad."

There's Trumpism in a nutshell. Deny the facts when they make you "look bad." Worry about the spin, the optics, the politics. Fabricate. Obfuscate. Prevaricate. Treat truth like an enemy.

That strategy might work against political foes, but microbes are immune to his insults and inanities. They can't be drowned out by a tweet-storm or a campaign rally.

"We're not reopening based on science," warns Dr. Thomas Frieden, former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We're reopening based on politics, ideology and public pressure. And I think it's going to end badly."

Moreover, Trump has declared open war on scientists who contradict him. Dr. Peter Daszak, a pioneering epidemiologist with close ties to researchers in China, had his grant from the National Institutes of Health suddenly canceled. "This politicization of science is really damaging," he told "60 Minutes" on CBS. "It's sad to say, but it will probably cost lives."

Dr. Rick Bright has filed a whistleblower complaint against the Trump administration after he was removed as head of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority. "Time after time, I was pressured to ignore or dismiss expert scientific recommendations and instead to award lucrative contracts based on political connections," he said at a press briefing. "In other words, I was pressured to let politics and cronyism drive decisions over the opinions of the best scientists we have in government."

If that's not scary, then what is?
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OBITUARIES

Wanda Mae Labart

November 11, 1927 to April 21, 2020

Wanda Mae Labart was born November 11, 1927 to Milton and Constance (Warner) Hoffman at their home on the Hoffman family ranch at what is now Powers Junction near Broadbent, Oregon. She passed away peacefully at her home near Broadbent with family members caring for her on April 21, 2020.

Wanda was the youngest of six children. When she was five, upon the death of her father in a ranching accident, the family moved to a new home located on the adjacent Warner ranch where she grew up.

During World War II she served as a volunteer air spotter at the observation location in Broadbent. While in high school she and a neighbor girl saved a soldier from drowning at a swimming party near the family ranch. She graduated from Myrtle Point High School in the class of 1946 and was active in Alumni picnics and helped plan class reunions for her class for many years until poor health forced her to stop.

After the war she married Melvin (Mike) Labart on June 16, 1946. They had three children, Michael, Mark, and Gail. She was a devoted wife and mother

who faithfully loved her husband and was always there for her children, while still finding time to work to help her husband provide for the family. During tax season she would even go back to work after dinner to be able to work more hours. In the 1950's she went to work for her aunt, Nellie Palmer, in her bookkeeping business as a tax preparer and worked for her for several years going on to work for Dean Mason who bought the business from Nellie, then for Ron and Judy Mason who bought the business from Dean, and then for John Fandel who later bought the bookkeeping business from Ron and Judy. She retired in the 1990's.

She enjoyed family activities, playing with her grandchildren, outdoor activities and working in her yard and garden. She grew a large garden for many years sharing her produce with those in need as well as feeding her family. She was an active member of the Broadbent Community Church serving as a deaconess for several years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years Melvin (Mike) Labart, parents Milton and Connie Hoffman, sisters Constance Hoffman and Viola Ban-



hart, and brothers Howard, Delos, and Wilmot (Bill) Hoffman. She is survived by her children Michael Labart and wife Gloria of Riddle, Mark Labart of Broadbent, and Gail Grimes and husband Stan of Oregon City, grandchildren Dustin, Shawna, Keenan, Kylan, Kenzie, Angel, and Lynna' as well as numerous great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

She was a gracious, gentle, kind woman, well loved by family and all who knew her.

Her family would like to especially thank all of the people who helped make it possible for her to live at home till she went to be with her Lord. A memorial service will be held after the coronavirus restrictions are lifted. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service-Myrtle Point Chapel 541-572-2524.

Sonja Dell Nute

August 21, 1943 – May 9, 2020

A family graveside service was held for Sonja Dell Nute, 76, of North Bend, at Oceanview Memory Gardens under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary.

Born on August 21, 1943 to Eunice Sylvesta (Scott) and Carl Creswell Kinter in Vallejo, California as their third child (of five). Sonja left this world on May 9, 2020, in Coos Bay.

She was married for 23 wonderful years to her fellow pea in a pod, Richard Manley Nute, 81, living in North Bend. Sonja devoted her life in being the best person she could be and through

her expressions of love for her friends and family came in her many acts of kindness and service. Even though she liked working for others through her career, she enjoyed helping people prepare their tax returns through her own business. She devoted her life to her love, Richard, and enjoyed every moment they had together.

Sonja is survived by her 3 children and their spouses; Dawn Marie Dodge (Kevin), of Arlington, Texas, Robert Scott Emery (Melanie), of Vine Grove, Ky., and Timothy Wayne Erickson (Anna), of Hayward, Calif.; brother, Gordon Kitner; 10 grand-



children; and 3 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her older brother, Arthur Kinter; older sister, Lynne Currie; and youngest sister, Melba Doggett.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Friends and family are encouraged to leave a loving comment at www.theworld-link.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara Hulse - 53, of North Bend, passed away on May 13, 2020 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Robert James Rioux Jr. - 52, of Seattle, formerly of Coos Bay, passed away May 6, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Thomas John Holman - 66, of Powers, passed away May 10, 2020 in Powers. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Avis LuAnn Walker - 65, of Coos Bay, passed away May 8, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Wayne A. Van Burger Jr. - 71, of Coquille, died May 13 in Coquille. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder funeral service, Coquille

Summer K. Tyree 47 - of North Bend died May 4, 2020 in Coos Bay. Services may be announced and held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Jeannie M. Boulouz - 52, of North Bend, passed away on May 14, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Donald "Don" Withrow - 76, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements under the direction of Dunes Memorial Chapel.

Raymond Norman Williams - 83, of Lakeside, passed away May 13, 2020 in Lakeside. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Duffy Stewart Stender

October 30, 1926-May 2, 2020

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date for Duffy Stewart Stender, 93, of North Bend.

Duffy was born October 30, 1926 in Spokane, Washington to Julius Stender, Jr. and Anna J. (Daniels) Stender. He passed away of age related causes May 2, 2020 in Coos Bay.

Duffy grew up in Clark Fork, Idaho and graduated from Clark Fork High School. He was a World War II veteran having enlisted in the United States Army in 1946 and serving in the occupation and reconstruction phase in Japan. He was honorably discharged in 1948. Duffy graduated from the University of Idaho, Moscow in 1956 with a bachelor's degree in Business. He married Veneita A. Goff September 11, 1954. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 2019 after years of adventure in teaching, art, travel and enjoying nature and outdoor activities. He began his career in teaching in 1956 in Nevada. He then moved to Coos Bay in 1960

to teach business subjects at Marshfield High School for 25 years, retiring in 1985. Duffy loved people and their stories and enjoyed helping students find their early jobs as they pursued their career goals. He discovered his artistic talents during these years and carved many beautiful birds of myrtlewood and stone, displaying them in art galleries and art shows for many years. More recently, he had turned his talents and patience to weaving pine needle baskets, always exploring new designs and variations. After retiring from teaching, he and Veneita owned and operated an art gallery for several years in Bandon. Duffy enjoyed many happy days there visiting with the customers and artists and doing his own art work.

Duffy is survived by his wife, Veneita; son, Greg and daughter-in-law, Carol Stender of Florence; grandson, Chris; sisters-in-law, Lois Stender of Clarkston, Wash., and Dorothy Van Buskirk of Centralia, Wash.;



as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Stan Stender; half-brother, Bruce Van Buskirk and son, Steven Stender.

He was a long time member of Bay Area Artists Association, a local non-profit organization. Memorial contributions in Duffy's name may be made to the Bay Area Artists Association, Education Legacy Fund, P.O. Box 907, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com.

Pacific City motels sue county over lockdown

PORTLAND (AP) — Two motel owners in Pacific City are suing Tillamook County, saying coronavirus restrictions that stopped their businesses from fully operating in the last two months violate their constitutional rights.

The motels contend the county's March 22 resolution halting most overnight lodging violates Fifth Amendment protections against the "taking of property without just compensation," as well as their due process rights, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

The county lacked authority to issue the restrictions and adopted them in an "illogical and irrational" manner, the lawsuit says.

The resolution called for closing all transient lodging -- hotels, motels, bed-and-breakfasts and short-term rentals including condos -- "to all visitors who are not providing essential services or are here for commercial reasons such as construction, trucking, etc."

The County Board of Commissioners found that COVID-19 represents "an unprecedented threat to public health the likes of which has not been seen in the past 100 years" and that the severity of the threat to life, health and safety called for "extreme measures and immediate action."

The plaintiffs, owners of the Anchorage Motel and

The Pacific City Inn, say they've lost tens of thousands of dollars as a result of the county order.

The suit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Portland.

Tillamook County counsel William K. Sargent didn't respond immediately to a message seeking comment.

On May 5, the Tillamook board adopted a new resolution, extending its emergency order through May 31. The resolution does allow for private "transient lodging" facilities in unincorporated Tillamook County to reopen starting at noon on May 29, but says all publicly owned transient lodging will remain closed.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Girlfriend is unsure of her place in boyfriend's heart

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating this guy for about a year. We are both 30. He lives at home. At first I thought it was to take care of his elderly father, but I soon realized it wasn't the case.

His mom is sweet, yet overbearing. She inserts herself into his life at every opportunity. She talks to him like he's the butler. ("Oh, perfect son of mine! Won't you clear off the dinner table/clean the kitchen/do EVERYTHING?!!") They cook together every night and attend church events together. He's in the choir with her because he said it "pleases" her. I think those are things he should be doing with a significant other.

I don't feel secure in this relationship because I don't know my place. I feel like I have to compete with her (even though she tries to include me in everything). I see how she manipulates him, and it tears me apart inside. (She NEEDS him so much.) I view it as a hindrance to his own life. He is doing for her what he could be doing for himself or his own family, but he's stuck in this Mommy cycle.

He will receive a large inheritance when his parents die. Could that be why he does it? He is a great lover and emotionally intelligent, but he depends on his mother too much for my comfort. I caught them in a long embrace (hug) after she had been away all weekend with his father. Then she came over to us while we were watching a movie and started kissing his head! It grossed me out. Help! -- DON'T WANT THIS THREESOME

DEAR DON'T: After reading your letter, it's apparent that you are competing with his mother rather than she competing with you. There's a saying that if you want to know how a man will treat his wife, watch how he treats his

mother. Rather than feel manipulated, be glad she tries to include you in the family circle. And keep in mind, if you want to enjoy the earthly rewards after the woman goes on to her heavenly one, she and her "perfect son" are a package deal.

DEAR ABBY: I purchased a beautiful Tiffany engagement ring, but my girlfriend rejected my proposal. I will get only pennies on the dollar if I sell it. Would it be acceptable to save it for a future engagement proposal? -- PRACTICAL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PRACTICAL: Your letter illustrates the impracticality of buying an engagement ring before proposing. Whatever happened to the tradition of proposing and THEN, if the person says yes, selecting a ring together?

In recent years -- thanks to social media -- engagements have become more like invitations to a high school prom -- elaborate and over-the-top. I do not think you should compound your mistake by offering another woman that ring in an effort to save money. If she were to find out, she would likely be both disappointed and hurt

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone -- teens to seniors -- is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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BAH to accomodate elective surgeries

The World

COOS BAY — Some elective surgeries are being accommodated at Bay Area Hospital again. According to a press release from the hospital, it reopened several service lines to accommodate elective surgeries on May 11. “A multidisciplinary team at the hospital has been working hard to design a process whereby these services can be offered in a way that maximizes patient and staff safety,” the release said.

“Elective surgery cases have been scheduled at a 50% capacity to (begin) with, and these cases being scheduled are being prioritized by Bay Area Hospital’s medical staff to ensure that the needs of the patient are being met appropriately.” Patients who schedule surgeries at the hospital are being tested beforehand for COVID-19, ensuring they are in their best health before any procedure while also lowering “the chance of spreading the disease to staff and other patients,”

the release said. Right now, 20% of inpatient capacity is being accommodated while still allowing the hospital to maintain its ability to respond to a potential COVID-19 surge. “Preoperative education surrounding COVID-19 and precautions the hospital is taking has been developed for patients and their families,” the release said. “The hospital has a plan in place to closely monitor our surgical cases and compliance with the governor’s orders.”

COVID-19 rapid testing was recently granted to Bay Area Hospital from the Oregon Health Authority, giving the hospital the ability to test patients for the virus with a rough processing time of 15 minutes. “This machine is the fastest available molecular point-of-care test for the detection of COVID-19,” the release said, adding that the machine will only be used where “a rapid turn-around time is clinically justified” due to limited supplies that are required to run the tests.

Though some surgeries are being allowed again, the hospital is maintaining its visitor restriction policy to reduce traffic through the campus and help people maintain social distancing. Screening and masks will remain in place for staff. “All staff in direct contact with patients are required to wear a medical-grade face mask to stop the potential asymptomatic spread of COVID-19; the hospital’s supply chain for personal protective equipment (PPE) has been

modified to ensure that a reliable source for masks, both procedural masks and N95 masks are available to our staff,” the release said. “The hospital has also increased the frequency of environmental cleaning to provide for a safer physical environment. Bay Area Hospital continues to prioritize the safety of our staff, providers, patients, and limited visitors.” For more information, contact Kelli Dion, Public Information Officer and Chief Quality Officer at 541-269- 8185.

Man dies in accident

The World

COOS BAY — A Coos Bay man died following a single-vehicle accident Thursday evening. According to a press release from Oregon State Police, at approximately 6:18 p.m., OSP troopers and emergency personnel responded to a single vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 101 near mile post 252. Preliminary investigation revealed that a commercial motor vehicle, operated by Donald Games, 53, of Coos Bay, was traveling southbound when it failed to negotiate a curve, left the roadway and struck a tree. After the crash the CMV caught fire and Millington Fire Department and Green Acres



The World

Fatal truck accident on U.S. Highway 101.

Fire Department responded and extinguished the flames. Games sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased, the release stated.

OSP was assisted by Millington Fire Department, Green Acres Fire Department, Bay Cities Ambulance and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Man gets 25 years for crash

SALEM (AP) — A Salem man was sentenced Thursday to 25 years in prison for driving drunk, speeding through a red light and killing three teens in a crash. Juan Rodriguez-Palacios, 26, was sentenced Thursday for the crash that killed 19-year-old Trinity Watt of

Salem, 19-year-old Madison Capobianco of Salem, and 18-year-old Makayla Tryon of Keizer, The Statesman Journal reported. Last week, Rodriguez-Palacios was convicted of three counts of first-degree manslaughter, DUI and two counts of third-degree assault fol-

lowing a bench trial before Marion County Judge Thomas Hart. Hart found Rodriguez-Palacios guilty on all charges, despite the defense’s arguments that Rodriguez-Palacios had committed the less-severe crimes of second-degree manslaughter.

US believers see message from God in coronavirus

NEW YORK (AP) — The coronavirus has prompted almost two-thirds of American believers of all faiths to feel that God is telling humanity to change how it lives, a new poll finds. While the virus rattles the globe, causing economic hardship for millions and killing more than 80,000 Americans, the findings of the poll by the University of Chicago Divinity School and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research indicate that people may also be searching for deeper meaning in the devastating outbreak. Even some who don’t affiliate with organized religion, such as Lance Dejesus of Dallastown, Pa., saw a possible bigger message in the virus.

“It could be a sign, like ‘hey, get your act together’ – I don’t know,” said Dejesus, 52, who said he believes in God but doesn’t consider himself religious. “It just seems like everything was going in an OK direction and all of a sudden you get this coronavirus thing that happens, pops out of nowhere.” The poll found that 31% of Americans who believe in God feel strongly that the virus is a sign of God telling humanity to change, with the same number feeling

that somewhat. Evangelical Protestants are more likely than others to believe that strongly, at 43%, compared with 28% of Catholics and mainline Protestants. The question was asked of all Americans who said they believe in God, without specifying a specific faith. The survey did not have a sample size large enough to report on the opinions of religious faiths with smaller numbers of U.S. adherents, including Muslims and Jews. In addition, black Americans were more likely than those of other racial backgrounds to say they feel the virus is a sign God wants humanity to change, regardless of education, income or gender. Forty-seven percent say they feel that strongly, compared with 37% of Latino and 27% of white Americans.

“Overall, 82% of Americans say they believe in God, and 26% of Americans say their sense of faith or spirituality has grown stronger as a result of the outbreak. Just 1% say it has weakened. Kathryn Lofton, a professor of religious studies at Yale University, interpreted the high number of Americans perceiving the virus as a message from God about change as an expression of “fear that if we don’t change, this misery will continue.” The COVID-19 virus has disproportionately walloped black Americans, exposing societal inequality that has left minorities more vulnerable and heightening concern that the risks they face are getting ignored by a push to reopen the U.S. economy. Amid that stark reality, the poll found black Americans who believe in God are more likely than others to say they have felt doubt about God’s existence as a result of the virus — 27% said that, compared

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Fatal crash under investigation

The World

WINCHESTER BAY — A Reedsport man was declared deceased at the scene of a single vehicle crash in Winchester Bay on Thursday afternoon. According to a press release from the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a report of a single vehicle crash on Salmon Harbor Drive near Lighthouse

Road at 12:39 pm on May 14. Deputies and emergency responders located the vehicle over the embankment, partially in the surf. The driver, 76-year-old Donald Earl Withrow was declared deceased at the scene. Deputies determined Withrow’s vehicle, a 2011 Kia Sport, left the roadway for an unknown reason and rolled once before coming

to rest. The Douglas County Medical Examiner’s Office is investigating the death. Next of kin has been notified. The Sheriff’s Office was assisted by the Reedsport Police Department, Reedsport Fire Department, Winchester Bay Fire Department and the United States Coast Guard — Umpqua Station.

Award

From A1 “... Even though we are physically distancing, we are remaining connected with our patients.” In addition to receiving a national award, the local program was also selected as a “STAR” training site by Psychiatric Medical Care (PMC), a company

which manages 92 “Senior Life Solutions” programs in 25 states across the country. “The training sites provide interactive training for new program staff with the continued development of the Senior Life Solutions program,” said a press release from the program. “STAR training sites were chosen as a result of their time of service with the company, their

ability to uphold PMC’s 3Cs of Care, Compliance, and Community, and their ability to exemplify the company’s culture of accountability and kindness not only in training new staff but also in their daily work serving their communities.” According to PMC’s website, the company was founded by Dr. James A. Greene, a Tennessee native, who dedicated his life’s work to geriatric psychiatry and to helping improve the quality of life of older adults in rural communities. The local program is one of eight STAR training sites across the country, said the release.

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Mount St. Helens eruption anniversary

The World

COOS BAY — Southwestern Oregon Community College's Geology Lecture Series goes virtual at 8:32 a.m., Monday, May 18 — the 40th Anniversary of the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption. That's right, 8:32 a.m. That's not a typo! The LiveStream lecture will correspond to the exact moment of the volcano's eruption.

Dr. Kathy Cashman, of the University of Bristol, will present a lecture on "The importance of observing volcanic eruptions: from eyewitness accounts to oral traditions."

Dr. Cashman's talk will examine what happened on May 18, 1980, and how

observations by individuals and rapid scientific response set the foundation for numerous advances in physical volcanology over the past four decades. Dr. Cashman will also discuss a variety of historical accounts and oral traditions, including those associated with other volcanoes in the Cascades.

Her talk will show the importance of studying distant observations to learn and share the volcanological story. Dr. Cashman's discussion leads into two presentations by U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist Dr. Richard Waitt.

Dr. Waitt will follow first with "Mount St. Helens 1980 — A Summa-

ry." This will be a short overview with eruption images and background to lay the groundwork for the eyewitness accounts that are the basis of his second talk, "Dark Noon — Eyewitness Chronicles of Mount St. Helens." In this segment Dr. Waitt features eyewitness accounts of the 1980 eruption from over 400 interviews with Mount St. Helens survivors that he has collected over 35 years.

Dr. Cashman has taught at Princeton University, the University of Oregon, and the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom. She also led the Department of Geological Sciences at the University of Oregon, and as presi-

dent of the Volcanology, Geochemistry and Petrology section of the American Geophysical Union.

In 2003 she became a Distinguished Professor of the College of Arts and Sciences (Oregon). In 2007 she became a Philip H. Knight Distinguished Professor of Natural Science (Oregon). Dr. Cashman received the AGU VGP Bowen Award in 2006, was elected a Fellow of the AGU in 2009, and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2012.

She currently holds a Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award.

Dr. Waitt was part of the U.S. Geological Survey team conducting volcano

research in the Cascades, and was among the first to arrive at Mount St. Helens following the volcano's early rumblings in March 1980. He spent more than 35 years gathering hundreds of eyewitness accounts of the eruption for his book, "In the Path of Destruction." In it, he describes flying over the mountain May 20, 1980, two days after the blast. "In the terrible panorama the geologist in me sees raw beauty," he writes. "Millions of big trees are down; behind cliffs stand broken snags. A lumpy landslide reaches far down the North Fork. Ashy logs cover Spirit Lake. On a topographic map I sketch its new shoreline: two

hundred feet above the old."

Geology Lecture Series talks are free and are currently being held shared online. Go to www.socc.edu, scroll to the bottom and click on the LiveStream button. For those not able to stream live, these lectures are being archived, with access from the College's website at <https://livestream.com/SWOC/Geology2019-20>.

Lecture series sponsors include DB Western, The Mill Casino-Hotel and RV Park, IRIS/SSA, Ocean Discovery Lecture Series, the Southwestern Foundation, and the College.

For additional information, please contact Ron Metzger at 541-888-7216.

Some state parks offering limited day use

The World

OREGON — The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced that limited day-use is returning to state parks this week, based on the readiness of the community around the park to welcome visitors, and how prepared the park is with staff, supplies and equipment. State parks will open and close with little advance notice; updates will be posted online at oregonstateparks.org or call 800-551-6949 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) and should be checked before visiting.

Not all restrooms will be open, and parking will be limited. The entire park system is closed to camping at least through and including June 8. State park camping will return as soon as it can be safely managed, and while preparations are being made, no opening date has been selected.

Visitors should expect a different state park experience than they are used to because staffing has been limited and areas and buildings within the park may be closed. Visitors should also expect new restrictions that discourage group gatherings and congestion and will need to prepare by:

Staying home if they're sick.

If visiting, staying local and close to home, meaning less than 50 miles in urban areas.

Only visiting with members of their household.

Bringing all supplies — food, water, hand cleanser — needed for a short trip.

If a park appears crowded, leave and come back at another time. If there's space at the park, patrons need to visit with care:

Wear a face covering. Homemade is fine.

Stay at least 6 feet away from people who aren't from your household. More is better.

Cover your cough with a tissue (then throw it away), or the inside of

your elbow.

Leave no trace: pack out everything you bring with you.

Stick to low-risk activities to reduce stress on local emergency response and health care systems.

Keep your visit short. Restrooms and other buildings may be closed.

Watch for signs at the park for more information.

"We know these last eight weeks has seemed longer, but your health is important to us," says Lisa Sumption, OPRD director. "It is true outdoor recreation boosts our mental and physical health, but parks concentrate people in a community, and we have to do this carefully if it's going to work."

"We need your cooperation to keep parks open," she added.

High-density parks on the north coast, the Columbia Gorge, boat accesses to the John Day and Deschutes Rivers, and places like Smith Rock in Central Oregon will likely be among the last to return to limited service, and no

dates for state parks in those regions have been announced.

Oregon Coast (as of May 14)

Open

Geisel Monument State Heritage Site, Nesika Beach

Hoffman Memorial Myrtle Grove State Wayside, Myrtle Point

Paradise Point State Park, Port Orford

Limited opening — reduction in services/facilities

Bullards Beach State Park, Bandon: Open to limited daytime use, including picnicking and trails to beach. Boat launch remains closed. Restrooms open with limited hours.

Cape Arago State Park, Coos Bay: Park is open to limited day use. Restroom closed; use restroom in Sunset Bay Day-use Area. No fires.

Coquille Myrtle Grove State Natural Site, Gaylord (off Powers

Highway): River access, picnicking and restrooms are open. Please pack out your trash.

Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint, Bandon: Beach access and restroom are open for limited daytime use.

Golden and Silver Falls State Natural Area, Coos Bay: Park and trails are open to limited daytime use. Vault restroom is open.

Humbug Mountain State Park, Port Orford: Day-use area is open for limited daytime use. Rocky Point beach access is open. Dump station is open. Restroom remains closed.

Pistol River State Scenic Viewpoint, Pistol River: Beach access is open for limited daytime use. Please pack out trash.

Port Orford Heads State Park, Port Orford: Park is open for limited daytime use, including

trails and portable toilet.

Samuel H. Boardman State Scenic Corridor, Brookings: Trails, viewpoints and beach access points are open. Vault toilets are open. Please pack out trash.

Shore Acres State Park, Coos Bay: Day-use area and gardens are open to limited daytime use.

Sunset Bay State Park, Coos Bay: Day-use area is open, including beach, beach restroom, picnicking, trails and boat launch.

Umpqua Lighthouse State Park, Winchester Bay: Day-use area is open, including picnicking, fishing and the Lake Marie trail. Swim beach is CLOSED.

William M. Tugman State Park, Lakeside: Day-use area is open, including boat launch, picnicking and fishing. CLOSED: picnic shelter, swim beach, fishing dock and playground.

Restrooms open with limited hours.

Temporarily CLOSED/no park access

(These parks are closed in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. OPRD is preparing to resume limited day-use services soon. Please check back again.)

Arizona Beach State Recreation Site, Ophir

Bandon State Natural Area, Bandon

Cape Blanco State Park, Sixes

Darlingtonia State Natural Site, Florence

Harris Beach State Park, Brookings

Heceta Head Lighthouse State Scenic Viewpoint, Florence

Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park, Florence

Seven Devils State Recreation Site, Bandon

Umpqua State Scenic Corridor, Reedsport

Winchuck State Recreation Site, Brookings.

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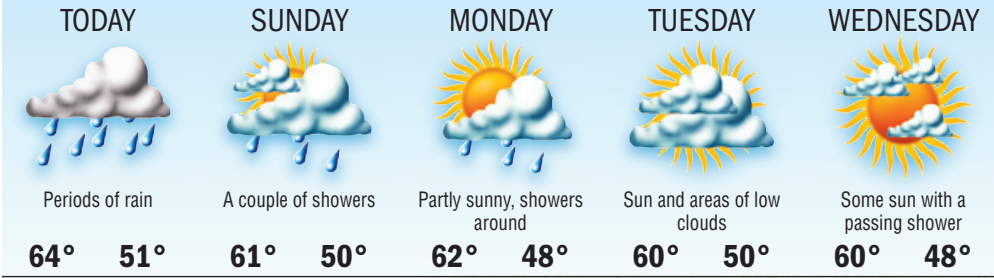
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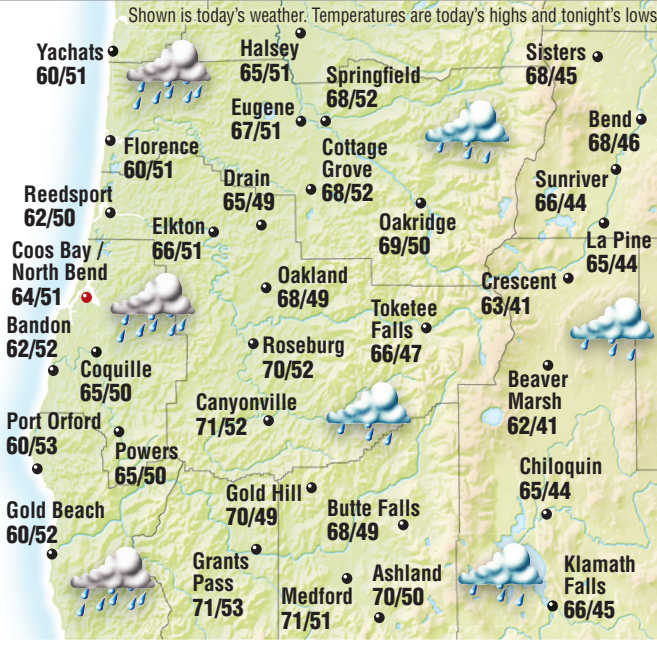
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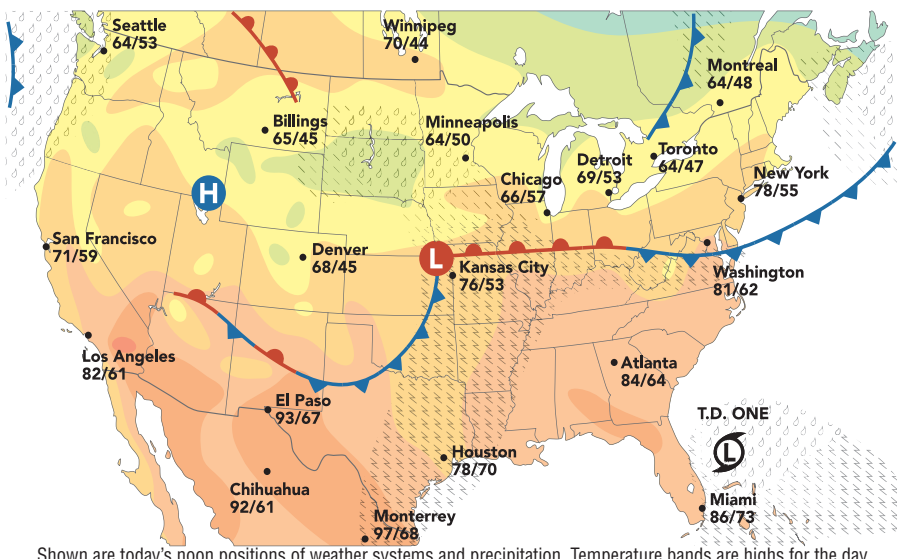
Table showing moon phases: New, First, Full, Last with corresponding dates for May 22, May 29, Jun 5, Jun 12.

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Legend for weather symbols: T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front.

NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states) National high: 102° at Death Valley, CA National low: 17° at Bodie State Park, CA

NATIONAL CITIES

Table of national cities with columns for City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Sun. Hi/Lo/W, and Precipitation.

OREGON CITIES

Table of Oregon cities with columns for City, Yesterday Hi/Lo Prec., Today Hi/Lo/W.

TIDES

Table of tide locations with columns for Location, High, Today, Low, ft., Sunday, High, Low, ft.

REGIONAL FORECASTS

Table of regional forecasts for South Coast, Curry Co. Coasts, Rogue Valley, Willamette Valley, Portland Area, North Coast, and Central Oregon.

Casino

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physical spacing and table games will not be taking place at this time. Hand sanitizer stations have been added to the casino floor.

"We've missed all of our friends during the closure. As we re-open, we want to let you know that we're committed to the health and safety of you, our employees and our community," said a Mill Casino press release.

The buffet at the casino will be closed and food service will be take-out. Smoking will still be allowed on the casino floor.

Three Rivers Casino

In a press release from The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon Tribal Council, officials announced Friday its plans to reopen the Three Rivers Casino Resorts in both Coos Bay and Florence.

The casinos are set to reopen on Friday, May 22. According to the press release, the executive management team at the casino has written "reopening

safety guidelines" for staff and guest to follow which are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and the Oregon Health Authority.

"The guidelines include temperature checks and required wearing of masks for both guests and team members," said the press release. "Guests are asked to bring their own masks. Points of entry will be limited to the main doors all other doors are for exit only."

Staff has rearranged the casino floor to better follow social distancing guidelines and has set up additional hand sanitizers throughout the casino. Recently acquiring several cordless electrostatic sprayers, the casino will increase its cleaning of every guest touch point, hotel rooms, the gaming floor and its restaurants and office spaces, according to the release.

"We are looking forward to seeing our guests back at both properties," said Rich Colton, the marketing director at Three Rivers Casino. "For everyone's safety, we are strongly encouraging everyone to be as safe as possible by reading and

following our guidelines."

For additional information on the reopening of the Three Rivers Casino Resort, visit its website at www.threeriverscasino.com.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

This week, the Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City also announced on its website that it will reopen its doors on Thursday, May 21.

"As the state begins to open, the Siletz Tribal Council has made the decision to reopen Chinook Winds Casino Resort, in phases, to ensure safety of the team members, guests and Tribal members," read a press release from the Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

With safety being its top priority, the casino is continuing to follow health and safety guidelines to stop and slow down the spread of COVID-19.

"We want to thank everyone in the community, our team members and Tribal members for their patience in waiting to hear about our plans for reopening," said Michael

Fisher, the general manager at Chinook Winds Resort. "We are ready to welcome all those who feel safe to visit."

As part of its reopening, the casino has modified its hours of operations and implemented a number of changes including limiting access to some of its amenities, enhancing its cleaning methods and setting up physical distancing guidelines.

According to its website, the casino will have about 50 percent of its slot machines available, its casino occupancy limited to 1,000 guests and its dining services will also be modified to spacing out tables and seating and disinfecting areas such as stools, chairs, bar tops and dining tables after each use.

Guests and staff will also be required to wear face masks and will have their temperatures will be checked using non-invasive, no-contact infrared thermometers.

For a full lists of its restrictions and guidelines, visit the Chinook Winds Casino Resort's website at www.chinookwindscasino.com.

Reopening

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coming weeks." County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins shared the information on social media on Thursday morning and the governor is set to announce all the counties in the state that have been approved in a press conference.

Last Friday, the county submitted an application to the state showing that Coos County had met prerequisites surrounding a decline in novel coronavirus cases or fewer than five hospitalizations; sufficient testing capabilities; ability to isolate

or quarantine new cases if need be; hospital capacity to handle a surge in cases; and enough PPE for health care workers.

For counties that have been approved to be in Phase I, individuals are allowed to have sit-down dining at restaurants; barber shops and salons will reopen; gyms and fitness centers can be used with distancing; and local gatherings of up to 25 people have been approved.

As of Thursday morning, Coos County had 28 confirmed cases of coronavirus - 27 of which were connected to Shutter Creek Correctional Institution - and two presumptive positives.

Testing

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its positive cases to below 3%.

Most governors are moving ahead with unlocking their states, even in cases where they are not meeting broad guidelines recommended by the White House.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has set a goal of 30,000 tests per day as his state launched one of the

nation's most aggressive reopenings on May 1. He never set a firm date on when the state would hit the 30,000 mark, but for most of May, the daily testing numbers have fallen well short of that.

Local leaders say tests are still in short supply. El Paso officials have pleaded with the governor to postpone easing up any more business restrictions in light of the COVID-19 cases there surging 60% over the past two weeks.

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NORTHWEST STOCKS

Table of Northwest stocks: Monday opening, Friday closing quotations; Stock, Close, 8:30; Intel, 59.67, 58.28; Kroger, 33.34, 32.51; Microsoft, 184.66, 183.16; Nike, 90.46, 86.99; NW Natural, 65.16, 59.23; Skywest, 29.45, 24.04; Starbucks, 77.87, 74.16; Umpqua Hldgs, 11.33, 9.54; Weyerhaeuser, 19.85, 17.33; Xerox, 18.13, 14.89; Levi Strauss, 12.84, 12.09; Dow Jones opened at 24,331.32; Dow Jones closed at 23,685.42; Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones.

LOTTERY

Table of lottery results: MegaMillions, Powerball, Megabucks, Win For Life. Includes jackpot amounts and dates.

Art gallery mosaic show goes virtual

The World

BANDON — On June 1, the Bandon Library Art Gallery Sixth-Annual Mosaic Show would have gone on display at the library. This is an annual event that is eagerly looked forward to by people in Bandon and the surrounding towns. The public would have been invited again to make their own small mosaics, and a talk on the art of mosaics would have been given.

Sadly, the COVID-19 virus has canceled the mosaic show, as it has so many other things people all looked forward to. However, gallery director Tracy Hodson has curated a special virtual show, "A Silver Lining," which is available online for all to see.

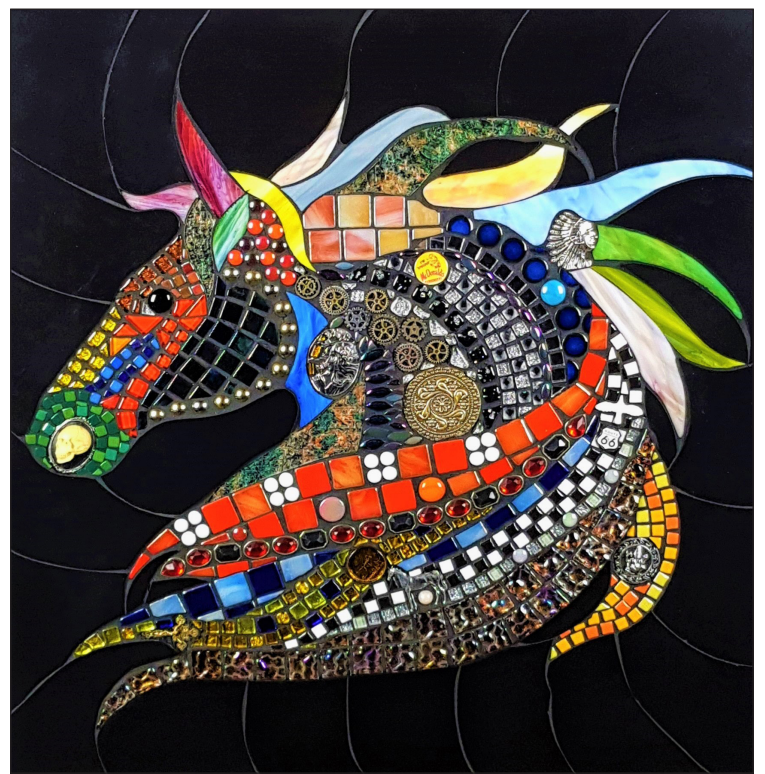
Without the restrictions caused by expensive shipping and limited gallery space, Hodson has been able to put together a collection of more than 90 mosaics made by an international roster of artists. Those visiting the virtual show will see the most recent works by regular contributors to the annual show, as well as exciting mosaicists whose work will be entirely new to Bandon residents.

"A Silver Lining" is a great introduction to — or continuation of, for regular mosaic show attendees — experiencing the vibrant, ever-growing world of fine art mosaics," Hodson said. "Many of the mosaics are available for purchase, including the ones overseas, and most of the artists are available for commissions."

Bandon Library Art Gallery invites everyone to view the show, and encourages them to share the link with others. Hodson says she expects to mount the Sixth-Annual Mosaic Show on June 1 in the gallery, and reminds people to watch for an announcement of gallery reopening later this year.

"There will continue to be great art shown at the library, in the gallery and on the long wall, so stay tuned," she said.

You can find "A Silver Lining" on the Bandon Library Art Gallery Facebook page, on the Bandon Library Friends and Foundation Facebook page and website, on the Bandon Public Library page, or directly by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ycuz8qr7>.



Top: 'If I Were a Tree' by Jacqueline Iskander. Bottom Left: "Activate the Midline" by Lynn Adamo. Bottom Right: "Crazy Horse" by Tony Welch.

Contributed photos

'The Visitor:' The disease and Native People of Oregon

STEVE GREIF
Coos History Museum

"They possess their present lands from time immemorial (and) are never troubled with epidemic or contagious diseases, except the small-pox which, from time to time, has found its way across the Rocky Mountains." These words in the journals of Robert Stuart, a fur trader helping establish Fort Astoria in 1811, referred to the Clatsop and Chinook Indians at the mouth of the Columbia River.

The isolation of indigenous peoples on the Oregon Coast was both a blessing and a curse. For thousands of years, they were not exposed to diseases from Europe — epidemics so large that the period from the 6th to the 10th centuries in the "Old World" was

known as the Dark Ages. Over time, Europeans generally developed natural antibodies to many diseases and often were able to recover after contracting them. Native tribes, after exposure to smallpox, measles, and other fevers for the first time, did not recover as easily.

Like today's COVID-19 pandemic, the aged and young were the most susceptible. Contact with sick fur traders usually meant disaster for Indians. Tribal economies, culture, and government were thrown into total disarray. "The effect (of smallpox) are so calamitous as to carry off three-fourths of those who have the misfortune to be attacked," Stuart also noted.

Some historians believe European germs reached Oregon tribes as early as 40 years after



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Annie Miner Peterson, Coos Indian Woman, survived smallpox but died of tuberculosis.

the 1490s voyages of Columbus. Certainly, by the 18th century,

smallpox had arrived on the Pacific coast, probably from a sick crew member associated with the Spanish expedition of Bruno Heceta. Those explorers stopped to trade at Trinidad Bay in northern California in June, 1775, and soon smallpox was in southwest Oregon. "Old timers said that the sickness came from the south — it just came by itself," recalled a member of the Tolowa tribe of northern California.

A second wave of smallpox hit South Coast people in 1824-25. The Hanis Coos villages on Tenmile Lake were hardest hit, wiping out their entire population. A third epidemic struck again in 1837. This time it was measles. The population of Native peoples around Coos Bay dropped from a peak of about 2000 to only 800 by the time the first permanent

Euro-Americans settled here in the 1850s. Coquille Thompson of the Coquille tribe said, "One little spot and a person would die. It was just like cutting brush ... Men, women, and children — all go. No one could cure for that kind of sickness." Patty Whereat, a Coos tribal linguist and historian, notes that Annie Miner Peterson, a Coos Indian woman, gave anthropologists in the 1930s an historic Hanis name for these diseases — qenchiwiye. The word was akin to "visitor," meaning that it came from afar to their tribe.

Early American explorers saw signs of these epidemics. Sea captain Robert Gray explored the Oregon Coast in 1788. When Natives approached his ship, the Lady Washington, in a canoe,

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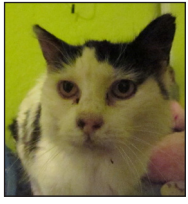
PETS OF THE WEEK

Kohl's Cat House

Thanks for helping the kitters! Hope all is well with you and that you are staying as safe as you can. The cat house is NOT taking in any cats as they are full. Those interested in adopting a cat, please call and arrangements can be made for a visit, but no walk-up visitors.

The following are cats of the week available for adoption at Kohl's Cat House:

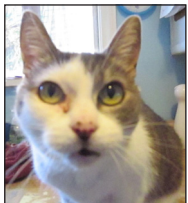
- Bossy is an adult neutered male.



he is very beautiful guy with health issues

and is a special needs child!

- Kelly is an adult spayed female.



She is very sweet and adorable and she

loves to nap, eat and play.

All of these wonderful babies need time to get used to new surroundings when they are adopted. Patience will be the best thing they can be given — patience to settle in and get used to new

surroundings before cozying up to their new human companion. This cannot be stressed enough. Only time will tell if they will fit into their new situation when they are adopted. It really is no different for human kids. Patience goes such a long way to benefit all involved!

Call the cat house to set up a meeting at 541-294-3876 or 541-260-5303. Email: catsforever@outlook.com or visit online at kohlscats.info.

Bandon Animal Rescue

Bandon Animal Rescue is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located at 88674 Highway 42S in Bandon and is run by Goodnight and Lynette Lucas. It is open by appointment only during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit their Facebook page or their website <http://www.bandonanimalrescue2.com/> for more information and to set up an appointment. Phone: 541-347-0051.

Coos County Animal Shelter

The shelter is at 92960 Southport Road in Coos Bay. It is open by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic. Phone: 541-751-2480. Currently adoptable animals can be seen at <http://awos.petfinder.com/shelters/OR156.html>.

Friends of Coos County Animals

Friends of Coos County Animals, Inc (FOCCAS) is organized for charitable purposes and specifically to support organizations and causes that promote animal welfare in the community. Adopt a pet today and become a part of animal rescue. FOCCAS's Community Outreach Program helps to provide spay/neuter vouchers to families in financial need. This will help to prevent more unwanted kittens and puppies from being born and ending up on the streets or in the shelter.

Foster Program: All foster homes are given supplies and the animals provided with needed medical care. Animal rescue has been an important part of the organization, and couldn't be done without donations. Address: P.O. Box 911 Coos Bay, Oregon 97420, phone: 541-269-1989 (voice mail only — leave message).

The FOCCAS animal adoption location (currently on hold during coronavirus pandemic) is Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. across from JoAnn Fabrics. Visit the website: <https://friendsofcooscountyanimals.org>.

Chess club competes online

NANCY KELLER Coquille Chess Club

COQUILLE — The Coronavirus caused a crashing halt to so many hopes and dreams of the youth throughout the world.

The Coquille Chess Club was set to compete in the Chess For Success State Championships March 13 and 14. Joshua Grabinsky looked very strong to take the high school individual state championship for the third year in a row. The Coquille Middle School team was strong and ready to try and take the state middle school team championship.

The evening before the 14 Coquille players were to leave for the Oregon Convention Center, Coach Keller had to call all the team members and tell them that they could not play. The schools had been notified that Governor Brown was going to prohibit events over 250 people. The chess players were crushed. Then over the ensuing days, stay at home orders came through so even chess club was canceled and their favorite tournament, the OSCF individual state championships in Seaside was also canceled. National championships were canceled. World events were canceled mid-tournament.

So how does a chess player cope? Coach Keller

has been promoting kids to play online with chess. com or chesskids.com which allows players to play others from around the world. It allows for practice but alas, lacked the thrill of competition. Online competitions are hard due to connection issues and, especially, cheating. Individual events for high-level players were plagued with low rated players winning and then getting banned as cheating programs determined they had indeed used chess engines. At least with in-person events, it was much harder to cheat. Most of the cheating happened in the bathrooms where players could not be watched.

Then Coach Keller received a random notification through the club Facebook site of a 2020 Chess World-wide online event through chess.com. After communicating with John Hornsby, the organizer, Keller contacted Joshua Grabinsky to see if he would be willing to help the team members get online and make sure they connected at the scheduled time. Then she called the team members rated over 800 and they were excited to join. Unfortunately, the time control is quick: 10 minutes per player with 2 seconds (increment) added with every move. Each player plays two games. Most of the teams are colleges including Harvard,

MIT, Oxford but it is a competition that gives the players a purpose.

Monday, April 27, Coquille Chess Club (and Friends) played the Universita Milano Biocca from Italy. Coquille lost 3:7. Results were Joshua Grabinsky 1:1, Philip McNeil 1:1, Dustin Herker 0:2, Sawyer Bergstedt 0/2, Frank Morse 1/1.

Monday, May 4, Coquille played Eton College from Berkshire England. Coquille lost 4:8. Results were Joshua Grabinsky 2:0, Philip McNeil 0:2, Riley Jones 1:1, Dustin Herker 1:1, Jason Herker 0:2, Frank Morse 0:2, Sawyer Bergstedt 0:2.

Monday May 11, Coquille played Xadrez Entre Amigos from Sao Paulo Brazil (results to be announced).

Coquille players are high school, mostly junior high and have a few Coos County adults invited to join in. Playing higher rated college students is helping Coquille build up their chess skills and maintain readiness for when normal chess tournaments are allowed again. Most of these players will make up the Coquille High School Team for next year and they are hoping to be ready for 2021 Oregon State Championships.

Visit <https://results.scorchapp.co.uk/2020stage3/standings/1> to view game moves and standing.

The Chamber Minute: Defining our focus



TIMM SLATER
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

COOS BAY — Over 10 years ago, your chamber began doing its annual planning in a different way. We decided to ask each of our members for their opinion of our direction and operations as a business association.

From your responses, the Board defined our focus areas in 2010 to guide the efforts for that year. With survey results over each of the following nine years, we refined

our 2010 work into the current year's Strategic Objectives.

All of the Chamber committees will be meeting later this summer to refine their focus for the upcoming year. So, with our completed 2020 survey, which each Chamber member will find in their email inbox this September, and the 2021 goals from each of our committees in hand, the Board of Directors will hold its

annual planning session in mid November. So why are goals and goal setting important? Let me share a story with you.

When I was a kid, my dad brought home a catalog from the Ford dealer. We went through a process, as a family, to pick the color of our new station wagon. After several votes it ended up two-tone brown. We ordered the car, waited six weeks and were very hap-

py when we got it. The thing I began to notice, however, was it appeared that there were many new two-tone brown Ford station wagons in our area. It seems when our mind focuses on something, we begin to notice it everywhere. When our mind focuses on a goal, we begin to see ways to get it done.

So, check into that Chamber committee that works issues dear to your

heart, offer them your ideas and help make their goals happen. Yes they are still meeting, although virtually now.

Remember our business is helping your business. And like us on Facebook.

Timm Slater is executive director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on your Chamber, email timmslater@oregonsbayarea.org.

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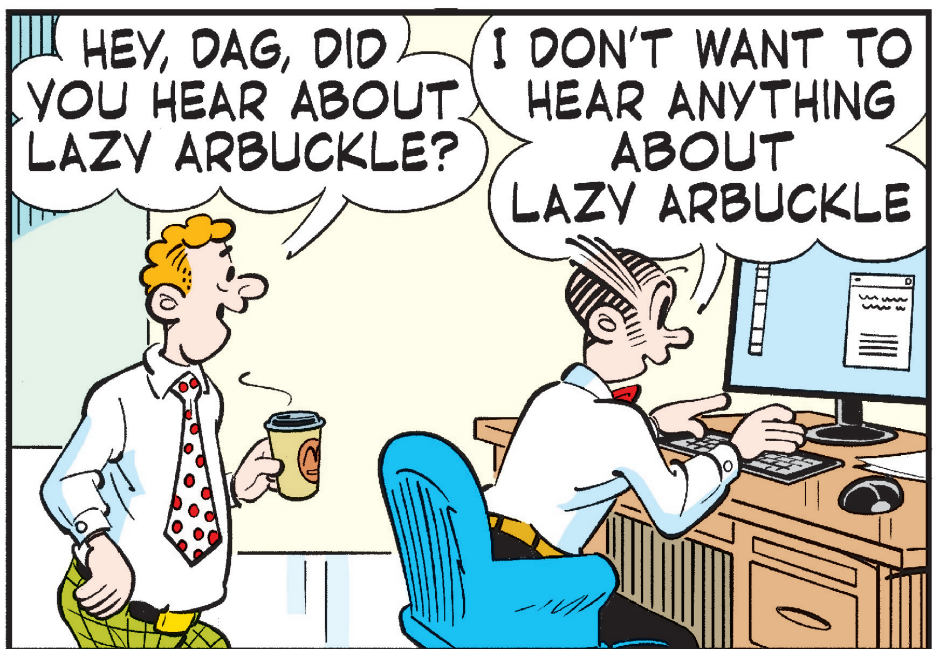
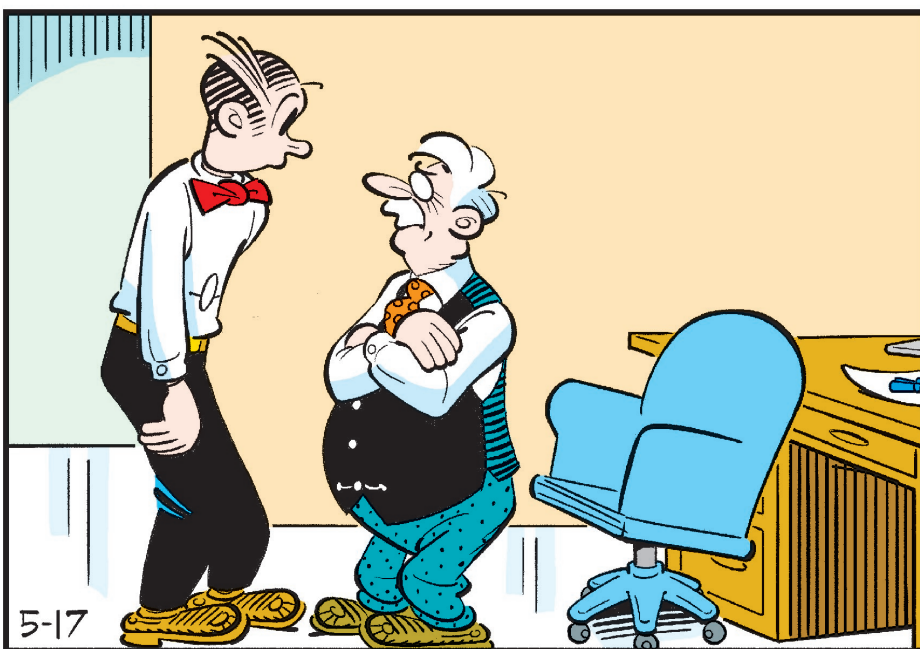
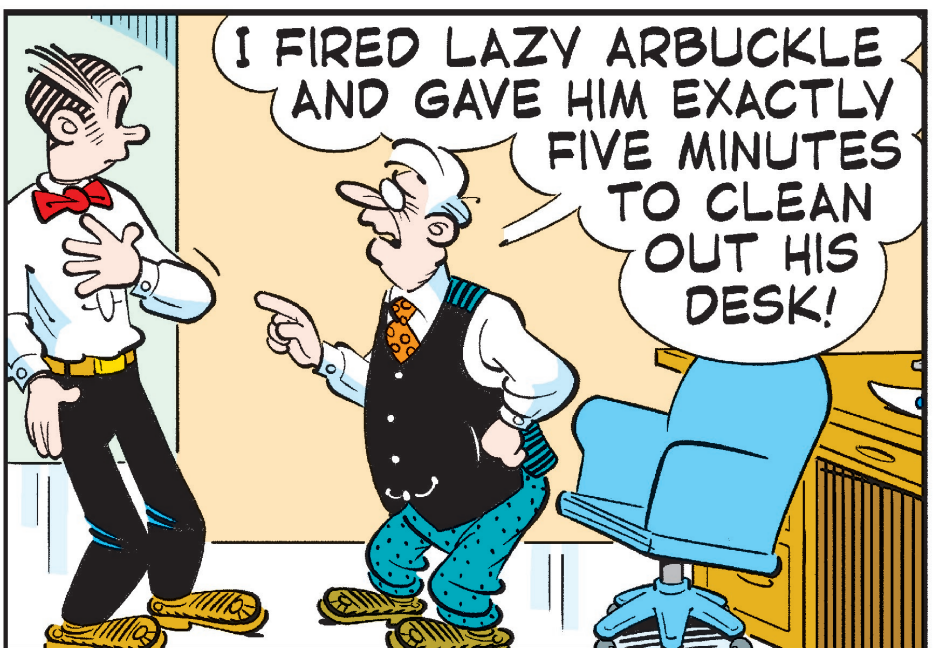
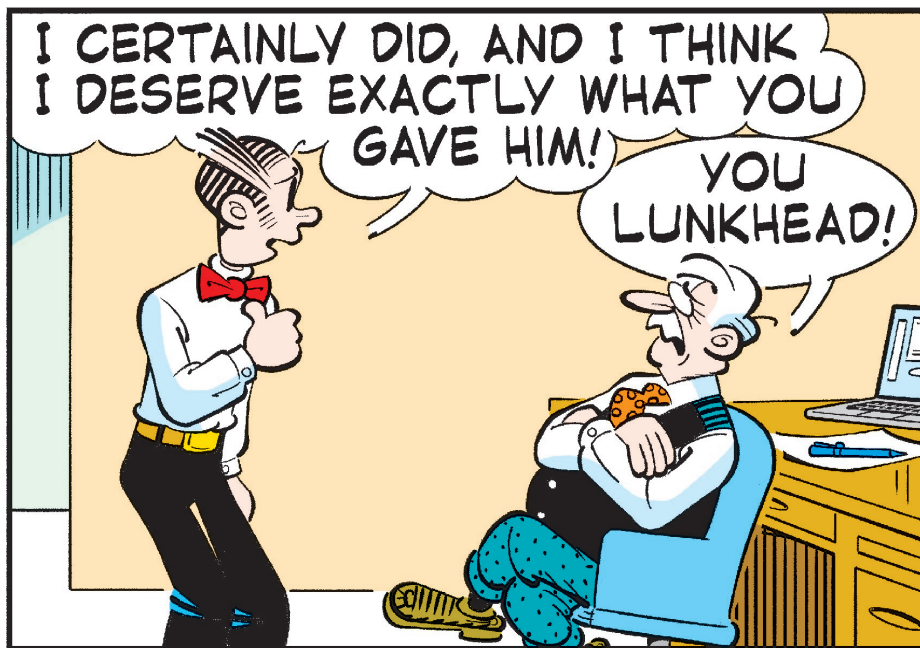
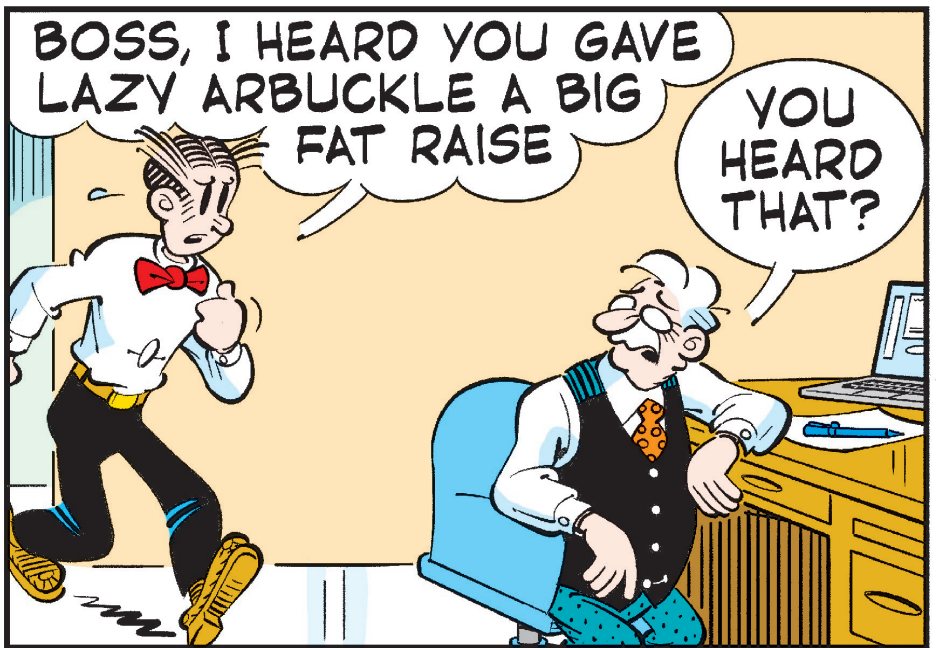
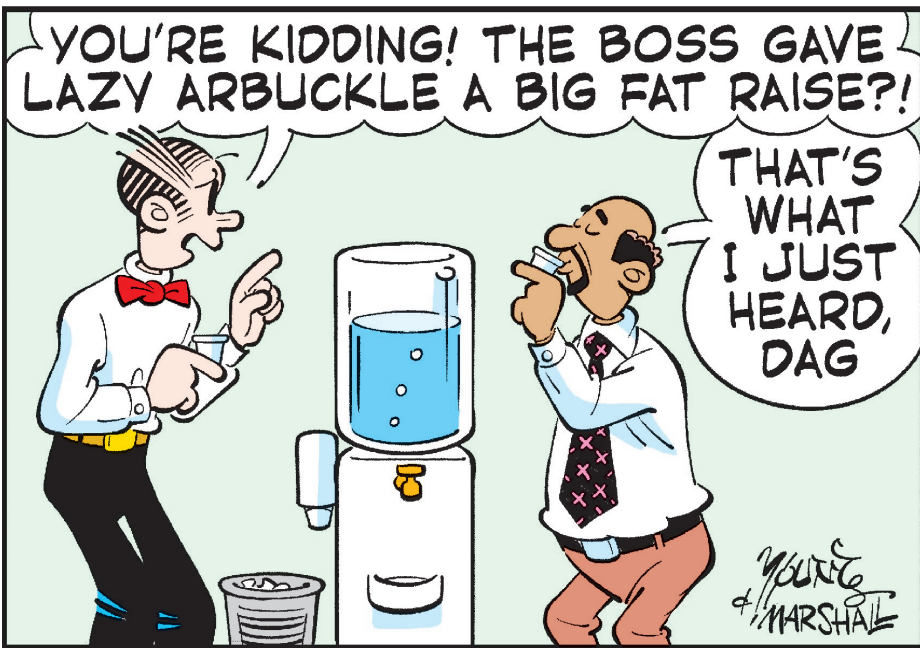
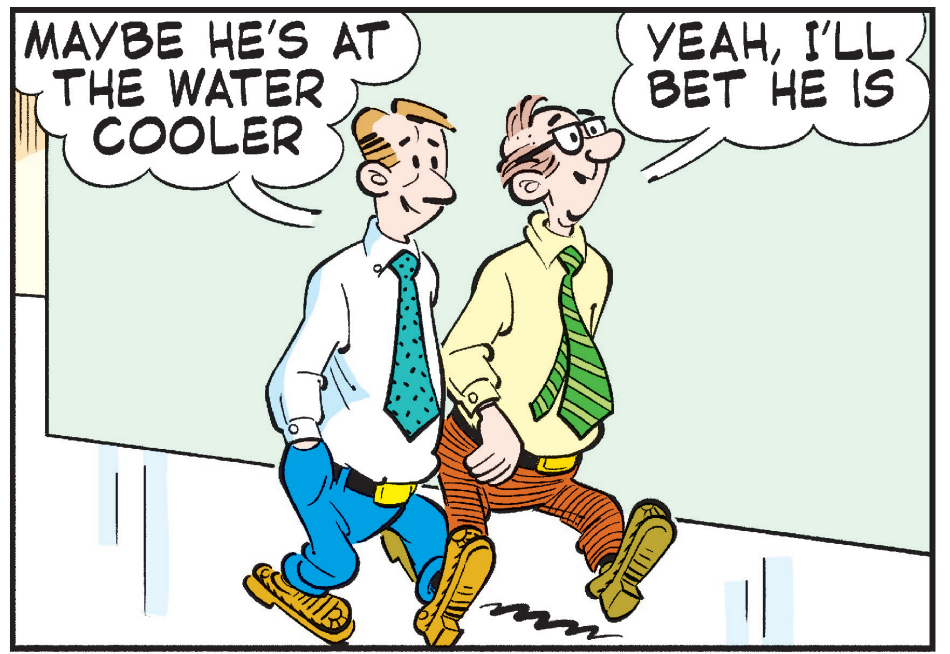
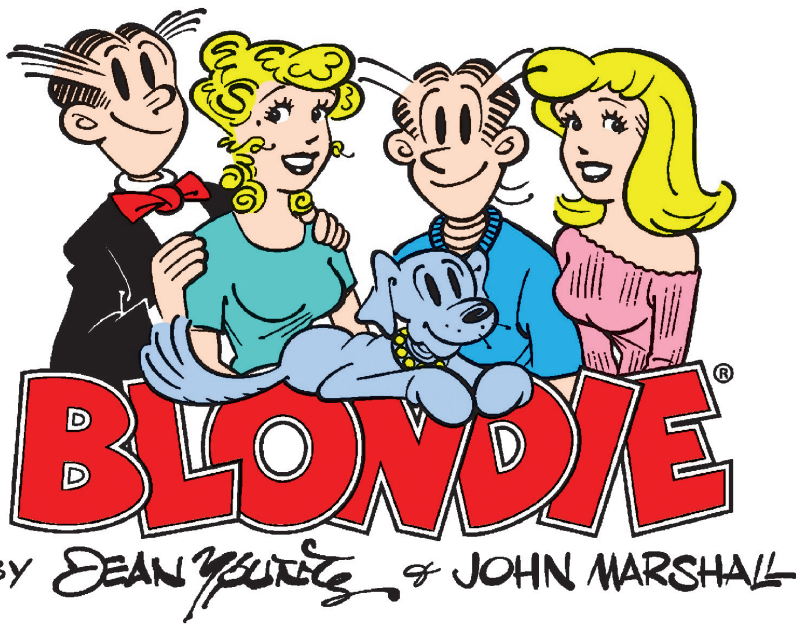
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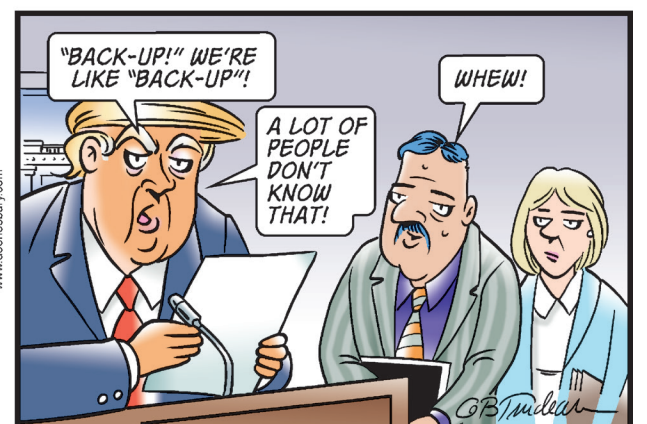
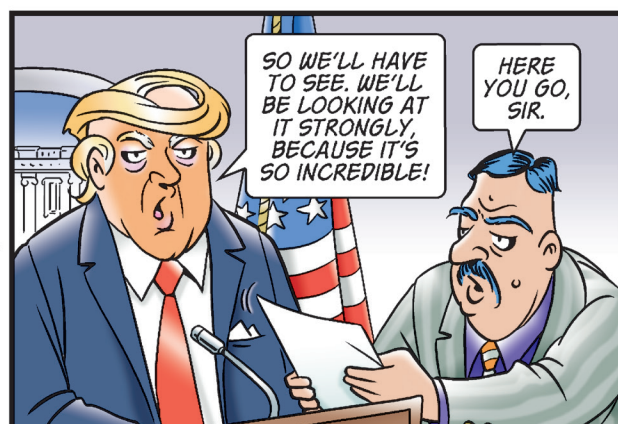
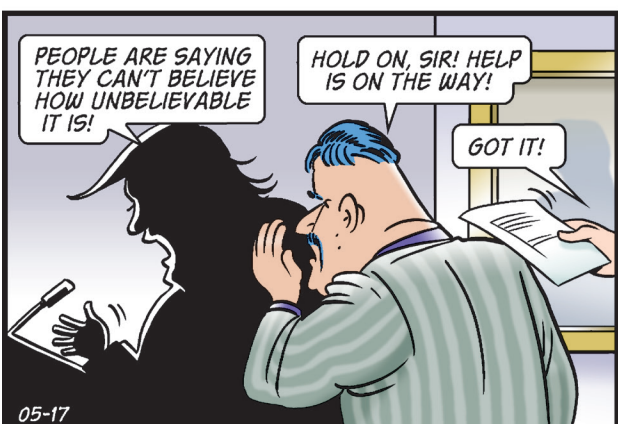
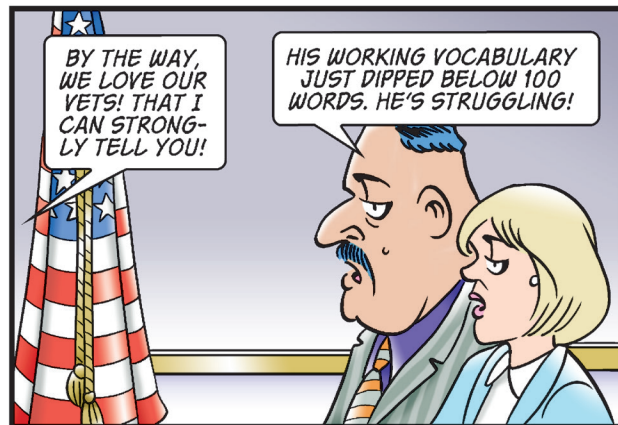
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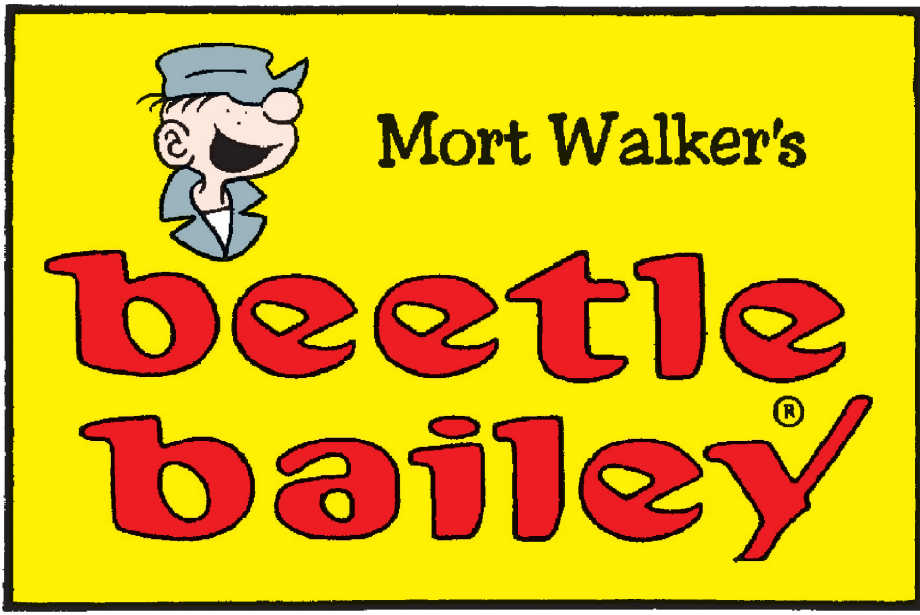
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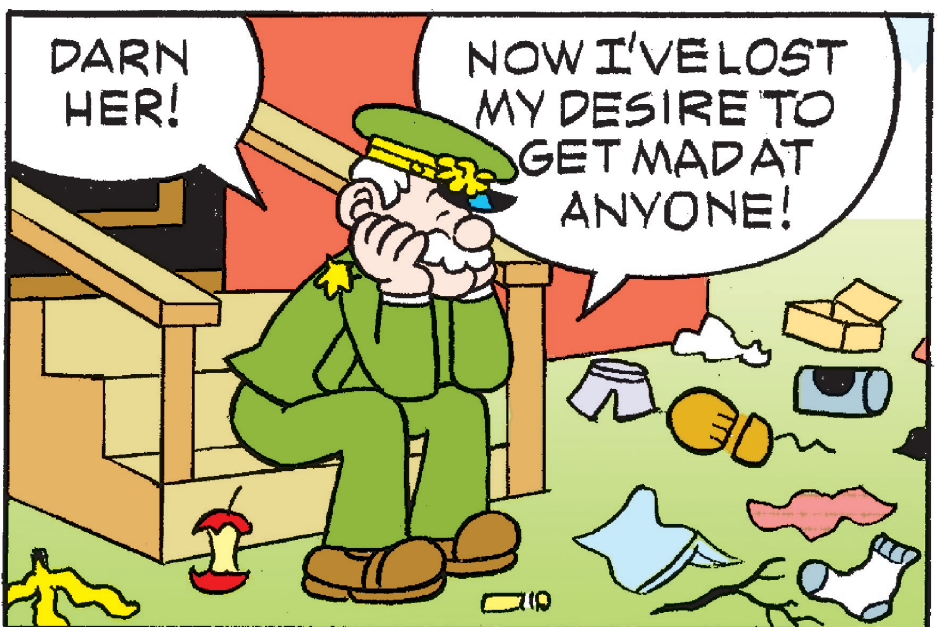
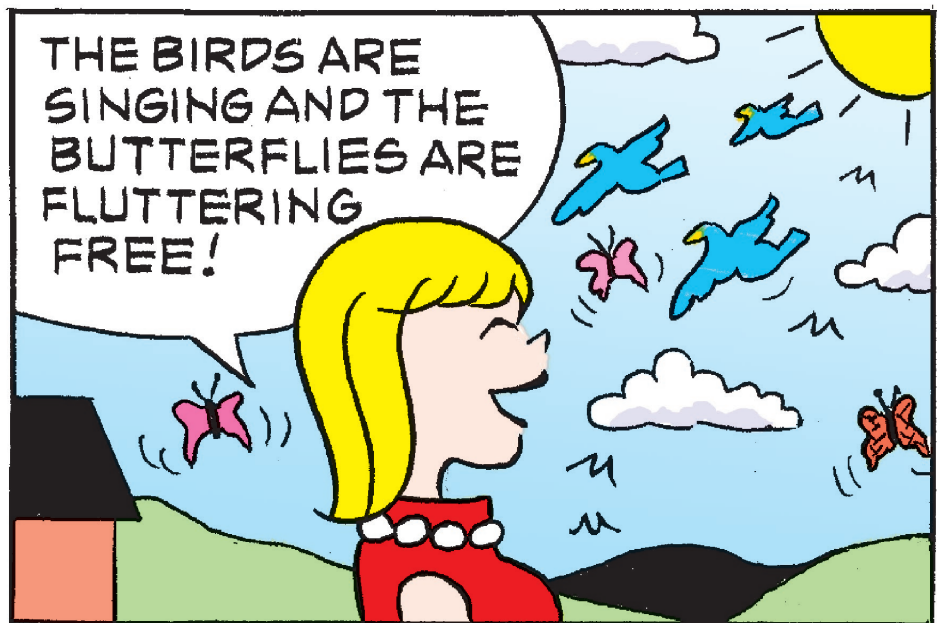
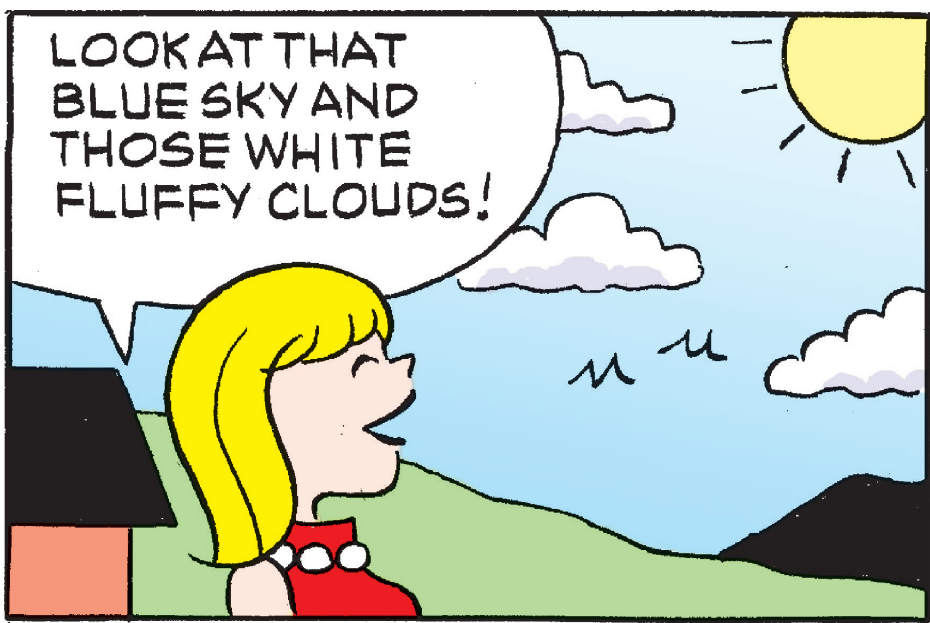
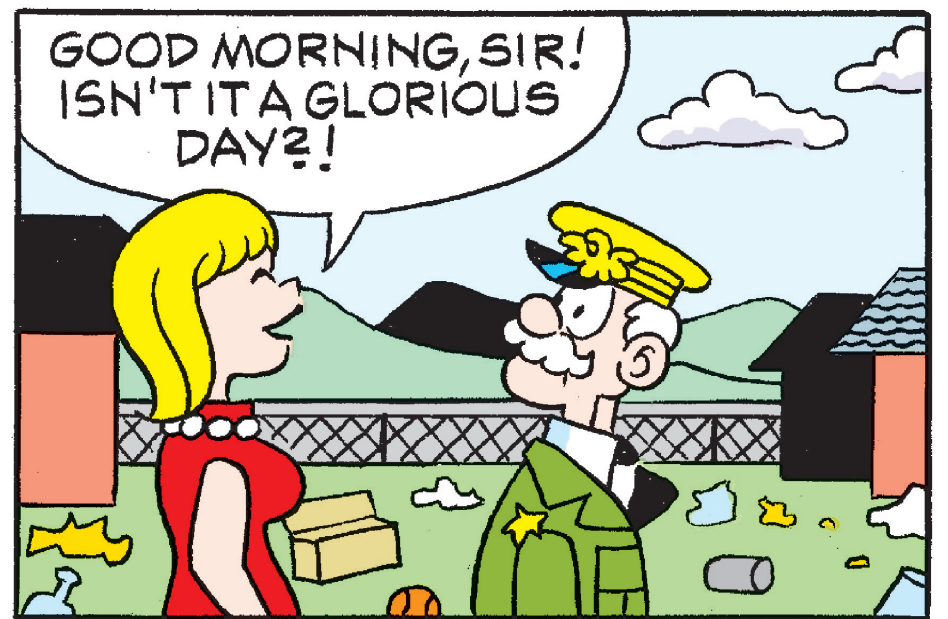
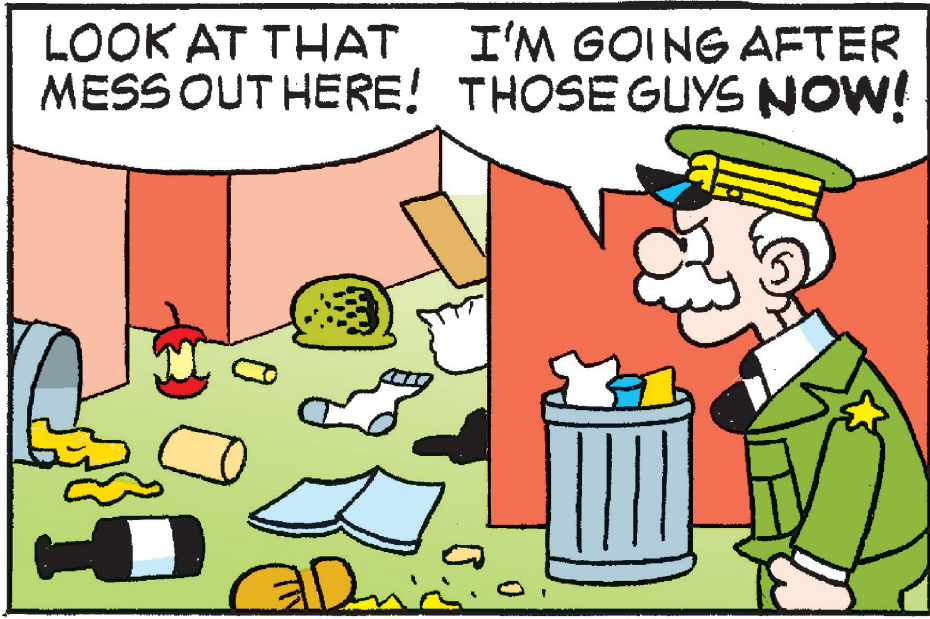
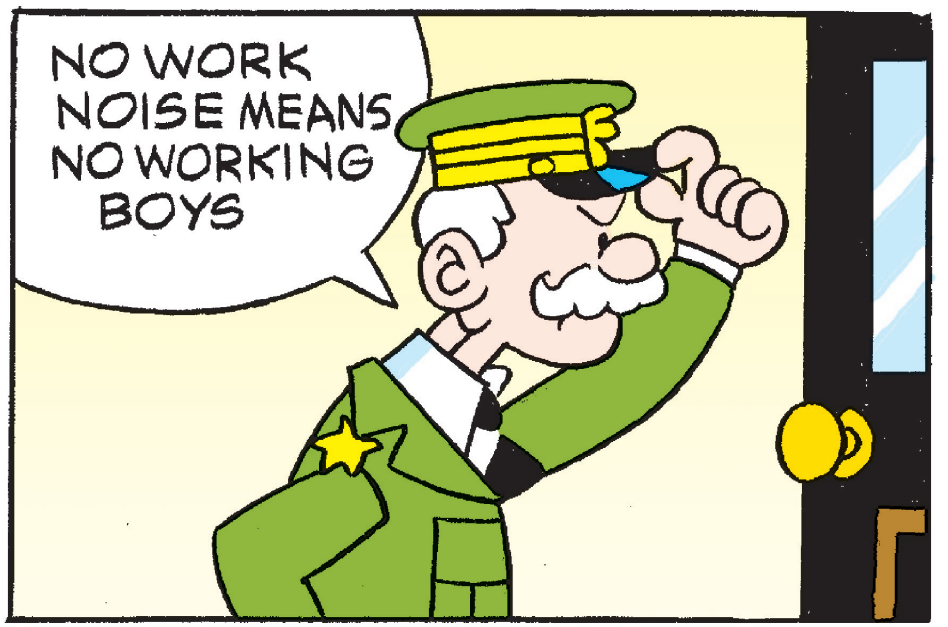
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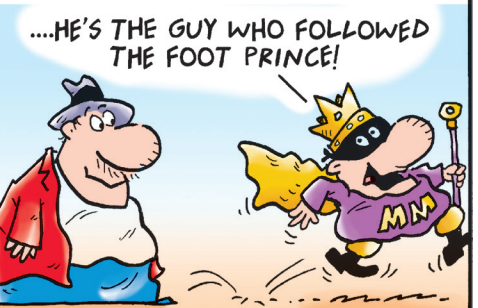
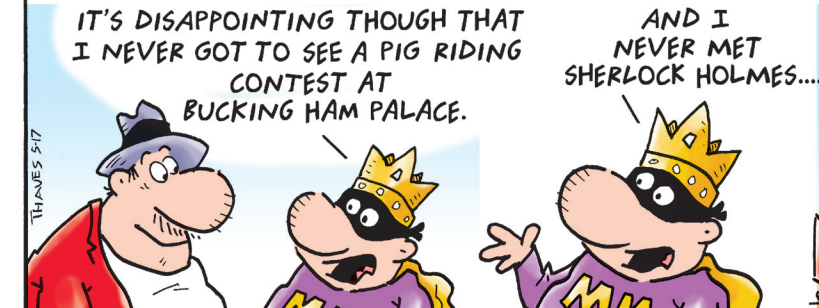
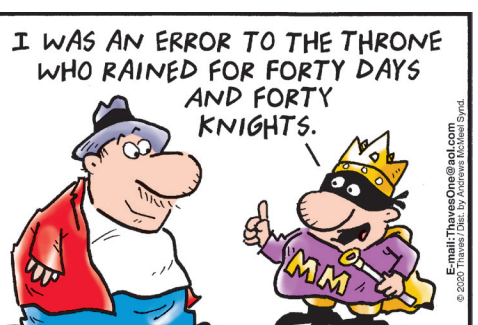
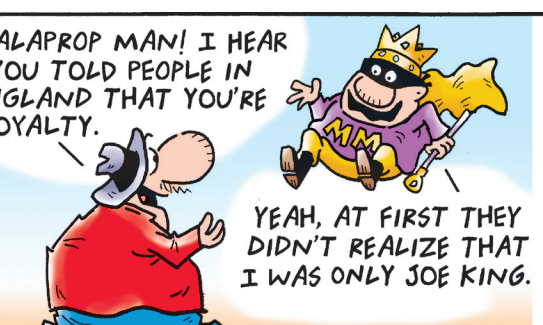
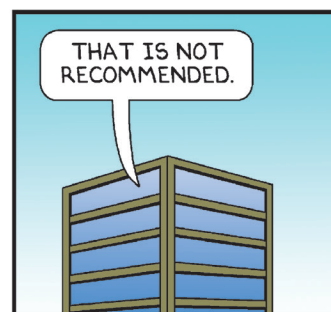
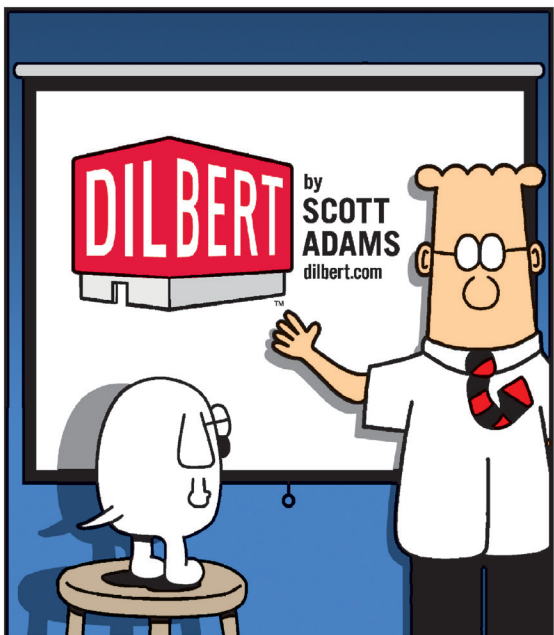




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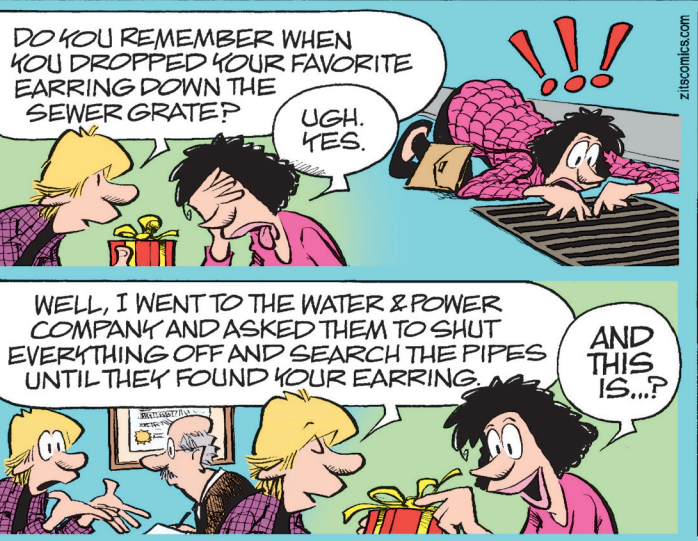
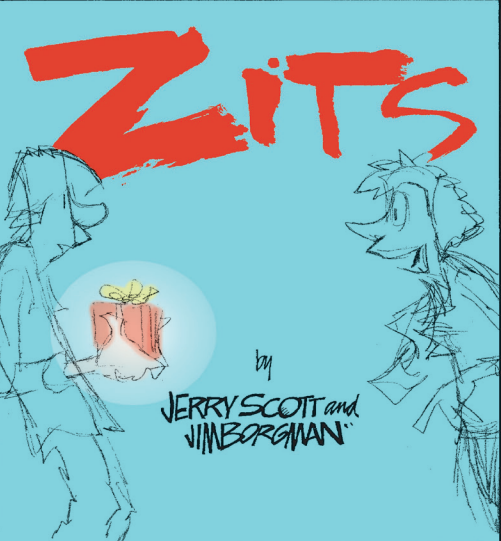
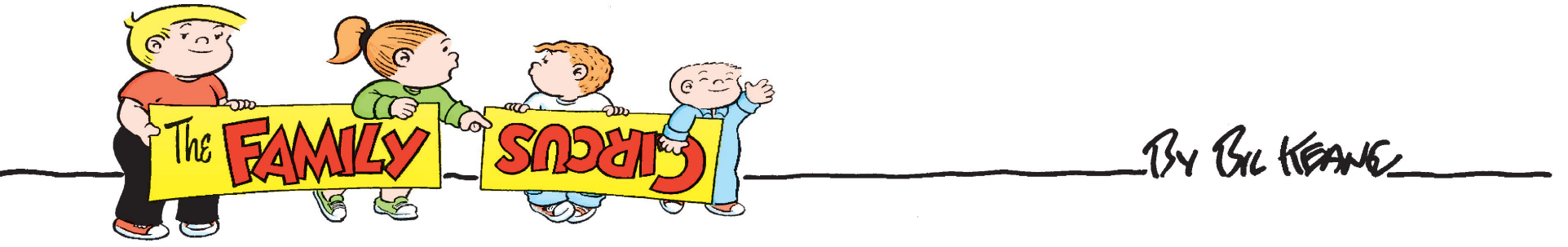
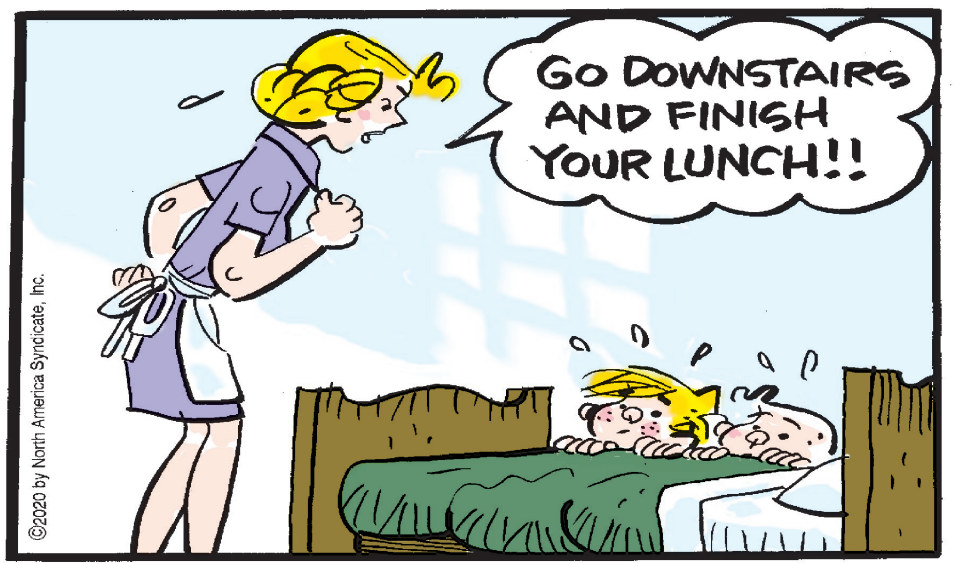
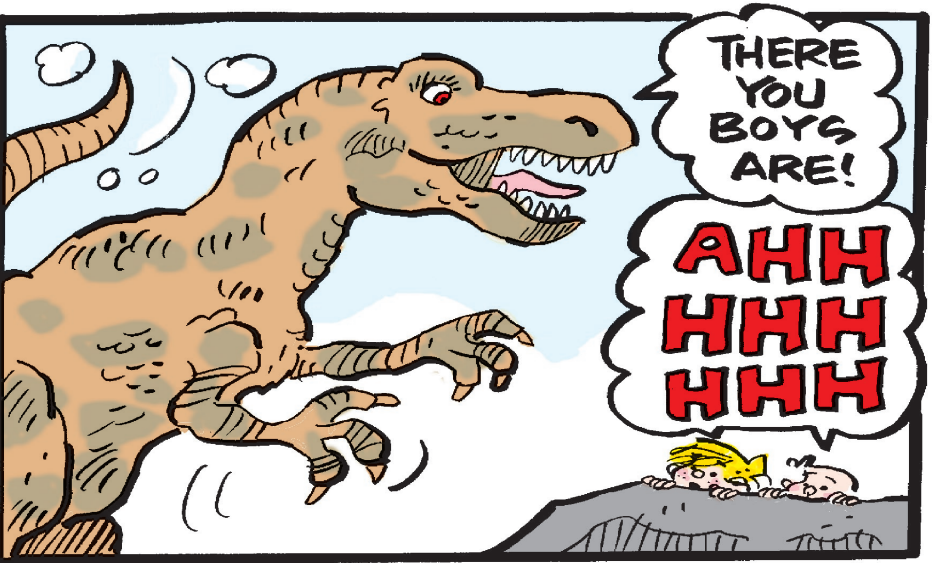
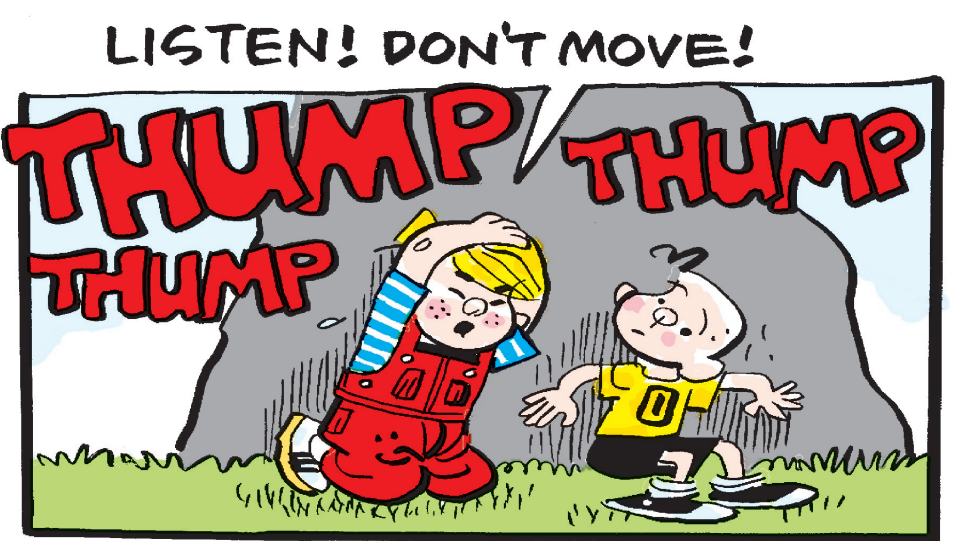
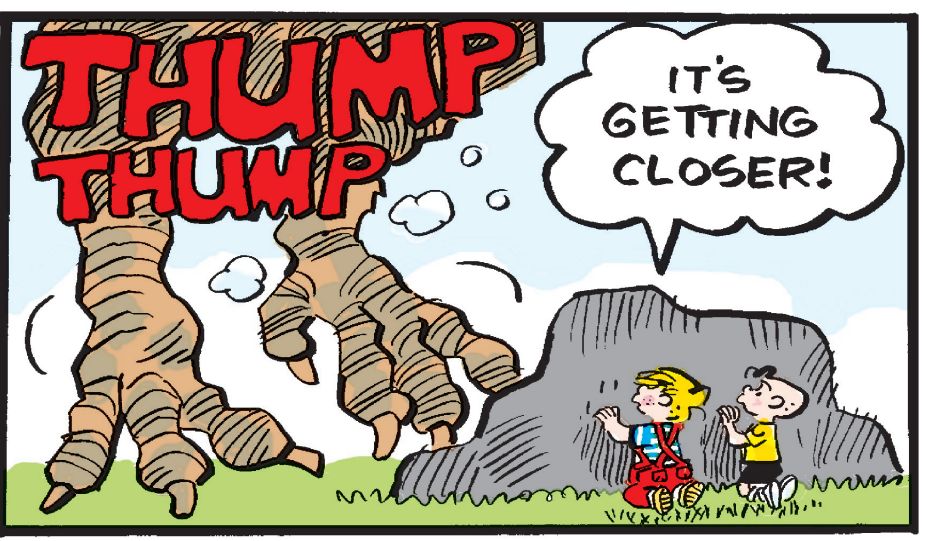
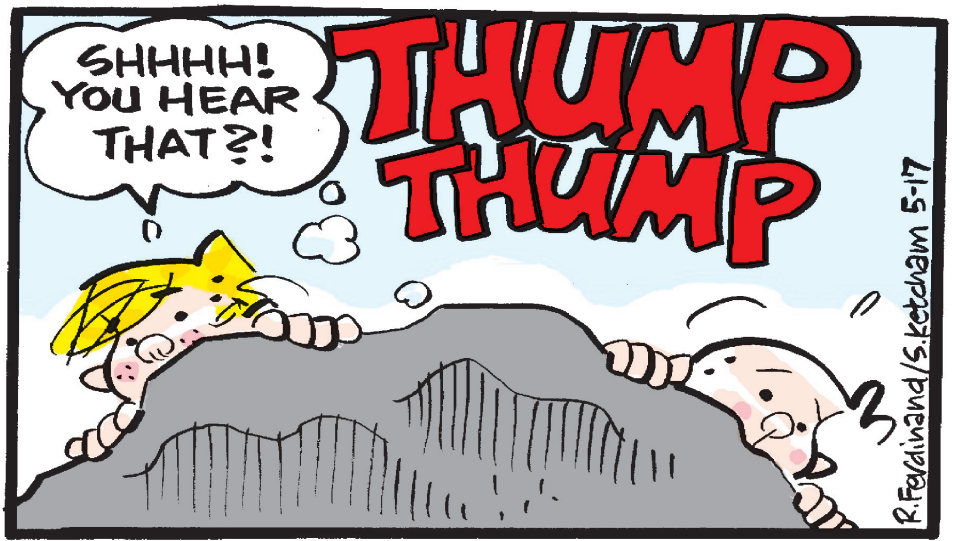
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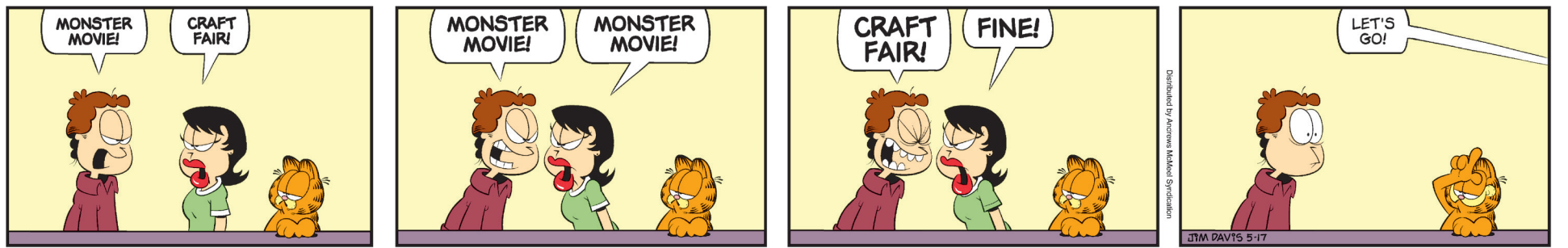
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Frank Frelund's **Dennis the Menace**

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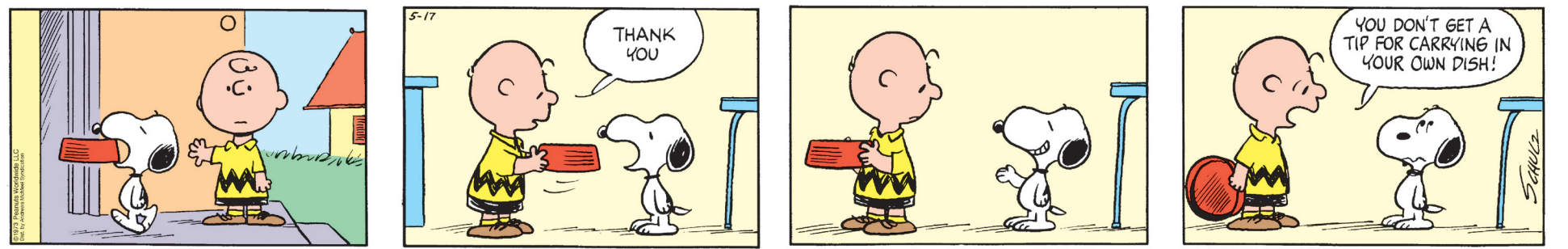


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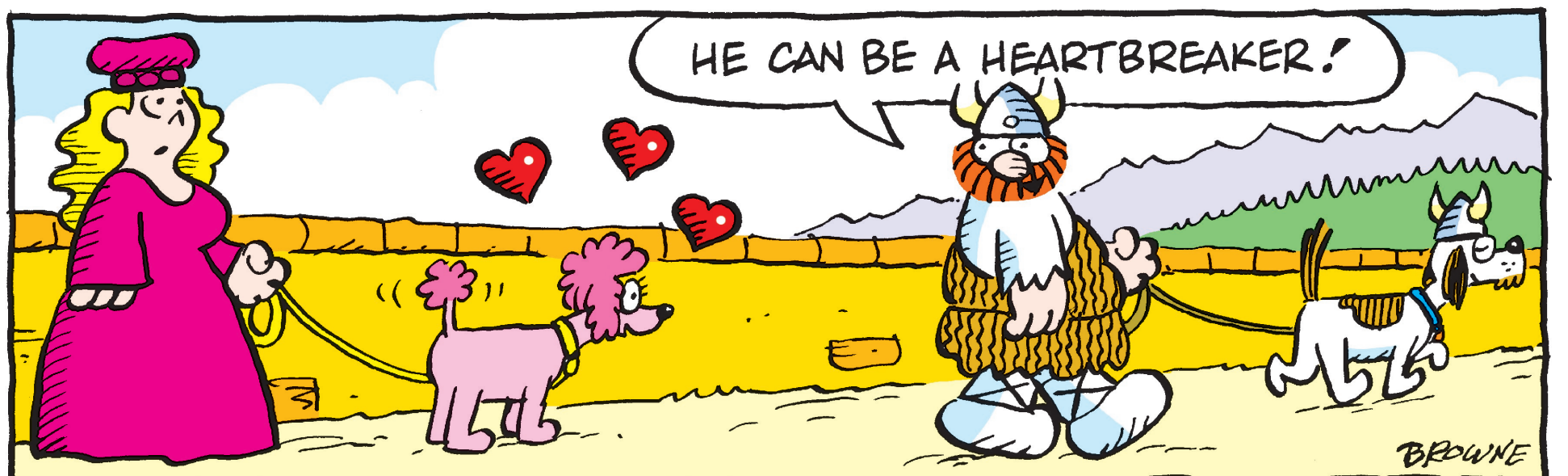
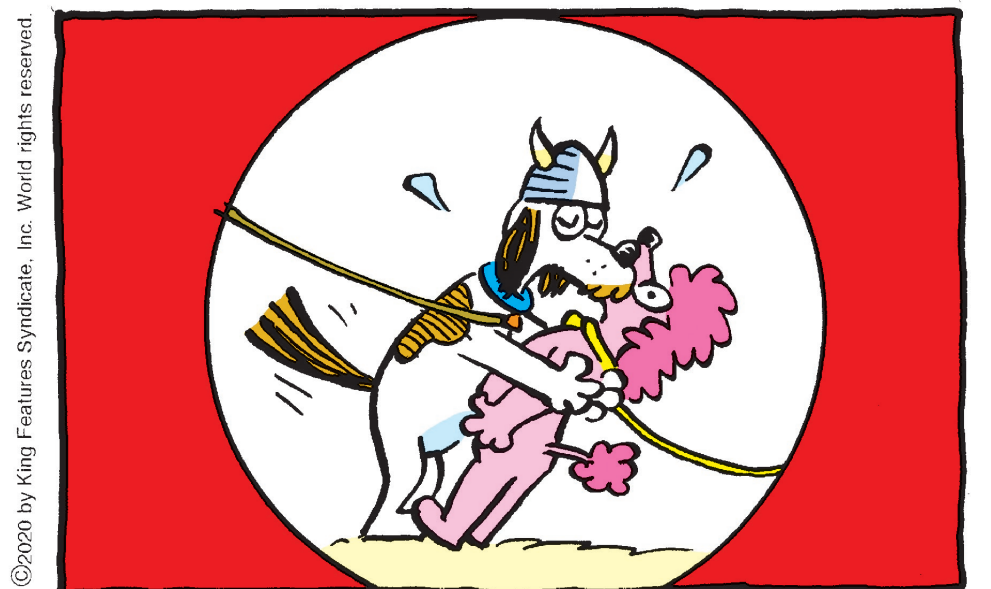
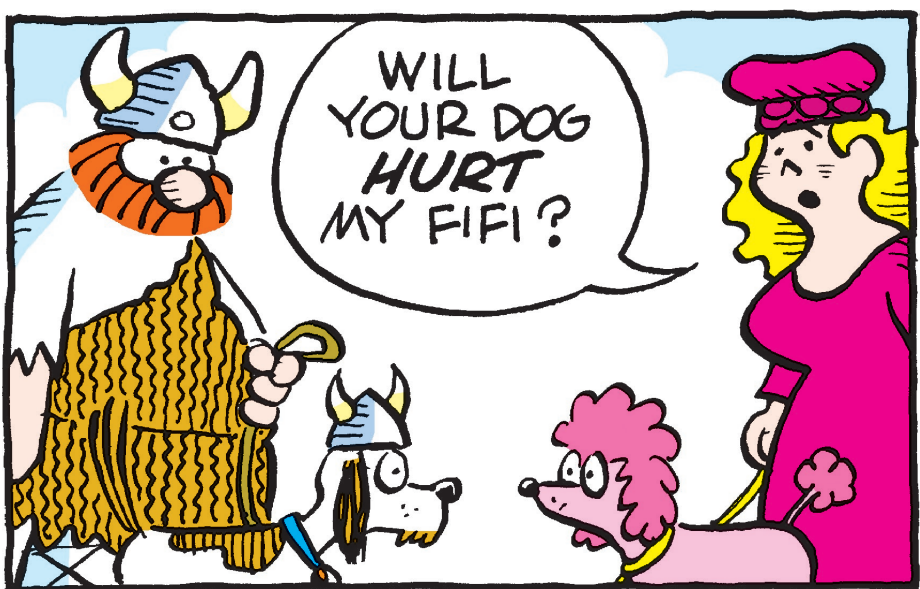
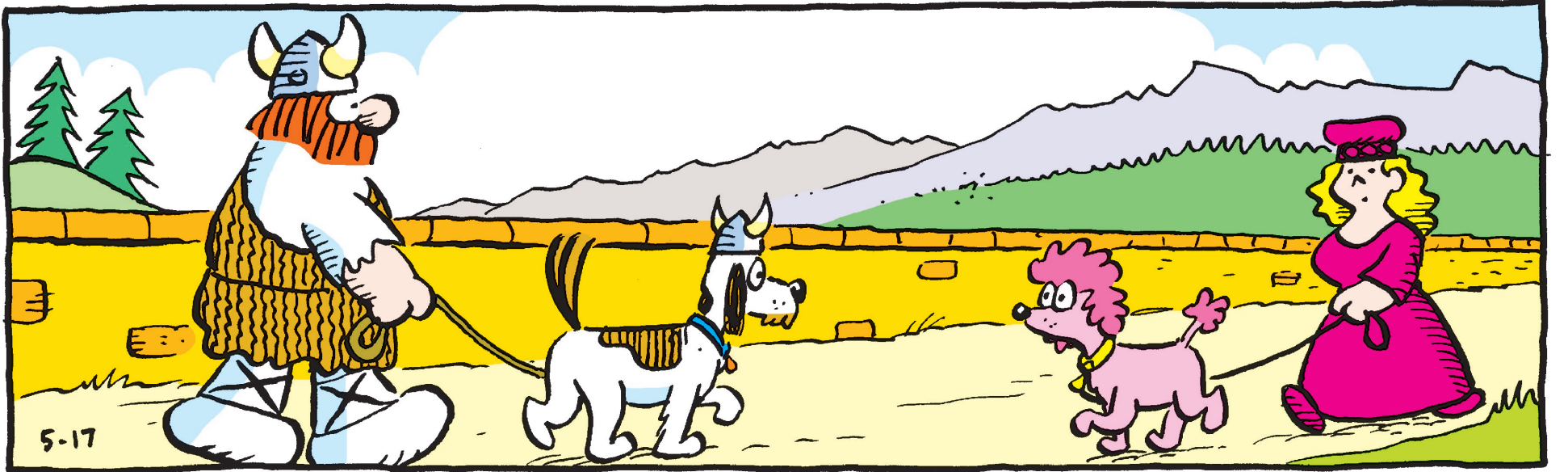
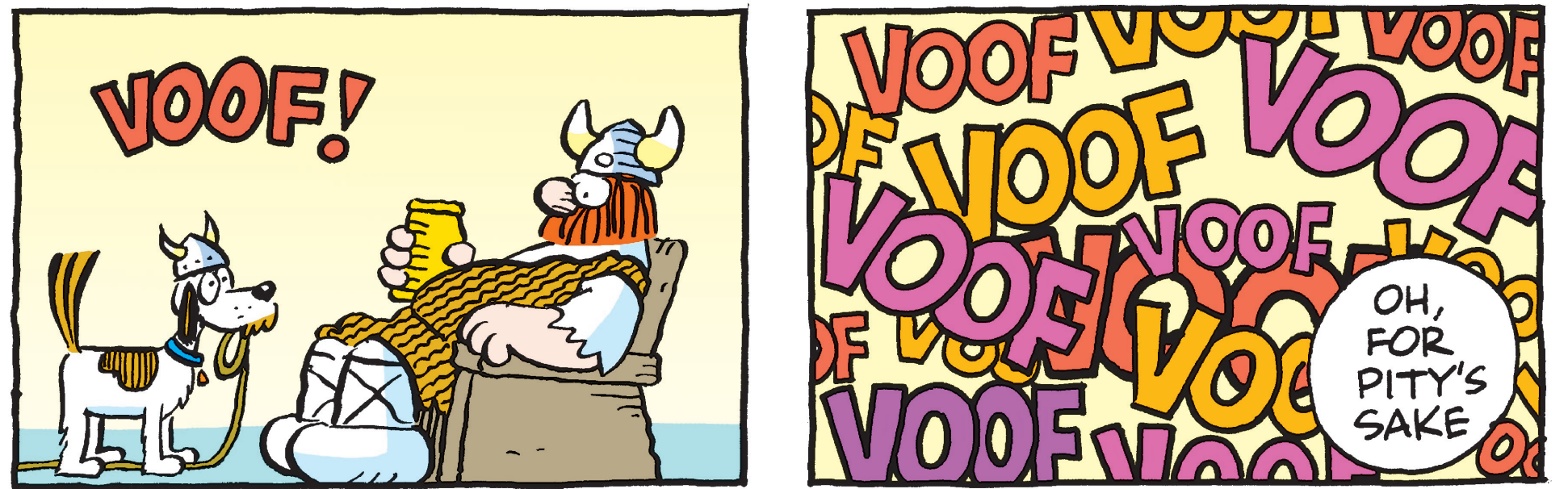
PEANUTS

featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown" by SCHULZ



HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Browne



Dear Reader,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter our daily lives.

In March, we directed the reporters for all of our Country Media newspapers – including those at our publications in Coos Bay, Bandon and Reedsport - to work from their home offices.

And to limit the contact between our staff and our customers, thereby protecting all parties, we reduced the office hours at every location to 9 a.m. – noon, Monday – Friday.

For those employees whose work requires them to be onsite to conduct our essential business, we moved their workstations to ensure safe distancing and we are enforcing the scheduled sanitation

of all surfaces several times daily.

As you can see from a quick drive down U.S. Highway 101, the virus' impact on local businesses is severe. Many have closed their doors, some permanently.

These local businesses rely on newspapers to connect them to potential customers, and we in turn rely on generating advertising revenue to offset our operating expenses. Business closures intended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus have dramatically reduced those advertising revenues over the past several weeks.

While we all hope to emerge from this crisis soon, there's no way to predict the duration or severity of its impact on our economy. Meantime, you may notice some changes

to our regular lineup of comics, columns and features, and the resulting number of pages in each issue.

Soon after we bought this newspaper on February 1, we learned that the monthly bill for the comics and features appearing in The World exceeded that of a full-time reporter. The virus has enhanced the urgency for both expense reduction and prioritization of content, and right now I would rather have a reporter on the streets - and eliminate a few comics - than the other way around.

You will also notice an increase in the number and percentage of local news articles, with proportionately less Associated Press content. This is intentional.

While we will still provide AP articles that are relevant to our readers, you depend on us daily to report the local news that you won't find anywhere else. Our newsroom is fully committed to this mission.

And we're still hiring! Here in Coos Bay, we are searching for advertising sales reps and graphic artists. If you know anyone who would seem to be a good fit, send them our way.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. It's our honor to serve the citizens of Coos, Douglas and Curry counties.

Ben Kenfield
Publisher
bkenfield@countrymedia.net

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

ACROSS

- Health resort
- Periodical, briefly
- Rum cake
- Prince Val's son
- Anger
- Nomad dwelling
- Landed
- Mild cheese
- Metric unit
- Terra —
- Frog cousins
- Intend
- Coffee break treat
- Ozone and radon
- Rope parts
- Foreman foe
- Blunt end
- Ltd. relative
- Be overdue
- Scholarly org.
- Varnish ingredient

DOWN

- Sink down
- Univ. staffer
- Not "pro"
- Lady's title
- Having an awning
- Pound sounds
- Edmund Hillary's title
- Skilled combat pilot
- Sheath or sack
- Nudged
- Lighten up
- Orchid-loving Wolfe
- Razz
- Drinks slowly
- Like — of bricks
- Broad st.
- Quaint lodgings
- Desk item
- Gloomy

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Turkish official
- Mineral find
- Of yore
- Distinctive air
- Thin nail
- Cash dispensers, for short
- Careless
- Funny Charlotte —
- Popcorn buy
- Lobster eaters' needs
- Pump abbr.
- Cry of despair
- Show relief
- Bankroll
- Tiny stream
- Purse closer
- Layer
- ICU units
- Magnate
- Impose taxes
- Negative prefix
- Reaction to a mouse
- Protective garment
- Arnaz
- Picnic spoiler
- Athletics channel
- Hurlers' stats
- Met celeb
- Brief bit of shuteye
- Summer in France
- Place to retire to?

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WORD SEARCH

In the grid below, twenty answers can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each answer that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Answers can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find the twenty answers in today's puzzle?

Today's Category: Words That Rhyme with RAIN

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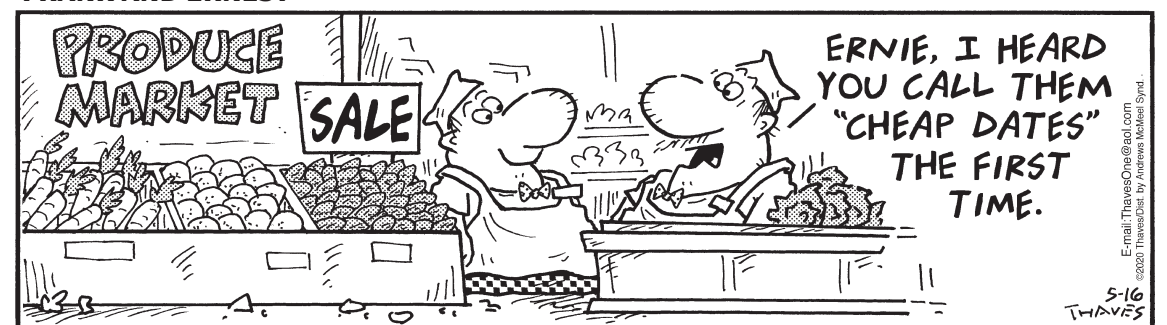
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST



triviaquiz

BY JAY BOBBIN

So Spielberg

Questions:

- Steven Spielberg made his debut as a professional theatrical film director with a 1974 comedy-drama that starred Goldie Hawn. Name it.
- Who starred as the pursued driver in "Duel," the 1971 TV movie that began to earn director Steven Spielberg wide attention?
- The success of "Jaws" (1975) put Spielberg on the Hollywood map. Who wrote the novel on which the shark thriller was based?
- Which other famous filmmaker did Spielberg cast as a scientist in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977)?
- What professional connection does John Williams have to Spielberg?
- Name the mid-1980s anthology series Spielberg produced for NBC.
- In what was the mosquito carrying prehistoric DNA preserved in the Spielberg-directed "Jurassic Park" (1993)?
- Making which film inspired Spielberg to establish the Shoah Foundation?
- In Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan" (1998), who played Private Ryan?
- Spielberg has worked with actor Tom Hanks several times. Name the most recent movie they made together as actor and director.

- Answers:**
- "The Sugarland Express"
 - Dennis Weaver
 - Peter Benchley
 - Francis Truffaut
 - The fellow Kennedy Center Honors recipient has composed the music scores for many of Spielberg's films
 - "Amazing Stories"
 - Amber "Schindler's List"
 - (1993)
 - Matt Damon
 - "The Post"
 - (2017)

Hennick is Distinguished Toastmaster UO Dean's List

BANDON — In a congratulatory letter to longtime Bandon resident Sharon Hennick, Toastmasters International Chief Executive Officer Daniel Rex, wrote, "Distinguished Toastmaster, 'DTM' is the greatest honor that can be earned by a member of Toastmasters International. The DTM award is given only to those who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and communication skills and who have used these skills to help others in their self-development efforts."

"Attaining this award was not an easy task. You have completed both the leadership and communication tracks, earning many awards to reach DTM status. These accomplishments have given you a greater perspective of the value of being a good communicator and an effective leader."

"You have assisted your club, district, and community. More than four million people have benefited from our programs since the organization's establishment in 1924. Your accomplishments and continuing contributions are a significant factor in this success."

"I am delighted to recognize you as a Distinguished Toastmaster. Your outstanding achievement will serve as an inspiration to all Toastmasters. Enclosed is an exquisite plaque in honor of your achievement," Rex concluded.

Hennick was thrilled to receive the plaque.

"Toastmasters is a wonderful organization," Hennick said. "Speaking, listening, thinking and leadership skills are enhanced at each member's own pace. Best of all, I have made deep friendships with my Toastmaster



Contributed photo by Linda Montgomery

Sharon Hennick

colleagues."

"I highly recommend Toastmasters," she added.

"If you would like more information, please call me at 541-297-5555."

EUGENE — Almost 2,500 students earned a place on the winter term Dean's List. Each term, the University of Oregon names its top students to the Dean's List in recognition of their academic achievements, and 2,480 UO students qualified for the honor for winter term.

The Dean's List is compiled for fall, winter and spring terms. To qualify, a student must be an admitted undergraduate and complete at least 15 credits for the term with a grade point average of at least 3.75, and at least 12 of the credits must be taken for letter grades.

Total undergraduate enrollment for the term was 17,868.

Bandon

Autumn Rose Moss-Strong, Senior, Educational

Foundations

Darby Bryce Underdown, Senior, Journalism: Advertising

North Bend

Rowan Avery Colby, Senior, Psychology
Makenna Kristine Crocker, Senior, Journalism: Advertising

Bryce Mark Hadley, Junior, Business Administration
Ella Kathleen Hutcherson, Sophomore, Pre-Journalism

Port Orford

David Michael Sax, Senior, Business Administration

Sixes

Nathan David Malamud, Junior, Spatial Data Science & Technology

Natives

From C1

they brandished iron knives (a sign that they had previously obtained trade goods) and Gray noted, "Two or three of our visitors were much pitted with the small pox." When the Corps of Discovery stayed the winter of 1805-06 at Ft. Clatsop, William Clark recorded in his journal, "The Small pox has destroyed a great number of the natives in this quarter." Meriwether Lewis thought several hundred Natives had died just a few years before their arrival. "The late ravages of the small pox may well account for the number of remains of villages which we find deserted on the river and Sea coast," he wrote.

Fur traders came next with their trade goods — and a disease referred to at the time as "fever and ague." It was probably malaria. The devastation started at Hudson Bay's

Fort Vancouver in 1830, raged up the Willamette Valley, and killed thousands. Historian Robert Boyd in his book, *The Coming of the Spirit of Pestilence* (1999), called it "the single most important epidemiological event in the recorded history of what would eventually become the state of Oregon." Boyd estimates that every tribe affected lost more than 80% of its population in a very short time. "Corpses, denied interment, piled up along the shores to fatten carrion eaters ... Natives burned their villages attempting to destroy their contamination." We don't read about armed conflict between Indians and Oregon Trail pioneers who arrived in the Willamette Valley after the Oregon Territory was created in 1848. That's because the Kalapuya, Clackamas, and Molala tribes of that region had effectively been extinguished.

Lack of antibodies was the main reason why these diseases killed so many. But

another reason involved tribal customs. The concept of germs was unknown to both Natives and Whites. Usually when a tribal person took ill, family members and a shaman (medicine man) would gather around for comfort and support which only hastened the spread of viruses. If an ill person went to a sweat lodge and then plunged into a cold river or bay, a common medical practice in pre-contact days, these types of diseases only got worse. Pneumonia and death quickly ensued.

In the late 1850s, the federal government decided to round up remaining Indians in southwestern Oregon and relocate them on the new Coastal Reservation between the Siuslaw River and Tillamook Bay. It was, by then, an unpopulated place. There were almost no Yaquina natives left after the succession of epidemic diseases that had previously swept through the central Oregon coast. Indian Superintendent Jason Palmer traveled through southwestern Oregon to arrange treat-

ies. "On my route I visited several bands of Umpqua," he reported. "I found many of them wretched, sickly, and almost starving ... Once powerful, but now few and weak." Sub-agent Josiah Parrish took a census in 1854 of Indians on the South Coast. "They show evident marks of smallpox ... also the measles," he wrote, and added, "Both (diseases) were very destructive to them ... Many of their once populous villages are now left without a representative."

Even though the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw tribes had remained peaceful during the era of the Rogue River War they, too, were forced to live on the reservation. They were moved first to the Umpqua Sub-Agency on the spit at the mouth of the Umpqua River. Tuberculosis soon took its toll there. "The death of an Indian with this disease throws the whole village into a state of excitement," said the Army physician stationed at the site. "Between the disease and the means taken to pre-

vent it, a large number have been buried."

The Coos were eventually moved north to Yachats but health conditions there were also poor. Patty Whereat found a Native witness in the historic record who said there were still corpses in the abandoned houses of the Alsea village of Yaxaik when the tired Coos Indians arrived. There had been no one left to bury the last ones to die. Government records show that almost half of the Coos, Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, and Coquille people passed away before the Coastal Reservation closed in 1875.

Annie Miner Peterson contracted smallpox on the reservation as a youth but survived and returned to Coos County after the reservation closed. Multi-lingual in her native languages of Hanis and Miluk, as well as English which she learned later in life, Annie worked with anthropologists in the 1930s to preserve and record her tribal culture. But a visit to Dr. Ennis Keizer in North

Bend confirmed a dreaded diagnosis — tuberculosis. Just as the textbooks of her ethnological contributions were coming off the press, Annie died on May 9, 1939. Another of the last remaining Native speakers had passed.

Steven Greif is a former NBHS history teacher/coach who volunteers with the Coos History Museum.

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NFL team facilities can start opening

BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

NFL teams can begin reopening their facilities on Tuesday if state and local governments will allow it.

In a memo sent to the 32 teams Friday by Commissioner Roger Goodell and obtained by The Associated Press, he stressed that the clubs must be “in compliance with any additional public health requirements in their jurisdiction, and have implemented the protocols that were developed by (league medical officer) Dr. (Allen) Sills and distributed to all clubs on May 6.”

Facilities have been closed since late March due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Each team was required to submit a plan to the league for reopening its training/practice facility this week.

“Clubs unable to meet these criteria on May 19 may reopen their facilities on the earliest date thereafter on which they are able to meet the criteria,” Goodell added.

Sills will conduct a training program for club infection control officers (ICO) on Monday night that is required.

Already established in the openings were these protocols:

—Until further notice from the NFL, teams may have no more than 50% of their staff in the facility, not to exceed 75 people. If a club wants to deploy staff to more than one location, all locations must implement the same health and safety protocols, and the combined number of employees at all locations can’t exceed 75.

—No members of the coaching staff can return to the facility under the first phase of reopening. “This is important to ensure equity among all 32 clubs,” Goodell wrote.

—No players may be in the facility other than those undergoing medical treatment or rehab. Strength and conditioning coaches participating in player rehab may continue that work in the facility. Otherwise, they are barred until the rest of the coaching staff is allowed to return.

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OSAA awards trophies for canceled tournaments

JERRY ULMER
OSAAtoday

It seemed almost cruel in March when Liberty’s girls basketball team had nothing tangible to show for the best season in school history.

The Falcons were preparing for a 6A semifinal showdown with top-seeded Beaverton when the tournament was canceled due to health concerns about the coronavirus.

But as it turns out, the Falcons — along with the other 6A, 5A and 4A teams still alive in the championship brackets — won’t come away empty-handed, after all.

The OSAA has awarded “Final Four” trophies to teams that reached the semifinals of the 6A girls and 5A boys and girls tournaments, as well as “Elite Eight” trophies to quarterfinalists in the 6A boys and 4A boys and girls tournaments.

“I think that’s huge,” Liberty coach Melanie Wagoner said. “People don’t necessarily remember in five years who was all-conference or this or that, but if you have a team that does something like this, that does get remembered. And that trophy is a big symbol of it.”

“I was just really proud and happy to get that, and thankful to the OSAA to be able to get something like that.”

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World File Photo

Wayne Van Burger speaks to the crowd before his final dual as Marshfield head wrestling coach in 2005.

Former MHS coach Van Burger dies

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COQUILLE — Wayne Van Burger was always on the go.

Whether it was being an all-state football player for Coquille High School, a renowned wrestling coach for decades at Marshfield High School or an award-winning documentary filmmaker, he put everything into all his activities.

“Our word for it was he had a passion,” said Susanne Van Burger, Wayne’s wife. “He went after everything with that passion.”

The wrestling community was shocked this week to learn of Van Burger’s death. The 71-year-old former teacher, coach and outdoorsman suffered an apparent fatal heart attack while on a run.

“That was kind of devastating (news),” said Bo Hampton, Marshfield’s new wrestling coach, who credited Van Burger with his desire to get into the profession.

After graduating from Coquille in 1967, Van Burger attended Southwestern Oregon Community College for a year before finishing his college education at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University), where he played football for three years and wrestled for one.

He taught at Seaside High School for three years, but will always be remembered for his time after returning to the South Coast.

Van Burger taught a variety of

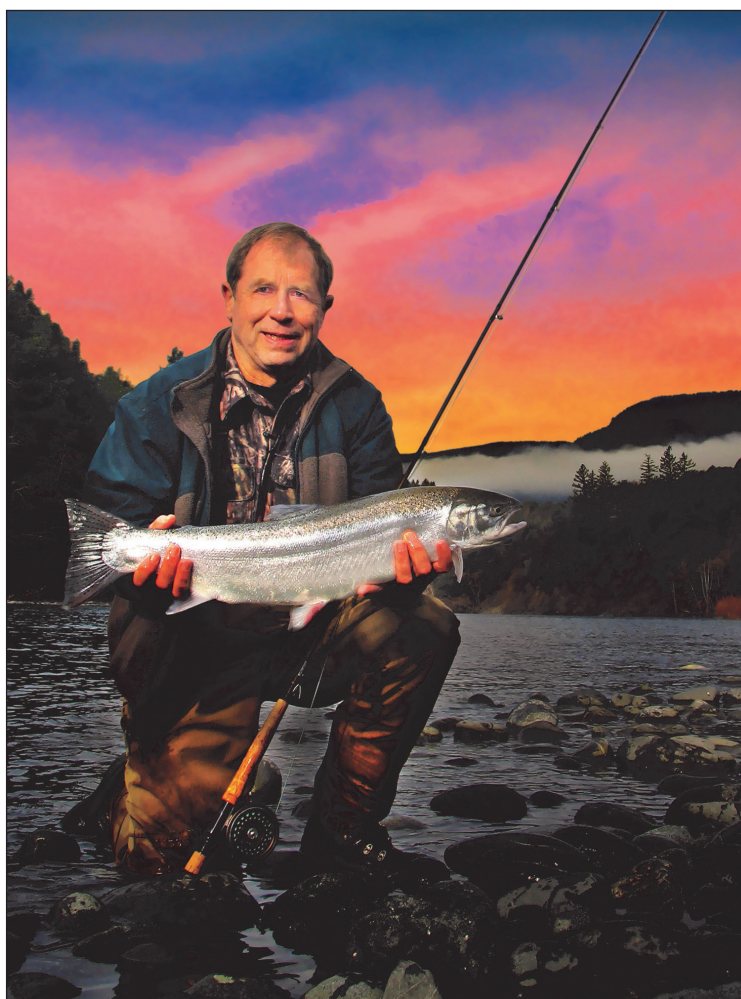


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Wayne Van Burger poses with a fish he caught. The outdoors was one of his big passions, especially after he retired from coaching.

subjects at Marshfield over a 31-year stretch from 1974 to 2005.

He helped coach the freshman football team for his entire tenure at Marshfield and was head wrestling coach for 21 years after nine years as assistant, a stretch that watched the Pirates win nine

league titles (and 10 dual meet crowns).

Hampton said the Pirates’ success was a reflection of Van Burger’s effort as coach.

“He put so much into it that it made us want to put that much into it,” he said. “We wanted

to work as hard as we could because we respected him so much.”

Van Burger did a great job selling the sport of wrestling to the student athletes at a time when it wasn’t as popular an option as football, basketball or some other sports, said Gary Roberts, another former wrestler for Van Burger who went on to become a successful football coach.

“He taught us to take pride in what we did,” Roberts said. “We were just as valued as any other sport.”

Coaching freshman football also fed into the success of the wrestling program.

“It didn’t matter how good you were in football, he would want you to come out for wrestling,” Hampton said. “And even if you were horrible freshman year, he would work with you and by the time you were a senior, you would crack the varsity lineup.”

That was a time when Marshfield almost always fielded a full lineup and it wasn’t uncommon for wrestlers to not be able to compete at the district tournament because there were more than two Pirates at most weight classes.

Ty Van Burger, Wayne’s son, said his dad took pride in all his wrestlers and was greatly saddened if any of them who stuck with the program didn’t get a chance to compete at the state tournament at least once during their careers.

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Bandon Dunes reopens from first closure

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

BANDON — Bandon Dunes Golf Resort reopened with new safety measures in place on Monday, adjusting to the coronavirus pandemic while sharing the joy of golfers able to return to the renowned destination.

While the business was a little slow early in the week, resort officials said they were happy with how the first week back in operation went. And activity at Bandon Dunes will pick up quickly heading into what is expected to be a busy summer.

“We’re going to get into some bigger numbers starting June 1,” General Manager Don Crowe said. “We have a solid summer ahead of us.”

That includes the U.S. Amateur in August, which the resort has been planning for several years. And before that, the highly anticipated opening of Sheep Ranch, the resort’s fifth 18-hole course, on June 1.

“We’re fortunate to have Sheep Ranch opening this year,” said Michael Chupka, the resort’s director of communications.

A limited number of golfers are getting a sneak peek at the new course the next few weeks — 32 guests a day — and are



John Gunther, The World

A group plays the new Sheep Ranch course with the Pacific Ocean in the background this week. Now that Bandon Dunes has reopened, a limited number of golfers each day can experience the course before its official opening on June 1.

excited by what they see.

“Even today, when the weather isn’t good, they are through the moon (with their comments),” said Nick Bonander, the head pro at the new course, on a windy and rainy Tuesday afternoon.

The best review so far, he said, came from an 8-year-old golfer who called the course “triple awesome.”

The upbeat comment matched

the attitude of people just getting the chance to return to the resort after it was closed for well over a month, the first closure in its 21-year history.

“People are ecstatic to be here,” Crowe said.

The guests arrived to find staff members wearing face masks and encouraging them to do the same.

Plexiglass shields sepa-

rate customers from workers at counters and drivers from passengers on the resort’s many shuttle buses. There are limits to how many people can be in the golf shops at any given time.

And when the resort reopened, food service was in take-out form only, and available only at the lodge and McKee’s pub.

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NASCAR puts safety plan to test as racing restarts

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Crew chief Chad Knaus won't get a look at the car Hendrick Motorsports built for Darlington Raceway until he gets to the track Sunday morning, a few hours before the race.

Kurt Busch? He's already sat in his Chip Ganassi Racing car and met with his crew chief.

The return to racing for NASCAR has brought with it a set of safety protocols that will be strictly enforced at the track Sunday when the Cup Series goes racing for the first time in more than two months after a pandemic-forced hiatus. The stock car series can only trust competitors to follow the guidelines away from the track — and teams appear to have different interpretations.

"No face-to-face or contact with these guys whatsoever. Everything has been on (Zoom) team meetings," said Knaus, a seven-time championship winning crew chief. "That's the recommendation by NASCAR for the traveling teams to stay as isolated as they can and try to keep every-

body at the race track as healthy as we can. That's the protocol we put into place and that's what we've been abiding by."

Not others. Busch dropped by the Ganassi shop Thursday. He wanted a face-to-face meeting with crew chief Matt McCall before Darlington after two months of communicating via phone or computer.

"Just him and I, separated from the group," Busch said. "There's a shift change where the shop is empty for an hour, so it will be just him and I following (social) distancing."

Xfinity Series driver Ryan Sieg posted a video of an Atlanta news station visiting his Georgia-based team Thursday that showed three crew members standing side-by-side. None wore face masks or other protective equipment.

NASCAR reiterated its guidelines when asked for clarification.

"For a team to submit a participant to a roster, they must be symptom free for five days and not have been directly exposed

to anyone with COVID-19," NASCAR said. "We have made strong recommendations about operations in shops and responsible travel to the event."

Teams are limited to 16 employees per car Sunday and that includes the driver, spotter and owner. More than half the team owners at the Cup Series level are over 65 years old and aren't expected to attend because they are considered at risk for the coronavirus.

Hall of Famer Richard Petty told his son, Kyle, in an NBC Sports interview he will miss a Darlington race for the first time since 1950 when "my dad wouldn't let me off school; school was starting the same day."

Drivers were told to be at the track four hours ahead of the green flag Sunday. They will undergo a health check including a temperature check, but no COVID-19 testing — a decision reached to ensure tests go elsewhere, not to NASCAR. The timing allows a backup driver to make the two-hour trip from the

Charlotte area to Darlington if needed.

Once inside, drivers will be isolated in their motorhomes, away from their team, and wait to be called to the cars. Everyone will be required to wear a face mask, crews must maintain social distancing and high-fives, hugs and human contact are barred.

NASCAR has warned of fines as high as \$50,000 for not following the rules at the track, where competitors are subject to random health screenings.

NASCAR has recommended anyone that travels to the track not return to their shop to work and not interact with other groups. It is designed to help NASCAR track details in the potential case of a positive test.

UFC, which returned last weekend in Florida without spectators, tested every fighter, judge, referee and other employees. One fighter and his two cornermen tested positive.

UFC prior to the fights put all the fighters and employees in one hotel in an attempt to quarantine them, but NASCAR does not

have that ability.

Series points leader Kevin Harvick owns a management company that represents UFC fighter Donald Cerrone, who competed in Florida last week. Harvick is comfortable going back to the track, where drivers will be isolated in their cockpits and crews are already clad in firesuits, gloves, helmets and now a required face sock.

"Well, I'm not going to get punched in the face by anybody else or be put in a headlock or be directly in contact with any of my other competitors," Harvick said. "When you look at the guidelines of entry and exit and temperature checks during the week and all the logs and things of where people are and who they have interaction with, I think we have done what we need to do from what fits our sport the best."

NASCAR will use both of Darlington's garages and an infield that will be missing thousands of fans to spread teams out and still create a tight footprint for essential personnel.

NASCAR plans to race its way through the South in June

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — It will be a summer in the South for NASCAR: The stock car series announced Thursday it will stick to Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia, Florida and Alabama for June races — all of them without fans.

NASCAR has now set plans for 20 races — including nine in the elite Cup Series — as it returns

to the tracks after being shut down for more than two months by concerns about the coronavirus.

The Cup Series is scheduled to resume this Sunday at Darlington Raceway and run four times in 11 days at the South Carolina track and at Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina.

Then NASCAR will go

to Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee on May 31. The track is roughly three hours' driving distance for most of the Charlotte-area based teams. Some drivers could fly privately to the track via helicopter.

NASCAR will then race at Atlanta Motor Speedway with the Truck Series and Xfinity Series on June 6 and the Cup Series on June

7. The track in Hampton, Georgia, is at least a four-hour drive and teams could need hotels.

The Cup Series will race for a third time on a Wednesday night at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia on June 10.

Then all three national series will run together and require air travel with two full days at Homestead-Miami

Speedway in South Florida. The Truck Series and Xfinity Series will race June 13, then the Xfinity Series will run again on June 14 in a warm-up for the Cup Series.

NASCAR will then go to Talladega Superspeedway with the ARCA Series and the Xfinity Series racing June 20 and Cup on June 21. The teams can drive to the Alabama

speedway but many might use hotels.

NASCAR postponed events at Kansas Speedway, Michigan International Speedway, the Xfinity Series race at Mid-Ohio and the Truck Series race at Texas Motor Speedway. The Xfinity race at Iowa Speedway scheduled for June 13 has been moved to Homestead on June 14.

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Van Burger

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What stands out to Roberts, though, was how Van Burger kept in touch with so many of those wrestlers after high school.

"He was there for his former wrestlers during the good times and the not so good times," Roberts said. "He was first to congratulate us when things went well and he was first to call and give us advice when things were not so well."

For Roberts, who is now principal at Millicoma School, that included the high time of winning a state championship as Cottage Grove's head football coach and also the low of losing the championship game.

"Those things stand out to me," he said. "I felt pretty fortunate to have someone like that."

Hampton, too, had a high to share with Van Burger when he led Reedsport to the state title this year.

Hampton said he was grateful to get a chance to wrestle for Van Burger when he was a Marshfield student.

"Growing up with him coaching us and teaching us — a lot more than on the mat, how to be a good person in life.

"He always taught us about being proud to be a Pirate. I've always wanted to get back to Marshfield and do what he did."

Hampton said Reedsport's success came from him implementing the philosophy he got from Van Burger.

Van Burger pushed for Hampton to become the Pirates' new coach.

"Wayne was absolutely thrilled that Bo is the new coach at Marshfield," Susanne said.

Ty said that was just like his dad.

"A lot of his energy

went into the next generation of coaches," he said. "He was really passionate in growing not only our community's wrestling program, but getting (other) guys really moving forward on their programs and mentoring them on how to build success."

Ty said he has been filled with stories with similar themes as he called former Marshfield wrestlers to let them know about his dad's death. And many more have added tributes on Facebook.

"It's a great snapshot of past wrestlers and what he meant to them," Susanne said.

Van Burger was inducted into Marshfield's Hall of Fame in 2009 and the Oregon Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2005.

When he was chosen for that honor, he shared the praise.

"I'm pretty excited," Van Burger said at the time.

"To be recognized by your peers is a wonderful thing."

He added, "It's the culmination of a lot of years and a lot of help from a lot of folks. You don't get something like that on your own."

Coaching was a phase of Van Burger's life, but he went on to have success as a film maker with friend Travis Cooper in Beaver Hill Productions, which they founded a year after he retired from coaching.

"He wanted to do something like that because way back we would watch fishing shows and Wayne would say, 'I can do that and I can do it better,'" Susanne recalled. "Several Emmys later, I said, 'Yeah, he can do it better.'"

Beaver Hill Productions won multiple Emmys for the program 'The Joy of Fishing' from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Tele-

vision Arts & Sciences.

The production team traveled to several different countries filming documentaries for the show, but also did projects in Oregon, including a 50-year anniversary video for SWOCC, as well as videos for Travel Oregon and Coos County.

And when film-making ended, Van Burger took a greater interest in photography.

"He was really getting into that," Ty said. "The day he died, he was taking photo classes on-line, trying to learn new things about his camera."

That was the nature of the life Van Burger lived.

"He was so full of life," Ty said. "He was always on to something new."

The family will plan a public celebration of life for Van Burger whenever large gatherings are allowed again — Marshfield has offered its facilities for that service.

Meanwhile, Ty Van Burger treasures the memories of his father and the stories he receives from the many friends and former athletes he has talked to this week.

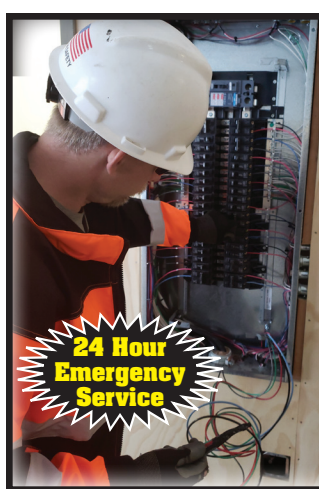
"He really helped me grow," said Ty, who was a standout wrestler himself for the Pirates, graduating in 2003.

"Everything we did together, we were always dissecting something, whether it was game film from football, or wrestling, or fishing. It really made me a critical thinker. I think that's one of my strongest abilities now."

But Ty also loved his dad's impact on others.

"What was special to me was his ability to understand people — the relationships he built," Ty said.

"He was always pushing people to be the best version of themselves they could be."



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Naturally, any incidence of Covid-19 in the facility must be reported immediately to Silks and the team's ICO. Clubs also

must promptly report any change in government regulations to the league.

"After we implement this first phase," Goodell told the teams, "and as more states and localities enact policies that allow more club facilities to reopen, I expect that additional staff, likely including coaching staff, will be allowed to return to club facilities in a relatively short time."

U.S. officials release edited reopening guidance

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials on Thursday released some of their long-delayed guidance that schools, businesses and other organizations can use as states reopen from coronavirus shutdowns.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted six one-page "decision tool" documents that use traffic signs and other graphics to tell organizations what they should consider before reopening.

The tools are for schools, workplaces, camps, childcare centers, mass transit systems, and bars and restaurants. The CDC originally also authored a document for churches and other religious facilities, but that wasn't posted Thursday. The agency declined to say why.

Early versions of the documents included detailed information for churches wanting to restart in-person services,

with suggestions including maintaining distance between parishioners and limiting the size of gatherings. The faith-related guidance was taken out after the White House raised concerns about the recommended restrictions, according to government emails obtained by The Associated Press and a person inside the agency who didn't have permission to talk with reporters and spoke on condition of anonymity.

On Thursday, a Trump administration official also speaking on condition of anonymity said there were concerns about the propriety of the government making specific dictates to places of worship.

And Roger Severino, director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, said "protections against religious discrimination aren't suspended during an emergency. This means the federal government

cannot single out religious conduct as somehow being more dangerous or worthy of scrutiny than comparable secular behavior."

President Donald Trump has championed religious freedom as a way to connect with conservative evangelical voters and has shown eagerness for in-person religious services to restart. He consulted interfaith leaders last month for suggestions on how to reopen and said on a recent Fox News town hall that "we have to get our people back to churches, and we're going to start doing it soon."

The CDC drafted the reopening guidance more than a month ago and it was initially shelved by the administration, the AP reported last week.

The agency also had prepared even more extensive guidance — about 57 pages of it — that has not been posted.

That longer document, which

the AP obtained, would give different organizations specifics about how to reopen while still limiting spread of the virus, including by spacing workers or students 6 feet apart and closing break rooms and cafeterias to limit gatherings. Many of the suggestions already appear on federal websites but they haven't been presented as reopening advice.

Some health experts and politicians have been pushing for the CDC to release as much guidance as possible to help businesses and organizations decide how to proceed.

"They want to be able to tell their own employees the guidance of the federal government," Dr. Tom Inglesby, director of the Center for Health Security at Johns Hopkins University, said at a congressional hearing Wednesday. "They want to be able to tell their customers, 'We've done every-

thing that's been asked of us.'"

The guidance relates to another document released by the Trump administration on April 17. That phased-in reopening plan broadly outlines how to move away from stay-at-home orders, school closures and other measures designed to stop the spread of the new coronavirus that has caused more than 1.3 million reported U.S. illnesses and more than 80,000 deaths.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, on Wednesday offered a resolution — blocked by Republicans — to encourage release of all the documents.

"America needs and must have the candid guidance of our best scientists unfiltered, unedited, uncensored by president Trump or his political minions. The CDC report on reopening the country is an important piece of that guidance," Schumer said.

Portland residents vote on a tax would fight homelessness

PORTLAND (AP) — Voters in metropolitan Portland, Oregon, will be asked Tuesday to approve taxes on personal income and business profits that would raise \$2.5 billion over a decade to fight homelessness even as the state grapples with the coronavirus and its worst recession in years.

The ballot measure was planned before the pandemic reduced the U.S. economy to tatters. Proponents, including many business leaders and major institutions, argue the taxes are needed now more than ever in a region that has long been overwhelmed by its homeless problem.

How voters in the liberal city react amid the pandemic will be instructive for other West Coast cities struggling to address burgeoning homeless populations as other sources of revenue dry up. The measure is believed to be one of the first nationwide to ask voters to open their wallets in a post-COVID-19 world.

"I think it's really going to give you a sense about how concerned are people, still, about homelessness as an issue — and what are they willing to pay in to solve that issue," said Marisa Zapata, who runs Portland State University's Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative.

"We know government budgets are going to be eviscerated, so what does this mean for additional revenue-raising opportunities?" she said. "Who could we turn to to bear some of that responsibility and how will voters react?"

A recent study by Zapata's institute estimated that in a one-year period, nearly 40,000 people in greater Portland experienced an episode of homelessness and 105,000 households faced housing insecurity.

Opponents say they are surprised organizers continue to campaign for the measure when the majority of Oregon's population remains under lockdown and the economy is stalled. A "no" campaign, almost

entirely funded by the Northwest Grocery Association, is trying to draw voters' attention.

"People are frustrated. They're out of work, they're angry and the last thing they're thinking about right now is raising taxes," said Amanda Dalton, the association's legislative director.

Voters in the three counties that make up the greater Portland metro region will be asked to consider a 1% marginal income tax on the wealthiest residents and a 1% tax on gross profits for the region's biggest businesses.

The measure would apply to individual filers with a taxable income of more than \$125,000 or joint filers with taxable income of more than \$200,000. Joint filers making \$215,000 a year, for example, would be taxed 1% on \$15,000, or \$150 a year.

The measure has a 10-year sunset clause and is expected to generate \$2.5 billion, although the recession's impact on

those estimates is unclear. If it passes, the first taxes would not be collected until 2021.

Roughly 90% of residents and 94% of businesses will be exempt from the tax, said Angela Martin, campaign director for Here Together, the coalition that crafted the measure.

Voters in the area have a history of supporting measures to address social woes. The same region approved a nearly \$653 million bond to build affordable housing in 2018. Organizers are candid about capitalizing on that history to test the limits of voters' pocketbooks in much different times.

The Portland Business Alliance, whose membership has repeatedly identified homelessness as a critical factor affecting its ability to expand

and recruit, is backing the measure. So are a host of state and local government leaders and major sports franchises, including the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers.

Money from the previous bond measures can only be spent on building housing, while this money would be devoted to so-called "wrap around services" to help the homeless or those on the verge of homelessness. That includes rent assistance, case management and outreach, job training, and mental health and substance abuse treatment.

The regional approach, with strong collaboration from the business community, could be a model for other cities, Martin said.

"It's going to be an indicator of what we can do, not just on homeless-

ness but on the range of economic support that our community is going to need coming out of this coronavirus," she said. "This is one the first public tests of what do we want our community to look like and how we should pay for that."

Opponents are angry that organizers didn't back away once the coronavirus arrived. The measure survived two legal challenges just as COVID-19 triggered Oregon's stay-at-home order.

Gov. Kate Brown last week asked all state agencies to propose ways to cut their budgets by almost one-fifth, and the city of Portland itself is predicting a \$75 million drop in revenue. Metro, the agency that referred the measure to voters, itself just laid off more than 700 employees.

State fines salon for reopening

SALEM (AP) — A hair salon in Salem will be fined \$14,000 after reopening against Gov. Kate Brown's executive orders meant to slow the coronavirus pandemic.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, known as OSHA, is fining salon owner and stylist Lindsey Graham specifically, requiring that she and her independently contracted stylists close until approved to reopen.

Once she receives the notice, expected next week, Graham will have three days to close doors. If not, she could be fined again.

"(Graham) is unquestionably operating in

violation of the governor's executive order, designed to protect workers and the public," Aaron Corvin with OSHA told the Statesman Journal.

He said the penalty reflects both the nature of the violation and the employer's willful decision to violate the law.

The salon, located downtown, reopened May 5 in defiance of Brown's order that such businesses must remain closed to avoid making the COVID-19 pandemic worse.

Protesters waving signs and American flags — including Joey Gibson, a far-right activist and founder

of Patriot Prayer — have rallied at the salon to show their support for Graham.

Graham argues it's her right to work so she can provide for her family.

Two GoFundMe accounts were created for Graham to help pay fines or attorney fees expected for reopening early.

Earlier this week, Brown denied reopening applications from Marion County, home to Salem, and Polk County due to increased COVID-19 hospitalizations.

If Graham's license is revoked, she said she would fight it and sue. Her attorneys are challenging the OSHA fines.

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