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# **CCHW** investigates Shutter Creek case

#### **ZACH SILVA**

The World

HAUSER — After Coos County's first case of COVID-19 was identified last Thursday at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, an investigation began.

Coos Health and Wellness is working to determine how the virus came to the facility and checking in with those who may be passing it on.

The individual that contracted the novel coronavirus has been transported to another location. Now there is work being done to see if any of the near 300 inmates or 100 employees might be infected.

A key part of the work that Coos Health and Wellness is doing is checking on the employees in an attempt to slow the spread through the rest of the region.

"We were given a list of pretty close to 100 staff and we have performed a little over two-thirds of those interviews," said Brian Leon, an epidemiologist at Coos Health and Wellness. "They entail pretty much making sure we have the appropriate contact for their level of risk as far as their job duties, making sure they don't have symptoms regardless of how minor. We also ask about potential that they've seen others ill whether at work or outside of work."

As for those incarcerated, Leon is looking to work closely with Shutter Creek.

"If there was another adult in custody that they suddenly saw signs and needed to isolate, they assured us that they would be reaching out to us," he said. "There has been a couple of potential candidates that we're exploring as far as getting tested that it looks like one individual has been sampled already but we don't have the results back yet."

Around the state, four staff members at the Oregon State Penitentiary have contracted

coronavirus while four inmates and four staff members at Santiam Correctional Institution have also tested positive.

At Shutter Creek, there are concerns around the close contact that inmates inevitably have. The minimum security facility features three different areas each with approximately 100 beds — where those incarcerated spend around 20-hours per day.

"This facility is not set up like a prison that you may have seen on TV where there are cells and a couple of people per cell. It's a much larger congregate setting than that," said Leon. Because

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## Webber arraigned for murder

COQUILLE - Monday afternoon, Ashley Margaret Webber was arraigned in Coos County Circuit Court on two counts of first-degree murder. Security was



**Ashley Webber** 

amount of \$2 million, according to a press release from Coos County District Attorney

set by the

court in the

R. Paul Frasier. Webber is charged with

causing the deaths of Jasmine Mae Moon, 28, and Michael Ray Lambert, 55, in a stabbing and shooting incident early Saturday morning at Lambert's residence, 88577 Weiss Estates, an unicorporated area of Coos County just north of the city of Bandon.

Webber's next court appearance is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 20.

"I anticipate that the case will be presented to the Coos County Grand Jury sometime before the end of the week," Frasier wrote in Monday's release.

Autopsies on the victims will be conducted in the near future. When those are completed, Frasier will release the cause of death for both victims.

The Coos County Major Crime Team continues to investigate this matter. Anyone with information about the case is encouraged to contact the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

## Forest fires rage near Chernobyl

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) - Forest fires raged Tuesday in the contaminated area near the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, but officials insisted there is no radiation threat.

Hundreds of firefighters backed by aircraft have been battling several forest fires around Chernobyl since last week. They managed to contain the initial blazes, but new fires are now raging close to the decommissioned plant.

Volodymyr Demchuk of Ukraine's state Emergencies Service insisted that the situation is under control.

"There is no threat to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, waste fuel storage or other critical facilities," he said.

The emergencies service said radiation levels in the capital, Kyiv, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of the plant, were within norms.

Activists warned, however, that the blazes were getting dangerously close to waste storage

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## **Strolling through Mingus Park**



Joggers, walkers, and families enjoy the sunshine in Mingus Park on Monday. While Governor Kate Brown's Stay-at-Home order strongly encourages everyone stay home whenever possible, it also recommends people take time to enjoy the outdoors and get exercise, so long as precautions and social distancing are maintained.

## COVID-19 casts parents in new roles

#### **NICHOLAS JOHNSON**

The World

COOS BAY — With schools closing for the remainder of the year and education switching to online instruction, parents are having to make themselves available to their children in ways they've never had to before while dealing with their own stress stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak.

"Parents have been very understanding to the situation that education is in right now," said Michelle Allen, Blossom Gulch

Elementary school teacher and parent. "Teachers are very understanding that parents are feeling overwhelmed right now, and as a teacher our goal is to support parents the best we can."

Allen said she's had a number of conversations with parents seeking more resources for their children and parents who are extremely overwhelmed with everything going on.

"There are parents who are in crisis mode right now, and education is kind of the last thing on their mind," Allen said. "Which is fine, we get that, we under-

stand. Distance learning is going to look different for every family. Its uncharted waters for all of us, but we're in this together. I feel very supported by families, and I hope families feel supported by

According to Allen, one of the struggles that the districts are facing is access to devices. Coos Bay School District is doing a Chromebook checkout on Tuesday for families in need of devices for their children to use for distance learning.

"Chromebooks were distributed to families that have zero

devices in their home, and now we're going down the list and we're going to families who share one device amongst multiple family members," Allen said.

Like many parents these days, local mother and small business owner Kate Frame said it's been difficult having to step into new roles in her children's lives.

"Spending more time with my kids is a treasure," Frame said. "Having to be so many things for them that I don't have the resources to be ... that the hard

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# Bay Clinic: pandemic drives terminations

JILLIAN WARD
The World

COOS BAY — Dr. Jon Yost has a new routine when he gets home from

The Bay Clinic pediatrician showers and changes into clean clothes before spending time with his kids, mindful of what he might be bringing home from the office, as the novel coronavirus continues to plague the state and nation.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say there is tension as we wait for the other shoe to drop, as it were," he said. "I hope our country learns from this and has a more robust approach to the next pandemic.

"Because history tells us there's going to be more." Yost pointed to the "little extra lead time" Coos County has had compared to the rest of the U.S., which has allowed for more preparations here. He says he hopes those preparations, and the stay-home orders followed by most south coast residents, mean the pandemic might not hit this region as hard as other counties in Oregon.

Coos County has had just one reported case of COVID-19 thus far. Still, the virus' impact on local businesses has been staggering. Including the Bay Clinic.

Last month, 20 positions at the clinic were eliminated as a direct result of decreased patient volume, according to CEO Elana Crane.

She said the Internal Medicine department saw a 60% decrease in patients, while Pediatrics reported nearly an 80% reduction in patient visits.

And fewer patients mean less revenue to operate the clinic.

"All medical clinics in the area are seeing a significant reduction in patient volume," said Crane. "It has a lot to do with the stay-home order. Patients are only coming in if they feel it is really necessary ...

"We sat down, and there were whole departments that were eliminated."

The Referral Department was one such elimination, while the Medical Records Department was reduced in staffing.

According to Crane, job responsibilities in those departments were absorbed by remaining staff members

"It's sad," she said. "We at Bay Clinic tend to have really long-term employees, so it's very difficult to make these decisions."

Other changes at the clinic include new, separate entrances. One is for adults, the other for children.

And the clinic's doctors have begun seeing patients via telehealth, a secure system similar to Skype or FaceTime. "(Telehealth) visits

didn't exist prior to the pandemic," said Crane. "And we feel that will continue."

Yost, too, sees telehealth as an emerging trend. "There are people ... (who have) depression and anxiety, which can be managed with telehealth," he said.

"We may grow in that area and keep it as a portion of our clinic, especially since we serve clients all the way down to Brookings."

Right now, patients with health issues that don't require immediate attention are being encouraged to remain at home, while the clinic gives them advice on what can be done and when they should come in.

Anyone reporting COVID-19 symptoms — such as a fever, sore throat and a cough — are told to call in, then drive up to the clinic to be swabbed from their car for testing.

"We're coordinating with (Bay Area Hospital) and are having larger discussions with North Bend Medical Center and Coos Health and Wellness," Yost said. "I think we're working hard to do as much as we can with the limited resources we have...

"It's nice how state governments have worked hard to respond to this threat. It restores faith in local government."

Yost said he's been particularly pleased with the helpful communication between the different clinics and Coos Health and Wellness.

And he appreciates the patience of local residents while "we're still working out the kinks" in the new telehealth systems. Not to mention those who've been sewing masks for Yost and others at the clinics and hospital.

"The community has really stepped up in this time of need," he said.

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death, 57

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new cases

PORTLAND —

ty reported Monday.

COVID-19 has claimed one more life in Oregon, raising

the state's death toll to 53,

the Oregon Health Authori-

also reported 57 new cases of COVID-19 as of 8 a.m.

Monday, bringing the state total to 1,584. The new COVID-19 cases reported were in the following counties: Clackamas (7), Columbia (2), Douglas (2), Jackson (1), Josephine (1), Lane (4), Marion (4), Multnomah

(24), and Washington (12).

To see more case and county-level data, Oregon Health

updates its website once a

day: www.healthoregon.org/

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### **The Face of Coronavirus**



Amanda Linares, The Wor

A quite afternoon at the Coos History Museum on Monday. The museum is one of the attractions closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Social distancing measures show results

ZACH SILVA

The World

OREGON — The state of Oregon appears to be on

the right track.

"New projections from health researchers estimate that Oregon's 'aggressive' social distancing measures have prevented as many as 18,000 cases of COVID-19 and 500 hospitalizations, however these restrictions must be maintained into May to prevent new cases from rising above current daily levels of active coronavirus cases," the Oregon Health Authority stated in a press release.

As of Monday morning, OHA had reported 1,584 cases of the novel coronavirus across the state with 53 total deaths.

The recent report that was completed by a group of researchers from Washington state who examined the rate of hospitalization and deaths. The report concluded that actions being taken across the state have helped prevent hospitals from being overburdened.

"Under current social distancing conditions, the total cumulative infections with COVID-19 in Oregon on May 18 would be fewer than 20,000," stated the OHA.

"However, if the state

were to return to moderate social distancing (i.e., reopen non-essential businesses while keeping schools closed), the number of new infections would quickly climb to more than

60,000 by May 18."
While the relative effectiveness of social distancing in Coos County is hard to measure, Coos Health and Wellness noted that something seems to be working.

"You could make the argument that those measures being taken when they were may have certainly helped in terms of reducing the potential of transmission before it really got going here," said Brian Leon, an epidemiologist at Coos Health and Wellness.

"We've acknowledged the fact that we're not necessarily convinced that there hasn't been some transmission locally that just has not been detected. But I would certainly say that if life had been going on as normal the risk of that transmission and then having it expound from there would have been a lot higher from there."

As of Monday after-

noon, there had been one confirmed case of COVID-19 in Coos County. The case was located at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution and the individual has since been moved.

Since the case was reported last Thursday, Leon and a team have begun an investigation into where the case came from. Part of this process has been meeting with the 100 employees at the facility to see who they have been in contact with so that the spread can

be as limited as possible.

Leon noted that the employees have shown they have been following the "aggressive" social distancing policies from the state of Oregon.

"Almost without fail most of these individuals have (gone to the) grocery store and (had contact with) nobody outside of the household," said Leon.

"The secondary contact part of our investigation has been pretty small so far which we're very thankful for. That's very good news and has a good outlook in terms of any additional infections."



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## Curry Health Network reduces its workforce

LINDA PINKHAM

Curry Coastal Pilot

Curry Health Network (CHN) outlined staff cuts that have been made and other expense reduction measures during a special meeting on April 3.

CHN CEO Ginny Williams reported on the organization's economic situation and what they are doing "to ensure financial viability" in the future. The hospital's forecast modeling calls for about \$2 million in revenues every month, but work volumes at the hospital began declining around March 8. Revenues took a sharp decline after Governor Kate Brown declared the cessation of elective surgical and medical procedures on March 15 to preserve Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Since the outbreak, clinic office visits dropped by 65%, elective surgeries have dropped by 80%, emergency room visits in both Brookings and Gold Beach by 60%, and lab work by

"The drops are significant," Williams said, "because these drive our revenue."

Workforce Reductions After analyzing what services are most essential to support patient and emergency services,

CHN implemented a workforce reduction plan of \$1.4 million each month, which will be fully realized after the first month. The delay is due to payments of severance and paid time off owed to employees who were furloughed.

Staff reductions affected 192 employees either through layoffs, reductions in hours or changes to per diem contracts. The strategy was to offer medical providers the option to move from fulltime to per diem, which would allow the hospital to rebound as volumes come back after the outbreak. The providers are eligible for unemployment insurance, Williams said, adding "It was the kindest way to treat our employees."

In addition to furloughs and per diem contracts, the management team voluntarily took a 20% reduction in pay. Traveling positions were eliminated, which saved \$353,000. Besides doctors and nurses, the dietary staff was reduced by offering limited food options for staff, and environmental services reduced staff to correspond with strategies to reduce the scope of housekeeping duties by closing off areas for some clinical services and having managers

clean their areas. Some staff are voluntarily sharing reduced hours on a rotating basis.

Hours have been reduced at all facilities, with closures on Saturdays and condensing sameday clinic appointments into morning hours between 8 a.m. and noon when possible. CHN can do Telehealth visits from three computer stations and plans to expand to nine.

Staffing has been reduced across the organization from nursing, to physical therapy, human resources, labs, radiology

"We are not alone in this," Williams said. "It's impacting all hospitals in rural places."

Another hospital in the state will be laying off 200 employees on Monday, she noted.

A large public audience, including some staff and former staff, attended the Friday, April 3 virtual meeting to express concerns about the staff reductions.

Sara Dickerson is a family nurse practitioner, who has been terminated as of April 7.

"What is most upsetting to me was the treatment of my medical assistant, who was terminated on March 31," she said. Because she was terminated in March, she has no medical insurance for April.

"It will be difficult to resurrect the clinic at Curry Medical Center [in Brookings]," said Dr. Ken Manuele. "It's extremely difficult to replace physicians. We've got to be careful about shooting ourselves in the foot. Curry Medical Center will need to beg, borrow or steal to keep medical providers."

Manuele noted the county had lost its only pediatrician and several physicians.

"The real health care crisis will occur after this is over," he said. "How do we get out of the hole we are digging?"

Resident Sarah Kaplanski commented on the loss of pediatrician, Dr. Harris because her child is a special-needs patient who views him as his favorite physician. In a good news moment during the call, Dr. Harris spoke up and said he decided to accept a per diem contract because his "patients need a pediatrician."

Dr. Cornelius "Connie" Britt requested information about N-95 mask availability at the hospital during the call.

"As an employee over the age of 60 and in the high-risk category, we get fitted every year for N-95 masks but I haven't been advised whether one is to be provided to me," he said.

"Ample supplies of surgical and N-95 masks are available for all staff," Williams replied.

COVID-19 Surge Plan

Staff reports also outlined their surge plan in their current environment, including facilities and staffing, in the event of COVID-19 cases emerging in Curry County.

"The goal is to optimize what we have right now to keep patients and staff safe," said a CHN spokesperson.

Already, they have implemented a plan to keep patients with respiratory symptoms separate from other patients coming to the hospital because it helps conserve PPE. In a future scenario, those patients who are "safe" will follow a blue path to a separate floor of the hospital, while patients who are symptomatic of COVID-19 or flu will follow a yellow path to the emergency room.

Once the emergency room is at capacity, the hospital has a waiver to expand the number of beds. The hospital has the physical capacity to expand from its current 18 beds to handle up to 47 patients, but that does not include staffing for those beds. The hospital currently has six ventilators.

## **Dutch Bros to donate 100 percent of** its April profits to first responders

THE WORLD

COOS COUNTY - In an effort to help medical first responders on the frontlines of the COVID-19 fight, Dutch Bros Coffee announced its plans to donate all of its April profits to #FirstRespondersFirst.

"We truly believe we're all better together. Giving back to our customers and neighbors is part of our DNA," said Travis Boersma, CEO of Dutch Bros in a press release. "We're so thankful to be able to support and serve our communities during this unprecedented situation."

A fund dedicated to serving healthcare workers on the frontlines, #FirstRespondersFirst provides critical supplies, equipment and resources needed to protect tens of thousands of healthcare workers across the U.S.

"#FirstRespondersFirst is a really amazing initiative making a huge difference right now. We're honored to help support this fund," said Boersma. "We started this business not just to sell coffee, but to make an impact in positive ways. We hope we can do that this April and be a light in these difficult times."

In March, the Dutch Bros Foundation donated an additional \$1 million to provide relief to individuals and families affected by the novel coronavirus.

The company also announced it's paying its "broistas" an extra \$3 per hour of "thank you" pay to its employees who choose to work through April 24 as well as providing paid sick leave.

## **Central Lincoln restores power to** dozens affected in Coos County

THE WORLD

Coos County — Power has been restored to dozens of homes affected by an outage Monday afternoon.

At about 3:15 p.m., a number of properties reported being without power in a rural area of the county north of North Bend, according to

**Public Information Officer** Chris Chandler of Central Lincoln.

It took crew members almost half an hour to fully restore the power to all of the 800 meters affected, said Chandler.

It's possible some properties have two power meters

and that some of the affected customers were commercial entities.

Central Lincoln, a community-owner electric company, services about 700 square miles in Coos County.

The reason for the outage is currently being investigated.

### **North Bend may cut Simpson Park trees**



**Adam Robertson, The World** 

Bright bands and an X mark 19 trees in Simpson Park, slated for cutting by the City of North Bend as part of development and safety improvements under the Parks Master Plan. The controversial decision has been met with opposition from community members who don't want to see trees taken down. Some opponents fear the 100+ year old trees planted by the city's founder will be removed, though during the city council's work session Monday the city said they only plan to clean up the older trees while removing much younger ones that aren't thriving. Opponents have also noted that the decision seems to have been made with no record of minutes from the Parks Commission. A contract is tentatively slated to be awarded during the April 14 City Council meeting.

#### POLICE LOGS

**COQUILLE** 

Sunday, April 12 Juvenile Problem At 9:53 a.m. on West Central Boulevard at Coquille High School, a juvenile problem was reported.

Welfare Check At 10:48 a.m. on North Baxter Street, a welfare check was requested for their mother.

NORTH BEND Sunday, April 12 **Suspicious Conditions** 

At 5:30 a.m. on Winsor Avenue, a report was made of something hitting the caller's house from the Frisbee Golf Course. An officer checked the area but there was no one in the

At 8:34 p.m. on Arthur Street, a caller heard a woman and child screaming. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate anyone or any noise.

Welfare Check

At 11:58 a.m. on Newmark Street, an officer and medical responded. The subject was transported to Bay Area Hospital.

Found Property At 4:31 p.m. in Airport Heights Park, a car key was found. **Lost Property** 

At 6:31 p.m. on Virginia Avenue, a report was made of a stolen bike. Suspicious Vehicle

At 9:17 p.m. on Virginia Avenue, a report was made of a suspicious vehicle parked at location for over a week. An officer checked the area and the vehicle was unoccupied. A request was put on the tow board. Arrest

At 9:40 p.m. on Broadway Avenue, Jedediah H. Parks, 60, of North Bend was arrested for alleged criminal trespass 2. The subject was cited in lieu of custody due to COVID-19. Also arrested was Christopher Beltran, 48, of Coos Bay for alleged criminal trespass 2. The subject was cited in lieu of custody due to COVID-19.

Disturbance At 10:12 p.m. on Sherman Avenue, a report was made of a scream heard from a residence. Officers made contact with occupants and advised it was their child and everything was fine.

Criminal Trespass At 11:13 p.m. on Ash Street, a subject was warned for trespass. The subject was gathering their belongings and will be on his way.

Suspicious Subject At 11:45 p.m. on Hayes Street, a report was made of a subject cutting through the caller's backyard. An officer checked the area and was unable to locate

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#### **N.B.** to hold remote City Council meeting permit request; a request for during the remote meeting

**ADAM ROBERTSON** The World

NORTH BEND - The North Bend City Council's first meeting of the month is tonight at 7 p.m. over remote YouTube streaming.

This change is being enacted as a public health consideration and due to meeting size limitations due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The meeting can be attended remotely by going to www.youtube.com/channel/ UCBQ3YfjsfZPmyNBlbUd-FCwA.

Attendees can also sign up to offer public comment with a form at www.northbendoregon.us/citycouncil/page/remote-public-comment-form.

The agenda includes a resolution declaring certain personal property to be surplus property; a public assembly

private drive improvements on Hamilton Avenue; a request for authorization to enter into an agreement with the Coos Bay North Bend Water Board to maintain a portion of Madrona Street; a request for approval to pay Umpqua Sheet Metal for air handler repairs; a request to purchase an emergency services radio from Communications Northwest; and awarding a bid for tree removal at Simpson Park.

Other regular business, like approving bills as well as city administrator and council reports, are on the agenda as well.

Public comment forms can be submitted by email to the City Recorder at rcollins@ northbendcity.org by 1 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Directions for how to participate will be emailed the day of the meeting.

Speakers are limited to three minutes with North Bend residents and businesses receiving priority for the time allotted. Normal rules for giving public comment still apply.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Public has not been informed about tree removal

Addendum to my letter to the Editor at The World on 4-8-20, re: Mass tree removal in Simpson Park.

This is a PUBLIC park. The Parks Director is a PUBLIC employee as are all city staff. The City Council is elected by the PUBLIC. It is the duty of the city and the council to fully inform the public — especially of decisions that directly impact them. Council and the city staff were fully aware of the contentiousness of further tree cutting in Simpson Park given the extended fight over the first round of tree removals. This information has either not been given or has been so insufficient as to be virtually invisible.

The neighbors across the street from many of the trees have not been informed. They will lose their wind break and get to look at a parking lot instead of majestic trees.

Many older citizens are not computer savvy. The newspaper no longer covers council meetings which are also no longer televised.

Where is the connection to the public? There is none. The public has not been informed and therefore has had no input. Please postpone awarding the bid until such time as We The People can be heard. Thank you.

**Steve Skinner** North Bend

#### **Uphold the principles** of the American Dream

Dear President Donald Trump,

I implore you to be an authentic, impassioned, fearless conservative around whom freedom-loving Americans can rally.

The Washington Establishment has not served the people, and so we have suffered at the hands of those awash in power, those who have turned their backs on their constituents, and those who forsake principles for their own political advantage.

Please stay true to conservatism and;

Stop illegal immigration by securing our borders and enforcing the laws;

Balance the federal budget by slashing the size of government;

End pork barrel spending and the buying of votes in Congress;

Eliminate today's federal tax code, and replace it with a new fair, flat tax;

Free our children and grandchildren from the crushing national debt;

Replace Obamacare with market-driven, patient-centric reform;

Unleash the full potential of private enterprise by cutting regulations;

Take care of our military and our veterans;

Defend our nation against

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terrorism;

Uphold the Constitution; Believe in the power of "We, The People."

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From these principles flow the freedoms that have made the American Dream possible.

Our children and grandchildren depend on us as stewards of these principles.

I ask you to act in their defense.

> **Dick Anderson** Coos Bay

#### Misguided effort to eliminate Salmon **Harbor Committee**

The present Board of Douglas County Commissioners has proposed a withdrawal from the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with which the Port of Umpqua governs Salmon Harbor. This agreement has worked for over six decades.

The Douglas County Commissioners maintain that the abrogation of the IGA will result in the following: better oversight of Salmon Harbor employees and elimination of a layer of bureaucracy.

This contention might come as a surprise to the Salmon Harbor Committee and the Harbormaster, who now oversee employees. (While I'm all for small government, I'm even more in favor of local government.)

Eliminating the Salmon Harbor Committee eliminates any pretense of local government. People don't have to live in western Douglas County long to realize our county government does not qualify as local government.

Roseburg, the seat of county government, is an hour and a half east of Reedsport. Moreover, with one exception, the Salmon Harbor Committee is not fiscally compensated. The one exception is the Salmon Harbor Committee man who is a county commissioner. In other words, the county will eliminate local government with the indefensible contention that an unneeded layer of bureaucracy has been done away with. The monies raised by Salmon Harbor's RV Park (estimated for 2020 at \$500,000) would go to Roseburg for redistribution.

The county commissioners will control all the assets of Salmon Harbor at the expense of any pretense to local control. This effort is misguided and is a bad idea.

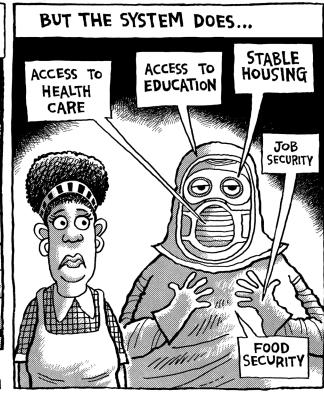
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## **GUEST OPINION:**

#### Why Reducing the Number of SWOCC Faculty Is a Bad Idea

Because of the myriad of concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the administration at Southwestern Oregon Community College is considering reducing several full time faculty members. The reduction of SWOCC faculty, especially during this critical time, is a poor idea as it would severely damage the college's ability to fulfill its mission to serve our students and the community at large.

The current global crisis will not necessarily result in a drop in enrollment at SWOCC. In fact, it will most likely bolster enrollment. Unemployment rates are increasing nationwide and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Previous historical data clearly shows that when the economy is struggling, enrollment in college increases. We are fortunate that registration for this term remains strong as faculty and staff have done an exceptional job converting face-to-face classes to online and preparing students for this format. Both the student-services staff and the faculty are hard at work communicating with students who begin spring term on April 6th.

Now more than ever we have important questions that need to be asked, opportunities that need to be explored, and careers that need to be built. All these undertakings, whether inspired by fear or hope, take place on college campuses. We must have full time faculty in place to facilitate these undertakings. Now more than ever, education is needed to counter the worry and unease, as well as misinformation, that accompany this crisis. In such a time as this we must offer essential skills such as critical thinking and writing; job skills for nurses, teachers, emergency responders and safety professionals; and a path to STEAM careers. These skills are necessary for both students who plan to continue at four-year schools and for students who seek to use their education for the benefit of our community. Reducing several full time faculty members would make it extremely difficult for the college to accomplish these goals. Decision makers at Southwestern must realize that the college is the vanguard of the recovery to come. The current reduction plan seems reactionary rather than visionary. The administration's recent decision to close Family Center programs for the foreseeable future, including the preschool that has served the community for almost 20 years, is a clear example of how these deep cuts will harm the people we need to help the most right now.

Southwestern is one of our region's greatest assets. Hope and knowledge are irrevocably linked and eliminating teaching positions will harm our community's recovery and only increase any uncertainties people might feel about the future. Southwestern should retain its full-time faculty and let the community know we have brighter days ahead of us. Submitted by:

The Southwestern Community College American Federation of Teachers Local 3190

# **ON THIS DAY** in Coos County history

#### **April 14. 1920**

**FRANCHISE ON RIVER** DISCUSSED

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HEARS THOSE INTERESTED**

**Matter Talked Over Informally As Regular Hearing Will Not Take Place Until June** 

**Public Services Commissioner** F.A. Williams yesterday afternoon took up the petition of the Coos Bay Logging Company in which L.J. Simpson and William Vaughn are interested, which company is asking for a franchise on the upper part of the south fork of the Coos river for booming and logging privileges.

There were present about forty persons who were interested as lumbermen, rachers or property owners. The objectors to the petition raised the question that the logging company had bot given proper notice and that sufficient time had not expired since giving the notice for the hearing to be held. It was a technical point but the commissioner ruled that it was well taken. He said however that any who wanted to give evidence could do so at the regular hearing later and that the matter could now be discussed informally. This was done.

#### **April 13, 1970 Bay Hospital District To Evaluate Possible Sites**

new hospital and medical care center were proposed Monday for study and evaluation by the Bay Area Hospital District directors. A proposal to acquire additional property at the 10-acre site now owned by the district also was made. A minimum of 25-30 acres was a

Twelve possible sites for a

requirement for a site.

Included are the Coldiron tract at the end of Virginia Avenue, one adjacent to it, another due west of the Empire Lakes, two near the water board facilities, three comprising a number of parcels between Ocean Boulevard and Newmark Avenue, two near the Newmark-Broadway intersection, one site west of Marshfield High School on the hill and a 12th site in the area south of Coalbank Slough. Expansion of the district-owned property was a 13th possibility.

An evaluation of each site will be made, taking into consideration such factors as availability of sewer and water services, public utilities, access to the site, the environment and topography. The directors said they do not expect to make final decision until after the May 26 election on the proposed \$6.75 million bond issue for construction of the medical center.

#### **April 14, 2010 Mud Mania**

Mud Mania is in its third year, attracting people from all over Oregon to Powers for the two-day event. Drivers can tear through mud pits, drag race and try to climb steep hills in their trucks.

The event off of Gaylord Road near Powers offers various terrain for people who want to romp in the mud with their vehicles. Organizers are considering having another Mud Mania event during White Cedar Days in July.

#### **Chess champions return to** Coquille

With three girls and a 9-year-

old boy, the Coquille Valley chess team was attracting stares even before it won a fourth place-trophy that's almost as tall as one of its players.

"When the kids would see him coming, they would say, 'I can't lose to this one," coach Nancy Keller said of Josiah Perkins, who had to stand just to reach the chessboard.

With 940 kids competing in the K-9 United States Chess Federation National Competition last weekend in Minneapolis, Keller guessed the majority were older than her team and there were probably only five other girls in the field.

#### **April 14, 2015 Lab Band offers kids** something to do this summer

Young musicians have an opportunity to keep up with their music this summer with Lab Band, known for being the youngest pro band at regional jazz festivals.

Lab Band is open for student musicians as young as 10 years old and it's a great way for young musicians to keep their music skills sharp. During the summer break while schools are closed,

Lab Band will be open. Students are invited to rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 6:30 p.m. It's a chance to have fun with like minded musicians and get ahead of the line for Jazz Camp.

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

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## **DEAR ABBY**By Abigail Van Buren

# Mom tires of chauffeuring daughter

**DEAR ABBY:** My 20-year-old daughter refuses

20-year-old daughter refuses to get her driver's license. She took the learner's permit test four times when she was 16, failed it each time and gave up. She goes to college online and has a job at the local store. Next week she is going to be promoted to assistant manager.

I don't work, but I'm tired of driving her around. We live in a small town that has no public transportation. Every time her father or I mention getting her license, she says, "Don't start" or, "I don't want to talk about it!" She doesn't date, but is very involved in church. She has her own phone, which she pays for, and also pays for gas. She's responsible in every way -she just REFUSES to drive! HELP! -- TIRED OF BEING A TAXI MOM

DEAR TIRED: Your 20-year-old daughter is a smart cookie. Unlike you, she doesn't have to worry about car payments, insurance premiums or the cost of parking. As long as you agree to chauffeur her around, she isn't going to provide her own transportation. I suggest you encourage her to get a bicycle. And after four years, it's time for her to take the driver's test again.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married nine years and have two maior issues in our marriage:

1. He feels I spend too much money.

2. I think he spends too much time away from home doing things he wants to do.

We have fallen into this cycle of him being away from home, so I spend money, which results in him spending more time away from home. Should we have separate bank accounts? Should I make him cancel some of his weekly activities? -- STRUGGLING IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR STRUGGLING: Separate bank accounts might be a good idea, provided you don't use yours to mask the fact that you're spending more than you should. As to "making" your husband cancel some of his weekly activities, I don't think it would

work to your benefit.

A better solution/investment would be for the two of you to talk this out in the office of a licensed marriage and family counselor, because it appears you're spending as a way to punish your husband for his absence, which is not only not constructive but DEstructive. Doing activities outside the home TOGETH-ER might also be helpful.

**DEAR ABBY:** My former spouse, the father of our adult daughters, recently passed. He will be cremated. Although he did not remarry, I did. Our youngest daughter has made all the burial arrangements.

My ex and I did not communicate much after the divorce. What is my role as mother? Do I send flowers, greet attendees, as if we were still together? We were married almost 30 years. --WHAT SHOULD I DO?

**DEAR WHAT SHOULD I DO:** Your role as the mother is to support your daughters and the rest of the family. If your daughters want you there, be there for them. Greet anyone you know politely and thank them for being there for "the family." If you wish to send flowers, by all means do so. But beyond that, nothing more is required of you.

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# Oregon, Washington and California announce coronavirus pact

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The governors of Washington, California and Oregon announced Monday they'll work together to re-open their economies while continuing to control the spread of COVID-19, though Washington Gov. Inslee said that there are no set timelines and that the states will retain the ability to pick the dates they want to lift their restrictions.

Inslee said at a news conference that the partnership with California Gov. Gavin Newsom and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has resulted in "a statement of broad principles that will abide across the West Coast."

While each state is building a state-specific plan, the three states have agreed to a framework that focuses on them working together, putting their residents' health first, and letting science guide decisions.

"This pact is about what do we do after we reduce some of our social distancing stay home initiatives," Inslee said. "It's more of the issue of how are we going to have consistent-as-we-can testing and contact tracing initiatives. In order for any of these three states to be successful we simply have to have increased products available with which to do this testing. This

is absolutely critical."

The Seattle-area saw the nation's first COVID-19 outbreak, with dozens of deaths tied to a suburban nursing home. California, too, saw an early outbreak and the San Franciscoarea was the first major region to impose stringent stay-at-home policies.

"COVID-19 has preyed upon our interconnectedness," the three governors wrote in the official announcement. "In the coming weeks, the West Coast will flip the script on COVID-19 – with our states acting in close coordination and collaboration to ensure the virus can never spread wildly in our communities."

The governors said that while

each state has made progress in slowing the spread of COVID-19 each state's public health leaders will focus on four goals: Protecting vulnerable populations — such as those in nursing homes — who are at risk if infected; ensuring adequate hospital capacity and personal protective equipment in order to care for those who may get sick; mitigating the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities; and protecting the general public

"by ensuring any successful

lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating."

Inslee said "we know we have to have measures of testing and contact tracing and the ability to come out of this in a rational, thoughtful, scientifically-based way."

"I am pleased we are moving as a region on basic principles so we can be as coordinated as possible," he said.

The West Coast pact announcement came the same day several northeastern states — Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island — announced a similar compact.

Washington state's stay-at-home order is currently in place through May 4, though Inslee has warned that it is possible the order may have to be extended once again.

More than 10,400 people in Washington state have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least 508 have died. The virus causes mild to moderate symptoms in most patients, and the vast majority recover. But it is highly contagious and can be spread by those who appear healthy and can cause severe illness and death in some patients, particularly the

elderly and those with underlying health conditions.

Inslee said officials will be looking at a range of data, including the rate of infection, rate of fatalities and percentage of positive tests.

"All of those things need to be low enough to give us confidence that we can have a second part strategy to keep that rebound from happening," he said.

Inslee's chief of staff, David Postman, said that the initial statement released by the West Coast states was the beginning of the work, and that they are committed to trying to find ways to collaborate.

"There's nothing in this agreement that binds any state to do anything with any other state," he said. "It's not mandated actions or timelines by any state. It's a way for us to share expertise, information, alert people to pitfalls. We think there's just a value in having a consistent approach to the economy up and down the West Coast.

Postman said he doesn't expect any detailed plan to emerge in the next couple of days, but said instead there will likely soon be more information on specific principles and measurements each state will look at.

## Sanders endorses Biden in presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernie Sanders has endorsed Joe Biden's presidential campaign, encouraging his progressive supporters to rally behind the presumptive Democratic nominee in an urgent bid to defeat President Donald Trump.

"I am asking all Americans, I'm asking every Democrat, I'm asking every independent, I'm asking a lot of Republicans, to come together in this campaign to support your candidacy, which I endorse," the Vermont senator said Monday in a virtual event with Biden.

The backing came less than a week after Sanders ended his presidential campaign, which was centered around progressive policies such as universal health care. There were early signs that some leading progressives weren't ready to fully follow Sanders' lead. And Trump's campaign was eager to use the endorsement to tie Biden more closely to Sanders, whose identity as a democratic socialist is objectionable to Republicans and some Democrats.

Still, Sanders' embrace of Biden was crucial for someone who is tasked with bridging the Democratic Party's entrenched ideological divides. Democratic disunity helped contribute to Hillary Clinton's loss to Trump in 2016.

Perhaps eager to avoid a repeat of that bruising election year, Sanders offered his endorsement much earlier in the 2020 campaign. Sanders backed Clinton four years ago, but only after the end of a drawn-out nomination fight and a bitter dispute over the Democratic platform that extended to the summer convention.

Biden and Sanders differed throughout the primary, particularly over whether a government-run system should replace private health insurance. Biden has resisted Sanders' "Medicare for All" plan and has pushed instead a public option that would operate alongside private coverage.

Sanders said there's "no great secret out there that you and I have our differences."

But Sanders said the greater priority for Democrats of all political persuasions should be defeating Trump.

"We've got to make Trump a one-term president," he said. "I will do all that I can to make that happen."

The coronavirus prevented Biden and Sanders from appearing together in person. But they made clear they would continue working together, announcing the formation of six "task forces" made up of representatives from both campaigns to work on policy agreements addressing health care, the economy, education, criminal justice, climate change and immigration.

Biden, 77, has already made some overtures to progressives by embracing aspects of Sanders' and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's policies. The day after Sanders exited the race, Biden came out in support of lowering the Medicare eligibility age from 65 to 60 while pledging to cancel student debt for many low- and middle-income borrowers. He's also previously embraced Warren's bankruptcy reform plan.

Sanders, 78, is sure to remain a force throughout the campaign. When he ended his candidacy, he said he would keep his name on the ballot in states that have not yet voted in order to collect more delegates that could be used to influence the party's platform. He didn't say Monday whether he would continue to fight for those delegates.

Still, Sanders and Biden emphasized their mutual respect for each other.

Sanders referred to the former vice president as "Joe." Biden answered him repeatedly as "pal." The two men asked the other to give regards to their wives, Jill Biden and Jane Sanders.

Biden told Sanders: "I really need you, not just to win the campaign but to govern."

While Sanders campaigned for Clinton dozens of times after the 2016 primary, the rapport on display with Biden on Monday was far lighter than anything voters saw four years ago.

Some progressive leaders were positive but guarded in response to Sanders' endorsement.

"This endorsement shows that everyone wants to beat Trump," said Adam Green, cofounder of the Progressive Change Committee that originally supported Warren.

"Our side will be increasingly energized the more it's clear that progressive ideas and progressive leaders like Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, and grassroots organizations have strong positions of influence with Biden," Green said.

## Oregon unemployment system breakdowns

PORTLAND (AP) — People who've lost their jobs during the coronavirus outbreak have continued to have problems with Oregon's system to file for benefits.

The Oregon Employment Department apologized last week for a series of breakdowns in its system that has prevented many people from filing for benefits. About 270,000 people have lost their jobs in the past few weeks as the state's economy shut down.

Workers who successfully file their claims must refile each week to continue receiving benefits. The Oregonian/ OregonLive reports that the employment department's filing system on Sunday instructed some laid-off workers to "Restart Your Claim" from the beginning. The system incorrectly told workers they had to start over because of changes in their employment status.

The Oregon

Employment Department said Monday that Sunday's problems affected a "small portion" of people. Gail Krumenauer,

the department's communications director, said the department fixed an issue last week that erroneously directed people to restart their claim. Sunday's issue

appears separate.

"We understand anyone's frustration who experiences an issue in a stressful time trying to seek unemployment benefits," Krumenauer wrote in an email. "We are compassionate about that difficulty, and want to do everything we can to serve the public to the

best of our ability, while facing absolutely recordshattering levels of claims on a decades old legacy system. We truly apologize for any inconveniences anyone experiences."

The flood of jobless claims has overwhelmed the employment department.

#### DEATH NOTICES

Palma "Pixie" F. Crosier - 65, of North Bend, passed away on April 10, 2020 in North Bend. Private family services will be held at a later date in Caldwell, Idaho. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Ginger Lee Buck - 52, of Coos Bay, passed away April 7, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com Margaret E. Johnson - 87, of Coos Bay, passed away April 8, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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#### **EVERYDAY** CHEAPSKATE **BY MARY HUNT**

#### **Readers Ask: Lifestyle Switch, Silly Putty** Removal and **Membership** Renewal

Dear Mary: I am eager to be a stay-at-home mom to my 2-year-old. We are paying down the bills. Are there other things we need to be aware of in order to achieve this goal? What are some of the common mistakes working moms make when changing their lifestyles and wallets to be at home with the kids? -- N.R.

Dear N.R.: Your no. 1 priority is to create an emergency fund, or as we call it at Debt-Proof Living, a contingency fund. This is a pool of money you have stashed away in the event of a financial crisis -- unemployment, a medical situation or even a busted refrigerator. When living on a single income, it is even more important to not put yourselves in a position where you are forced to run to a credit card when something goes wrong. And things (SET ITAL) will(END ITAL) go wrong, so you have to plan on it. I suggest you need at least \$10,000 that you keep in a liquid savings account.

The biggest mistake women in your situation make when leaving the workplace is forgetting they need to change their lifestyle to match their new single-paycheck status. You can't leave the expenses status quo while you lose a good portion of the household income

I suggest you start practicing now, doing many of the chores you are paying others to do -- mowing the lawn, cleaning the pool, cleaning the house. Develop a passion for cooking at home. Learn the tricks of slashing your grocery bill. If your income will be cut in half, you'll need to have that be your goal for your expenses as well. Good luck! And welcome home.

Dear Mary: My son got Silly Putty stuck all over one of our nice couch throws. Do you know any way to get it out? - Kathy

Dear Kathy: The manufacturer says to scrape off excess Silly Putty with a dull-edge knife or metal spoon and then spray with WD-40 and let stand a few minutes. If any stain remains, saturate a cotton ball with rubbing alcohol, blot the stain, and rinse. Wipe any remaining residue or stain with a damp sponge or cloth moistened with liquid dishwashing detergent like Blue Dawn. Launder the throw according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Dear Mary: I'm evaluating whether to renew my membership to Costco. It seemed like a good idea last year, when we were trying to save money, but now I'm not sure. Is it worth the membership to buy some items, such as detergent, in bulk, or can you shop just as smartly at your local grocery store by watching sales and using coupons? --Beth

Dear Beth: I am a member and do enjoy shopping at Costco for the convenience. However, you do bring up a good point, which reminds me why I call it "The \$200 Store." It's hard to get out of there without spending at least \$200. If you are a savvy shopper, track loss leaders at your local grocery stores and use coupons to further reduce the sale price of grocery items, you can do better overall than if you shop at a warehouse club.

Surprisingly, not all items actually cost less at the warehouse club. Those that are consistently cheaper include milk, eggs, cheese, laundry detergent and frozen chicken. But you have to buy a lot of chicken and wash a lot of clothes to recoup the membership price each year. I suggest you do your own experiment and live without the membership for a few months. You can always rejoin if you find you're spending more on the "outside."

Would you like more information? Go to EverydayCheapskate.com for links and resources for recommended products and services in this column. Mary invites questions, comments and tips at EverydayCheapskate. com, "Ask Mary." This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually. Mary Hunt is the founder of EverydayCheapskate.com, a lifestyle blog, and the author of the book "Debt-Proof Living."

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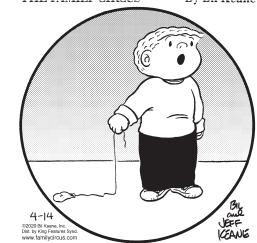
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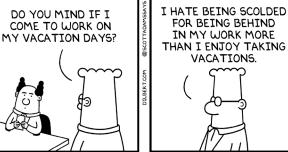
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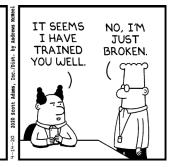
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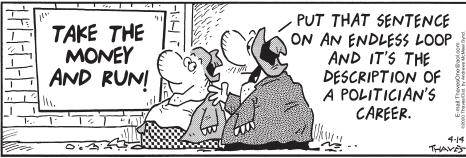
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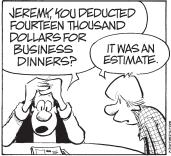
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Alfred North Whitehead, who was an English mathematician and philosopher, said, "It requires a very unusual mind to make an analysis of

the suit, then shifts to a trump.

South, with a six-loser hand, made a three-spade game-try. North happily bid four spades because his single raise indicated nine losers, but he had only eight (three spades, one heart, two diamonds and two clubs).

Declarer had nine winners: six spades, one heart and two diamonds. There were two obvious chances for an extra trick: the heart finesse or establishing dummy's diamond suit. South correctly tried diamonds first. After drawing trumps, he cashed his top diamonds and ruffed one in hand. When they failed to split 3-3, though, declarer took the heart finesse. It lost, and he went down one, losing two clubs and two hearts.

South complained about his bad luck, but North had spotted the unusual winning play. He pointed out that declarer shouldn't have ruffed the third round of diamonds. Instead, he should have discarded a heart. What could East have

If he led a heart, it would have been into dummy's ace-queen. If he played his last diamond, South would have ruffed, crossed to the heart ace and cashed the high diamond eight. Or, if East returned a club, South would have sluffed another heart from his hand and ruffed on the board, gaining a seventh trump trick.

## Bridge

the obvious.

It can also require an unusual mind to make an analysis of the obscure. In today's deal, how should the play go in four spades? West leads the club jack. East takes two tricks in

North 04-14-19**★** 7 6 2 **♥** A Q 3 ♦ K 8 5 4 2 **♣** 9 4 East

**♦** 4 3

♠ A K Q J 10 9

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**♦** J 9 6 3

♣ A K 7 2

East

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All Pass

West **★** 8 5 ♥ J 9 7 4

♦ Q 10

♣ Q 5 Dealer: South Vulnerable: Both

South

**♦** A 7

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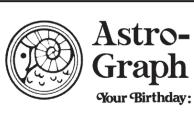
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ARIES (March 21-April **19**) -- If you do your best, you will get plenty in return. A connection you make will help you revise or update your resume. Personal gain is within reach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- An offer will lead to unexpected complications. Don't make a snap decision without ironing out the particulars. Ask pertinent questions and back away if you notice discrepancies.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June **20**) -- Travel, participate in events and gather information. A personal change should be well-thought-out and within your budget. Channel your energy into fitness and educational pursuits. Romance is in the stars.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Joint ventures will not be as beneficial as anticipated. Someone will take advantage of you if you are too eager to please. Nervous tension and anxiety will lead to stomach problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Gather information, look at all the facts and sit tight until you feel comfortable making a move. Base decisions on what's doable, and stick to a practical plan.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Head in a direction that will encourage personal growth and education. Don't make decisions based on your emotions. Avoid arguments and protect yourself against

financial loss.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- A simple cost-efficient lifestyle will help you ease stress. Don't take on problems that don't belong to you. Concentrate on finishing what you start, physical improvement and romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Slow down. You are best off living with what you've got until you figure out what's best. Look for a creative project that promotes friendship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Keep your life simple, move forward at a steady pace, and avoid indulgent or meddlesome individuals. Make improvements to your living quarters or arrangements.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Uncertainties surrounding travel or relationships with friends or relatives will arise. Do more listening and less talking to avoid being seen as controlling. Work on personal growth instead of trying to change others.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. **20-Feb. 19)** -- You will receive information that will help you avoid a risky venture. If you work with what you have, you'll get things done on time and within budget. Romance is in the stars.

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# Fundraiser aims to help resort's caddies

**JOHN GUNTHER** 

The World

BANDON — When Bandon Dunes closed last month, one of the groups most impacted was the resort's caddie corps.

The closure, which currently is scheduled to extend through the end of the month, is the first in the 21-year history of the resort.

It has left some 350 caddies without work. The caddies are not regular resort employees, but rather are private contractors, dependent entirely on doing loops for their income.

On Monday, a new fundraiser was started to generate relief

funds for the caddies. It was announced by the resort in an email message Monday.

"Since the first strides in 1999, Bandon's caddies have been by your side helping deliver a oneof-a-kind links golf experience," the message to golfers read. "They've spent more time with you than anyone else and are some of the resort's strongest ambassadors. Right now, like many others, they're out of work."

The fundraiser included the hashtag "GreaterThanGolf.

"The sun is out, waves are crashing on the beach, the grass is cut and the flags are fluttering in the breeze, yet our courses are empty," the message said. "It is times like these that make us ask, What is greater than golf?

"We will all be ready when the time comes to safely welcome you back, but this pandemic has proven that many things are greater than golf."

By Tuesday morning, the fundraiser had generated more than \$94,000 through the Go-FundMe page, with nearly 800 people making donations. Unlike a lot of fundraisers,

which have specific goals, the goal listed on the fundraiser page is \$1, which is explained in the message from the caddies.

"It is difficult to determine a

financial goal for this campaign, due to the size of our program and the number of individuals and families that will be assisted by your generosity," the message reads. "We are hoping this campaign will grow large enough to provide each caddie with enough support to get through this difficult period.

"Due to the size of this endeavor, we are setting the goal at \$1 and leaving it up to your discretion. Our goal will be met when each person with a memorable caddie experience at Bandon Dunes has had an opportunity to show their appreciation through this fund."

The message said more than 350 caddies have been out of work since March 25.

"We like to think of our guests as the heart of the resort, and we hope you see us as its soul," the message reads.

The Bandon Caddie Relief Fund has been made possible through the Greater Bandon Association, which is dedicated to the community and economic revitalization of the Bandon area, on behalf of the Greater Bandon By-the-Sea Corporation, a registered nonprofit corporation, and the cooperative support of Bandon Dunes. All donations are tax deductible

# **NBA** teams prepare for draft

**TIM REYNOLDS** Associated Press

There are many unknowns about the NBA draft, though some elements are proceeding as usual and one deadline is looming this week.

The NBA — as per usual has been sending evaluations to players who are considering leaving college early and entering the draft and will continue doing so to all underclassmen who ask for them before Thursday's deadline. That task falls to the league's Undergraduate Advisory Committee, which understands that what it says in these uncertain times may carry even more weight than usual.

"This is a process that's important, maybe more important this year than ever," said Kiki VanDeWeghe, the NBA's Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations and UAC committee chair. "We're trying to get the athletes and the schools as much information as we possibly can. It's important that they have the clearest picture."

Because of the coronavirus pandemic that has shut down the sports world, including the NBA, nobody knows when the draft will be held, who will have the No. 1 overall pick or how that will be decided. Nobody even knows when or if the draft combine, which is scheduled for mid-May and technically has not yet been changed, will take

When underclassmen ask, the NBA sends evaluations with a percentage of likelihood that they will fall into one of five draft-night categories — lottery (picks 1-14), first-round non-lottery (picks 15-30), first half of second round (picks 31-45), second half of second round (picks 46-60), and undrafted.

It's not an exact science, but the league has pretty good success with it: Since 2016, based on its own evaluation and feedback that the 30 NBA teams share as part of the process, the league has told 66 candidates that they are first-round material and 49 others that they wouldn't be drafted. They hit on 89% of those first-round projections and 96% of the undrafted projec-

"It is unprecedented times and difficult times for everybody and we try to do our best to make that easier for student athletes as far as navigating that process and understanding that process," VanDeWeghe said. "This is a time of uncertainty. Even in a normal year, student athletes are very nervous about applying of the draft. But our role in this is to try to give as much information as we possibly can."

The UAC will continue sending evaluations through April 26, which is also the league's deadline for players to officially decide if they will enter the draft. Typically, they could start setting up workouts almost immediately after that date but the league's shutdown in response to the coronavirus pandemic has all that on indefinite hold.



Spectators along the road applaud the riders during the nineteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race last July.

## Organizers finally call off Tour de France

#### Famed cycling race might happen later in 2020 calendar

PARIS (AP) — After weeks of holding out hope the Tour de France would be able to go ahead as planned despite the coronavirus pandemic, the world's most famous cycling race was finally added to the list of sporting events called off.

It may still happen this year, but it's clear the three-week race won't be starting on June 27 in the Riviera city of Nice as scheduled.

French President Emmanuel Macron effectively made that decision in his speech to the nation on Monday when he announced that all public events with large

crowds have been canceled until legions of fans on the roadsides at least mid-July.

Given that it's now impos sible that the Tour starts at its planned date, we are consulting with the (International Cycling Union) to try and find new dates," race organizers said Tuesday.

The last time the Tour was not held was in 1946, with the nation still emerging from World War II. It was also stopped during

While cycling's biggest event could be scrapped altogether, organizers are discussing potential later dates. New plans could be announced before the end of April following discussions between organizer Amaury Sport Organisation and the Internation-

al Cycling Union. Holding the race without and mountain passes of France an idea previously propo by French Sports Minister Roxana Mărăcineanu — is not something organizers are likely to favor.

Millions of fans watch each year's race in a festive atmosphere across many regions. This year's event has 21 stages, with the longest of them stretching 218 kilometers (135 miles). Thousands of police officers are needed to keep crowds under control and help negotiate safe passage for riders.

Riders, too, have to be physically ready to tackle the grueling race — and able to actually attend it. After weeks of confinement, competitors would likely need several more weeks to get into racing shape.

Borders would have to be open, too, so racers like last rider Egan Bernal — can travel to France.

Juggling the cycling calendar is also tricky because of the various races scheduled throughout the season, including the Giro d'Italia and the Spanish Vuelta.

The Giro, which had been set for May, was called off late last month. The Spanish race, which is also owned by ASO, is still on the schedule for Aug. 14-Sept. 6.

If the Tour de France were to be held after the Spanish Vuelta in September, it could clash with the rescheduled French Open tennis tournament. The claycourt Grand Slam tournament at Roland Garros, normally in late May and June, has been pushed back to Sept. 20-Oct. 4.

## Larson suspended after slur during virtual race

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Larson's racial slur cost him his two primary NASCAR supporters. It likely will cost him his job soon.

McDonald's and Credit One Bank ended their sponsorship of Larson on Monday, a day after he used the N-word during a live stream of a virtual race. The decision came hours after NA-SCAR and Chip Ganassi Racing suspended Larson indefinitely,

his team doing so without pay. Without funding from Mc-Donald's and Credit One Bank, Ganassi seemingly will be forced to dump Larson in favor of a different driver.

'We were extremely disappointed and appalled to hear about this incident," McDonald's USA said in a statement. "The comments made by Kyle Larson are insensitive, offensive and not reflective of our inclusive values and will not be tolerated."

McDonald's has partnered with CGR for nearly a decade and sponsors the team's No. 42 Chevrolet in the Cup Series. Ending its relationship with Larson would make it next to impossible for Ganassi to stick

with Larson behind the wheel. Ross Chastain would be a



The Associated Press

Kyle Larson gets ready to climb into his car to practice for the Daytona 500 on Feb. 14.

likely replacement. Chastain is a Ganassi development driver who has been on loan to Roush Fenway Racing as an injury fillin for Ryan Newman.

NASCAR ordered Larson, who is half Japanese, to complete a sensitivity training course before he can be eligible for reinstatement.

Larson apologized in a video posted on his social media

"I made a mistake, said the word that should never, ever be said," Larson said. "There is no excuse for that. I wasn't raised that way. It is just an awful thing to say. I feel very sorry for my family, my friends, my partners, the NASCAR community and especially the African-American

"I understand the damage is probably unrepairable and I own up to that. But I just want to let you all know how sorry I am and I hope everyone is staying safe during these crazy times.'

Larson was competing in an iRacing event Sunday night when he appeared to lose communication on his headset with his spotter. During a check of his microphone, he asked his spotter, "You can't hear me?" That was followed by the N-word. The slur was directed at his spotter, who is white.

"The words that he chose to use are offensive and unacceptable," Chip Ganassi Racing said. "As of this moment, we are suspending Kyle without pay while we work through this situation with all appropriate parties."

Larson also was suspended indefinitely by iRacing for "offensive and inappropriate" language, but more significant damage to Larson's future could come from sponsors.

Credit One Bank denounced Larson's "highly offensive language" at first and dumped the driver altogether three hours

later. McDonald's followed suit. Chevrolet suspended its personal services relationship with

Larson "as we do not tolerate this behavior."

One secondary sponsor, Plan B Sales & Marketing, backed Larson, saying "we know he is an awesome young man that made a mistake and we are going to stand behind him 100% and help any way we can."



The Associated Press

Carolina's Christian McCaffrey carries the ball during the second half of a December game against the Indianapolis Colts, in Indianapolis.

## Panthers make McCaffrey highest-paid running back

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers have rewarded Christian McCaffrey for his production and versatility, making him the highest-paid running back in the NFL.

The team agreed to a four-year, \$64 million contract extension with McCaffrey on Monday, a person familiar with the contract negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the Panthers have not announced the extension. Details on how much of the contract is fully guaranteed were unavailable.

The \$16-million-ayear deal eclipses Ezekiel Elliott's contract with the Dallas Cowboys that is worth \$15 million per

The extension keeps McCaffrey, 23, tied to the Panthers through the 2025 season. The coming season would be the final year of his rookie contract, and Carolina had the option to pick up a fifth year in 2021.

It appeared to a matter of when, not if, the

extension was coming after Panthers coach Matt Rhule made it clear last week that he viewed McCaffrey as a vital part of the franchise moving forward.

"I think Christian Mc-Caffrey is a centerpiece player that you can build around," Rhule said. "And I think he really builds to the culture that you want to have within the building."

McCaffrey ran for 1,387 yards and posted 1,005 yards receiving last season for the Panthers, joining Marshall Faulk and Roger Craig as the only running backs in NFL history to reach 1,000 yards in both categories in the same season.

The former first-round draft pick has been a spectacular selection for the Panthers, amassing 2,920 yards rushing and 2,523 yards receiving along with 39 touchdowns in three seasons. He is the only player in NFL history with at least 2,500 yards receiving and rushing in his first three seasons.

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney hinted last week that a contract extension was coming, saying the team was

having "internal discussions." Hurney said then that "everyone knows what we think of Christian as a player."

There has been some question about whether the team has overused Mc-Caffrey the past couple of seasons, with him playing more than 90% of the team's snaps — by far the most in the league by a running back.

But Rhule expects that new offensive coordinator Joe Brady, who helped lead LSU to a national championship last year, will be an important part of the offense.

"I hired Joe because I know that he's going to utilize guys to their strengths," Rhule said last week.

Of McCaffrey, Rhule said: "He's a tailback-slash-wideout, he can do it all, returner, too. So I'm anxious to get him out there and anxious to build this thing around him. I think he's going to be a special player for us."

With McCaffrey locked up, the Panthers are expected to turn their attention to defense in the NFL draft next week.

## XFL files for bankruptcy

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

The XFL filed for bankruptcy on Monday, likely spelling the end of the second iteration of the league.

The filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware estimates the organization has between \$10,000,001 and \$50 million in both assets and liabilities. Former coaches Bob Stoops and Marc Trestman are among the creditors with the largest unsecured claims.

The WWE-backed XFL

canceled the rest of its return season last month because of the coronavirus pandemic. It suspended operations and laid off its employees Friday.

The league said Monday in an emailed statement that it wasn't insulated "from the harsh economic impacts and uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 crisis."

"This is a heartbreaking time for many, including our passionate fans, players and staff, and we are thankful to them, our television partners, and

the many Americans who rallied to the XFL for the love of football," the league said.

The XFL had eight franchises this season and played five games out of a planned 10-game schedule. It drew decent TV ratings early on and had deals with ESPN and Fox.

But spring football is a difficult challenge, as the Alliance of American Football found out in 2019, not lasting a full

The XFL also played one season in 2001.

### Former NFL QB Jackson dies in crash

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Former NFL quarterback Tarvaris Jackson has died in a one-car crash outside Montgomery, authorities said Monday. He was 36.

The 2012 Chevrolet Camaro that Jackson was driving went off the road, struck a tree and overturned at 8:50 p.m. Sunday, Trooper Benjamin "Michael" Carswell, an Alabama Law Enforcement Agency spokesman, said in a news release. Jackson was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The wreck occurred on Pike Road, about seven miles south of Montgomery, his hometown. No other details were immediately released about the crash, which remained under investigation.

Jackson was hired as quarterbacks coach for Tennessee State last season after a 10-year NFL career with the Seattle Seahawks, Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills.

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll posted a Twitter message calling Jackson "a beloved teammate, competitor, and Seahawk."

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson also posted about Jackson's death: "TJack ... you will be missed. Praying for your family...Love you man."

The Vikings also released a statement saying that "one of Tarvaris" greatest attributes was his positive outlook and approach. He genuinely cared about others, was a good friend and will be missed by family, teammates and Vikings fans everywhere."

At Tennessee State, Jackson helped senior quarterback Cameron Rosendahl to a season in which he passed for 3,023 yards, the second most in program history.

"We are devastated," Tennessee State coach Rod Reed said. "He was an awesome young man and he will be missed by our players, our staff and the TSU family."

Jackson was a second-round draft pick of the Vikings in 2006, starting 12 games in 2007 and going 8-4. He was part of the Seahawks' Super Bowl championship team in 2014 as Wilson's backup.

Jackson started 14 games for Seattle in 2011, leading the team to seven wins. The former Alabama State quarterback, who started his college career at Arkansas, went 17-17 as an NFL starter, passing for 7,263 yards with 39 touchdowns and 35 interceptions.

Jackson is survived by wife Lakitta and three children.

#### **ESPN, NFL Network** will team up for draft

NEW YORK — ESPN and NFL Network will join forces for this year's NFL draft. They will produce a broadcast that will air on both networks over all three days.

The April 23-25 draft was originally scheduled to be in Las Vegas but has been moved due to the coronavirus pandemic. It will now originate from ESPN's headquarters in Bristol, Connecticut.

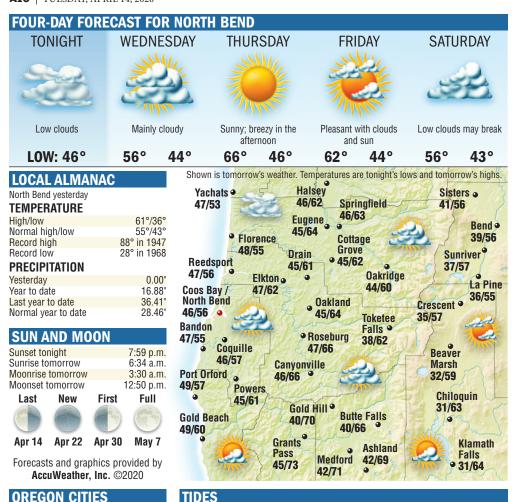
Draft hosts and a limited number of commentators will be in-studio but will adhere to social distancing guidelines. Other reporters and analysts will report remotely from home. Commissioner Roger Goodell will introduce first-round picks from his home in Bronxville, New

ABC will air a separate draft broadcast on Thursday and Friday before simulcasting the ESPN/ NFL Network feed on Saturday.

The league previously announced that the draft will serve as a "Draft-A-Thon," which will pay tribute to health care workers and first responders. Funds raised will help support six national nonprofits and their relief efforts.



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Billings	35/21/sf	37/25/pc	Honolulu	84/72/pc	83/70/pc	Redding	81/57/pc	81/50/pc
Birmingham	63/39/s	70/50/s	Houston	70/49/pc	77/60/pc	Reno	72/44/c	58/38/pc
Boise	61/34/pc	57/35/s	Indianapolis	47/28/sh	47/35/c	Richmond, VA	58/38/r	62/38/pc
Boston	50/37/pc	50/34/pc	Kansas City	54/36/pc	48/31/r	Sacramento	79/53/s	78/51/pc
Buffalo	42/27/pc	41/32/pc	Key West	88/80/s	88/80/s	St. Louis	54/36/pc	58/39/r
Burlington, VT	47/29/pc	46/31/pc	Las Vegas	79/59/s	82/57/pc	Salt Lake City	54/36/r	49/32/pc
Caribou, ME	45/21/pc	41/23/c	Lexington	55/30/pc	57/39/pc	San Angelo	67/46/s	79/57/pc
Casper	40/16/sn	31/11/sn	Little Rock	62/39/s	69/46/s	San Diego	75/56/s	68/57/pc
Charleston, SC	64/45/r	71/51/s	Los Angeles	80/55/s	72/54/pc	San Francisco	68/53/s	65/52/pc
Charleston, WV	55/33/c	55/38/pc	Louisville	58/35/pc	61/44/c	San Jose	78/53/s	70/52/pc
Charlotte, NC	61/36/c	68/42/s	Madison	41/24/pc	47/28/pc	Santa Fe	58/30/s	66/34/s
Chevenne	43/17/sf	27/14/sn	Memphis	61/40/s	68/50/s	Seattle	64/44/s	68/44/s
Chicago	45/27/pc	49/33/pc	Miami	93/76/pc	90/77/t	Sioux Falls	43/19/s	47/25/9
Cincinnati	52/29/pc	52/39/c	Milwaukee	42/27/c	48/32/c	Spokane	55/33/pc	56/35/s
Cleveland	45/28/sn	47/33/s	Minneapolis	39/21/c	44/25/s	Springfield, IL	48/29/sn	48/33/1
Colorado Spgs	53/27/pc	39/21/sh	Missoula	46/24/sf	48/23/pc	Springfield, MA	52/31/c	50/29/pc
Columbus, OH	48/26/pc	49/33/pc	Nashville	60/35/s	67/45/s	Syracuse	45/27/pc	44/30/pc
Concord, NH	53/26/c	49/25/pc	New Orleans	72/57/c	76/64/pc	Tampa	85/68/c	76/69/1
Dallas	64/47/s	73/56/s	New York City	52/38/r	52/38/pc	Toledo	45/26/c	49/32/0
Davton	47/26/sh	48/35/pc	Norfolk, VA	53/42/r	64/47/s	Trenton	53/36/r	51/34/pc
Daytona Beach	86/65/pc	72/64/t	Oklahoma City	62/40/s	70/43/c	Tucson	80/51/s	86/54/9
Denver	53/23/c	32/20/sn	Olympia, WA	66/36/pc	69/34/s	Tulsa	64/43/s	71/45/0
Des Moines	46/30/pc	45/30/c	Omaha	50/30/s	46/29/c	Washington, DC		58/42/pc
Detroit	45/26/c	47/32/pc	Orlando	90/69/pc	74/66/t	W. Palm Beach	92/75/c	87/76/
El Paso	75/51/s	84/58/s	Philadelphia	53/38/r	53/36/pc	Wichita	65/42/s	60/32/sh
Fairbanks	49/35/c	45/32/sh	Phoenix	83/58/s	87/61/s	Wilmington, DE		54/37/pc
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#### Chernobyl

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From A1

facilities.

Yaroslav Yemelyanenko, a member of the public council under the state agency in charge of the

closed zone around the plant, said one fire was raging within 2 kilometers (about 1.2 miles) from one of the radioactive waste depots.

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The situation is critical," he said on Facebook. Last week, officials said they tracked down a person suspected of triggering the blaze by setting dry grass on fire in the area. The 27-year-old man said he burned grass "for fun" and then failed to extinguish the fire when the wind caused it to expand quickly.

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On Monday, police

said that another local resident burned waste and accidentally set dry grass ablaze, triggering another devastating forest fire. They said he failed to report the fire to the authorities.

The 1,000-square-mile Chernobyl Exclusion

Zone was established after the April 1986 disaster at the plant that sent a cloud of radioactive fallout over much of Europe. The zone is largely unpopulated, although about 200 people have remained despite orders to leave.

Blazes in the area have been a regular occurrence. They often start when residents set dry grass on fire in the early spring a widespread practice in Ukraine, Russia and some other ex-Soviet nations that often leads to devastating forest fires.

#### **Parents**

From A1

Some challenges for parents right now include trying to provide the mental stimulation their kids might receive at school. With much of child development stemming from new experiences, it can be difficult to provide those experiences when stuck at home.

"For kids who are school-aged, where they're at developmentally, they're looking for lots of stimulation and new experiences," Frame said. "And their environment at home is really familiar to them."

Fame said that as a par-

ent she is trying to create opportunities for new experiences and provide tasks that require exercising critical thinking skills.

"That's what teachers do full time, is curate opportunities for students to use their complex problem solving and build skills. Parents build their kid's skills all the time, but now they have to do it on top of working full time and stressing about the future," Frame said.

While Frame said there are plenty of virtual resources available to keep her children entertained, she feels they're missing out on sensory and tactile type learning.

"When they're just reading about something on a

computer and then writing about it, they're still doing some learning and they're processing information but they're not getting that sensory stimulation in learning," Frame said.

Teachers, parents, and students are all having to learn how to use technology they've never used before to continue the student's education. Frame said that between her two children there are seven different sites and programs the kids need to log into to do their schoolwork

"We have to log into and remember passwords for seven websites every day, and that's just for their schooling piece ... They also don't really know

how to use the internet very well. I'm having to educate my kids on how to use Zoom, and how to use Google Classroom, and Google Doc," Frame said. One virtual resource that

Jamella Weeks, a family support specialist with Kairos here in Coos Bay, recommends to parents is Alexandra Big Life Journal.

"One thing that everybody can get ... is Alexandra Big Life Journal," Weeks said. "...It's a great resource for keeping kids really grounded.'

One point that Weeks really stressed is that parents continue to make space for themselves and for their

"Especially right now

when we're all stuck with each other, it's important that we all have a space we can go where, when we're in that space, the rest of the family members respectfully give them that space," Weeks said.

Weeks suggested parents and kids look out for resources that tech how to practice staying positive.

"I think right now ... people are really struggling to find the light at the end of the tunnel with this COVID-19 stuff, and not really having a clear idea of when self-isolation and social distancing is going to be over. What we find in mental health for children and adults is that if we can spend less time in the negative and

more time in the positive then we can create a dynamic shift in how we view the world and how we view ourselves," Weeks said.

Weeks also suggested that anyone who feels overwhelmed with these new challenges call into the crisis hotline at Coos County Mental Health through Coos Health and Wellness.

"That crisis hotline is good for adults or youth. If your kids are making you crazy and you feel like you're going to lose it, as a parent you can call speak with a therapist and be honest about what your feeling. They're going to listen and help you through it," Weeks said.

#### Shutter

From A1

it is seemingly impossible to determine how much space is between individuals, he noted that it means that "we have to approach this as if everybody is a potential contact and that

everybody is a potential infection."

Another worry is with inmates transferring from other correctional institutions across the state, including those that have had cases of coronavirus. Over the weekend four inmates at Shutter Creek told The World that there have been

transfers from Santiam and the Oregon State Peniten-

tiary in recent weeks. Shutter Creek has not responded to multiple requests for more information on the matter.

"We still have men and women coming into our custody, coming through intake which means some

have to be transferred out to other facilities to make room for people coming in," said Jennifer Black, the Communications Manager at the Oregon Department of Corrections on Monday morning.

"It's kind of a domino effect. People are coming in and then they have to be moved around and so yes, transfers are occurring but greatly reduced."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have released information stating that those incarcerated in close contact with a "confirmed or suspend COVID-19 case should be placed under quarantine

for 14 days." Inmates at Shutter Creek stated that this quarantining has not occurred at the facility. Black could not confirm or deny if the quarantine guidelines from the CDC were being followed and authorities at Shutter Creek did respond by deadline.

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