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Lighthouse labyrinth

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Students must wait to wander their new meditation path

BUNKER HILL — After several months of planning and 15 gallons of road paint, the Lighthouse School now has its very own labyrinth.

The outdoors meditation path, created by famous Circles in the Sand artist Denny Dyke, is “one continuous path with no wrong turns or dead ends,” as described on his website.

The public charter school’s plan was to share this piece of art with its students. But now, the school doesn’t know when its 220 students will be able to walk the labyrinth.

Certainly not while the coronavirus pandemic keeps the schoolhouse closed.

“The plan was to do this over spring break as a surprise for the children, have them return to school and enjoy it,” said Karen White, a kindergarten teacher at Lighthouse for the past 18 years. “(A)nd then, of course, (the pandemic began) and we realized we might not be able to share it with them.”

When the school does reopen, said first-grade teacher Marie Sweet, the artistic labyrinth will give Lighthouse students the opportunity to start their day in a way that is both calming and uplifting.

“We’re going to have ‘dream stones’ for the children just like Denny Dyke does at Circles in the Sand,” she said. “The children will hold these stones as they walk the labyrinth, think positive thoughts, take time to be quiet while they get their bodies moving...”

“It reminds the kids to dream.”

Even though it may be months before the students can walk, work is still being done to polish it up. The path will soon be decorated with painted mermaids



Contributed photos by Ed Hughes

The new labyrinth, created by famous Circles in the Sand artist Denny Dyke, will be used at Lighthouse School as a place to help calm students. Standing on the path is the school’s director, Wade Lester.



Teachers, parents and community volunteers helped connect the dots painted by Circles in the Sand artist Denny Dyke. The new labyrinth is under the pavilion behind Lighthouse School, though won’t be walked by students until after the summer due to the novel coronavirus.

and other sea creatures that fit with the theme of a lighthouse, according to the school’s director, Wade Lester.

Lester said he was approached with the idea for the project over the summer and that making it

happen was a “matter of planets and schedules aligning to nail down the date.”

“Denny (Dyke) came up to do this and I think this is a great way to get kids to start their day,” Lester said. “It takes about

five or six minutes to walk the whole thing, but I think it’s a good way to set them mentally.

“Instead of a time out, they can walk the circle.”

White and Sweet applied for

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Emergency relief funds awarded

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The World

COOS COUNTY — Last month, the United Way of Southwestern Oregon launched a new emergency relief program to help the dozens of local nonprofits in need of extra support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, the local United Way chapter announced its “Emergency Relief Fund” will distribute over \$30,000 to more than 20 local nonprofits as a way to aid them in their efforts to provide assistance and emergency services to families and individuals in need.

After seeing many community members and nonprofit organizations impacted directly by the novel coronavirus, the nonprofit’s executive director Jen Shafer said its board knew immediately it needed to help.

According to Shafer, since launching the new relief program, the organization has received approximately \$22,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation and donations from The Ford Family Foundation as well as local community members.

“I’m really proud of this community,” said Shafer. “They’ve really come together in this time of need.”

About \$28,500 was allocated to nonprofits that provide a wide range of services including hospice care, emergency shelter service for survivors of domestic violence, mental health service providers and more.

“It’s a pretty broad range, but primarily the need we’re hearing a lot right now from the community is food and getting food to people,” said Shafer. “Those were the bulk of our awards to organizations that are providing those services as well as home-

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Residents fight tree removal

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

COOS BAY — In a controversial decision, the City of North Bend is looking to remove several trees around Simpson Park to bring more sunlight to the playground and picnic areas.

According to City Administrator Terence O’Connor, the plan is to remove 19 trees and trim 23 others as a means of managing the park and improving safety for those using the park and its facilities. The plan has been met with opposition from residents who feel the proposal is too extreme, unnecessary, or even improperly done.

Susanna Noordhoff, one of the chief petitioners fighting the proposal and a parks board alumni, alleges the decision was made without proper community insight. She recalled that she looked at past parks board agendas and the topic was only listed as an update with nothing suggesting they would talk about removing trees.

“It’s apples and oranges,” said Noordhoff of what was discussed at the Parks Board versus what the city council is voting on. “Apples was voted on by the parks board ... oranges is what is being presented to the council now, or what’s on the



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 was tentatively slated to be awarded during the April 14 City Council meeting.

ground now with the marks on the trees.”

She also said there were no recorded minutes available for the meetings and that she’s had push back from the city on getting minutes posted. She reached out to Representative Caddy McKe-

own’s office to confirm if this was an issue. While McKeown’s legislative director, Mallorie Roberts, was careful to not take sides, she did confirm the need for minutes being posted in some format.

She quoted the Attorney Gen-

eral Public Records and Meeting Manual that a record of minutes must give “a true reflection of the matters discussed at the meeting and the views of the participants.” Noordhoff said this isn’t done for the Parks Board.

“Therefore Council should dismiss the agenda item, recognizing that the city cannot operate in an illegal manner,” she said, calling for the city council to table, or deny, the proposal.

Visiting for the trees

Opponents of the proposal also noted that many people enjoy the park specifically for the trees.

In a Letter to the Editor directed to the mayor and city council, Nancy Hightower said the community is blessed to have Simpson Park as it is. She said the short term gains made by removing the trees are not worth the loss of local environment and an aspect of the park that many families enjoy.

Steve Skinner, another parks board alumni, suggested that moving the playground to a sunnier location would be easier and cheaper than removing the trees.

“This decision is a terrible one and badly needs to be reconsidered, for financial reasons, for

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EU blasts Trump’s WHO funding cut

GENEVA (AP) — Nations around the world reacted with alarm Wednesday after President Donald Trump announced a halt to the sizable funding the United States sends to the World Health Organization. Health experts warned the move could jeopardize global efforts to stop the coronavirus pandemic.

At a briefing in Washington, Trump said he was instructing his administration to halt funding for WHO pending a review of its role “in severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus.” The United States is WHO’s largest single donor, contributing between \$400 million and \$500 million annually to the Geneva-based agency in recent years.

Trump has repeatedly labelled COVID-19 the “Chinese virus” and criticized the U.N. health agency for being too lenient on China, where the novel virus first emerged late last year.

Outside experts have questioned China’s reported infections and deaths from the virus, calling them way too low and unreliable. And an investigation by The Associated Press has found that six days of delays between

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Photo gallery: Camp Creek Restoration in Reedport

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Central Lincoln offers bill assistance

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SOUTH COAST — In an effort to help customers affected by COVID-19, Central Lincoln People's Utility District has created a new relief fund to assist its newly unemployed customers.

According to a press release from Central Lincoln, the Job Loss Assistance Program will make funds available on a first-come, first-served basis to qualifying residential customers.

"Successful appli-

cants will need to submit documentation showing they have been receiving or have been recently approved for unemployment benefits within two weeks of applying for help with their Central Lincoln bills," said the press release.

As the novel coronavirus pandemic continues to unfold across the nation and safety measures remain in place, shutoffs due to nonpayment will not be made and late fees will not be charged.

In compliance with the

governor's statewide order, Central Lincoln has closed its in-person visitations through April 27 as a way to practice social distancing recommendations.

Staff members can still be reached electronically and over the phone. Its office hours have also been changed to 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with Fridays now being closed.

"For detailed information about the program, customers are encouraged to go to the utility's website, clpud.org, and

click on the "Job Loss Assistance" box, or by contacting Central Lincoln at 877-265-3211 during the utility's new extended business hours," said the release. "Job Loss Assistance program funds are limited."

Central Lincoln, which was created as a People's Utility District under Oregon law, was founded by voters in 1940.

According to Public Information Officer Chris Chandler of Central Lincoln, the not-for-profit, governmental agency

buys all its power from the Bonneville Power Administration and features electricity that is 97 percent carbon-free, primarily due to hydropower.

The community-owned electric utility also features locally-elected board members who serve geographic portions of the district. Customers with additional questions are encouraged to email Central Lincoln at info@clpud.org.

Additional resources
"Customers who wish to y their bills online may

do so using SmartHub on Central Lincoln's website, clpud.org, or by using the SmartHub app available from the App Store and Google Play."

"Other options include Pay Now (a one-time online payment service) at clpud.org, and Pay-By-Phone at 877-265-3211, by pressing '1.'"

"Customers can pay by check or cash at a Central Lincoln drop box at the utility's offices in Florence, Newport, and Reedsport, and at the city halls in Newport and Waldport."

Bunker Hill house fire displaces family

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BUNKER HILL — One family is displaced after a house caught fire early Tuesday morning.

According to a press release from the City of Coos Bay, Coos Bay firefighters were dispatched to Ellen Road in the Bunker Hill area outside of the city, the first fire engine arriving within five minutes of the call. When firefighters arrived, they found "heavy fire involvement to the front porch and exterior of the multi-family dwelling," the release said.

"The fire was knocked down and firefighters began searching for fire extension

throughout the walls and ceilings," the release said. "The fire caused significant damage to both dwellings and is estimated to be around \$150,000 in repair costs."

The family displaced by the fire is now being assisted by the local American Red Cross. The other unit was unoccupied.

"Although the cause of the fire is still under investigation, fire investigators do not believe the fire was intentionally set," the release said.

To report information about the fire, or to learn about the Coos Bay Fire Department's free smoke alarm program, call the department at 541-269-1191.



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A sign that reads "Stay Home, Save Lives" flashes continuously Tuesday afternoon on the 1200 block of West Central Blvd. in Coquille.

Coos Bay Police Log

Monday, April 13

Disorderly Conduct

At 1:02 a.m. on the 200 block of North Main, disorderly conduct was reported.

At 11:29 a.m. on Thomas Street, a disorderly subject was reported.

At 7:40 p.m. on 35th and Vine, it was reported that a subject was screaming and yelling.

At 8:38 p.m. on 35th and Vine, disorderly conduct was reported.

Criminal Trespass

At 1:03 a.m. on Newmark Avenue in Empire at the 7-Eleven, a subject was refusing to leave location.

At 1:45 p.m. on Ocean Boulevard at Gooney's, trespass was reported.

At 2:07 p.m. on Newmark Avenue at Walmart, a subject at location was causing a disturbance and refusing to leave.

At 5:32 p.m. on East Johnson Avenue at Safeway, criminal trespass was reported.

At 11:33 p.m. on West

Central Avenue, criminal trespass was reported.

Theft

At 7:23 a.m. on Newmark Avenue at Charter, theft was reported.

At 1:07 p.m. on Schoeneman Street and Newmark Avenue, theft was reported.

At 3:49 p.m. on South 1st Street at Fred Meyer, a shoplifter was reported.

At 8:09 p.m. on South 1st Street at Fred Meyer, a shoplifter was reported.

At 9:17 p.m. on South 1st Street at Fred Meyer, a shoplifter was reported and a request was made for the subject to be trespassed from business.

At 10:15 p.m. on South 1st Street at Fred Meyer, a shoplifter was reported.

North Bend Police Log

Monday, April 13

Criminal Trespass

At 12:37 a.m. on Chapell Parkway, a subject was warned for trespass.

At 1:12 a.m. on Broadway Avenue, a subject will be referred for trespass.

At 9:43 p.m. on Newmark Street, an officer advised a subject of trespass from location.

Alarm

At 1:22 a.m. on Broadway Avenue, a report was made of an alarm at business.

Welfare Check

At 7:09 a.m. on Virginia Avenue, an officer contacted a female at location and she declined medical and

is okay for now. A friend will call if further help is needed.

Abandoned Vehicle

At 8:08 a.m. on Florida Avenue and Union Avenue, an anonymous complaint was made of a travel trailer parked at location for eight days. An officer responded and tagged the trailer for tow.

Arrest

At 8:12 a.m. on Newmark Street, a complaint was made of male transients openly drinking alcohol behind location. The subjects were on Laser Touch Car Wash property. One was cited for previous trespass. Troy Boyer, 60, of Coos Bay was charged with alleged criminal trespass 2 and cited in lieu of custody. The other two subjects were issued permanent trespass and all agreed to leave.

At 1:09 p.m. on California Avenue, a caller requested North Bend Police to assist him after he missed his court date in Douglas County. An officer contacted the

Douglas County Courts. Joshua Andersen had a warrant for his arrest from Douglas County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear after original charges for alleged DUII, reckless driving and criminal mischief 2. The subject was released in lieu of citation to appear May 4 of 2020 at the Douglas County Circuit Court.

Code Violation

At 11:16 a.m. on Myrtle Street, an officer observed a semi-trailer parked in a non-industrial zone residential area. Negative contact with the owner. Issued a parking citation.

Suspicious Vehicle

At 1:26 p.m. on Lincoln Street, a report was made of a suspicious vehicle with clothing covering the windows. It was unknown if it was occupied. Officers responded and contacted the male occupant and assisted with resources. The subject was warned not to drive.

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An unplanned homecoming for local seniors

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The World

SOUTH COAST — Spring term traditions, final farewells and graduations were put on hold.

“I think a lot of people were pretty sad. I think the anger came later about missing things but it was just sad because you kind of feel like the next two months you had scheduled kind of left you,” said Isabel Groth, a senior at UC Berkeley.

Groth, a Marshfield High School graduate, was getting ready to close out life as an undergraduate student when the spread of COVID-19 changed any and all plans. Instead of walking the graduation stage in Berkeley, she was driving back to Oregon.

For college seniors, these time-honored traditions that go with the end of being an undergraduate student were abruptly cut short as the coronavirus moved students away from campus. Instead of heading into summer and whatever is next, they have been coming back to where they grew up.

Before classes could return in an online capacity, Groth had to make her way back to Oregon.

After it was announced that in-person classes were canceled, she was hoping to stay in Berkeley to finish out the year. But then

her sorority house kindly asked everyone to leave.

“They told us to basically please get out. They can’t evict us of course, but they highly suggested that we leave. And once we left they said we can’t come back,” she said.

Plans were further complicated when a shelter-in-place order was issued by the Health Officers in cities across the California Bay Area, including in the City of Berkeley.

“I think the shelter-in-place started at midnight that night and my dad essentially got off work at 6 p.m. and he drove all the way down to Berkeley from Coos Bay and he got there at 4 in the morning and then we drove back the next morning,” said Groth. “It was a lot that day. I also had a midterm that day. Crazy.”

Once back in Oregon, Groth then had some adjusting to do. While online classes were not completely unfamiliar to her — UC Berkeley had reverted to online classes for the past two years due to wildfires — there was the added element of being home that made things different.

“It’s been definitely weird because I feel like in school I’m surrounded by so many people who are studying 24/7. It’s been more difficult to focus especially

because I found high school to be pretty easy so I’m used to not studying in this environment, if that makes sense. So it’s harder for me to remember to study every day,” said Groth, who is majoring in Cognitive Science.

As she finishes her degree, Groth is now working on what’s next. Originally planning to work and take a gap year before heading to optometry school, she is working to figure things out.

But in the meantime, there is the rest of the college experience that has been cut short. Visits with friends are now done via Zoom calls and graduation is just a question mark. The commencement ceremony has been postponed with ideas being tossed around about it happening later this summer, in December or even in May of 2021.

“I certainly went through a period where I was upset about everything being canceled but in the grand scheme of things, I think I’m doing better off than most people,” she said. “My classes are still online, still happening and I’m set to graduate still.”

Up in Portland, before coronavirus struck, senior Gabby Hobson was adjusting to changes at Concordia University.

“For Concordia, two weeks

before all of this blew up, maybe a month, they announced they are shutting their doors forever. So we were hit especially hard with that,” said Hobson, a North Bend High School graduate. “Everyone at the school was already going through all of the emotions of that and so then the morale around campus was alright, we’re going to finish strong, we have one last semester.”

But as those plans were being made for the final semester in school history, classes were then moved to an online setting.

For Hobson, a student-athlete, it also meant the cancellation of the outdoor track and field season. The team had just come off a successful indoor season that the athletes were looking to replicate in the spring before their season was shut down.

On what ended up being the final practice of the season, Hobson and her teammates were given a choice to either go hang out on campus or complete one last workout on the track.

“Immediately my first thought was I’m doing this workout. I don’t care if I’m doing it alone, I’m doing this workout,” said Hobson, who was joined by the rest of the women’s team. “And obviously, I’m really glad that I did because that was the last

time I ever got to run with my teammates.”

Hobson then went back to Coos Bay for spring break before returning one last time to school to pack up and head back home for the time being.

“It was really sad and, honestly, it was kind of like I don’t really know what to say (to my roommates). Because I can’t just be like okay I’ll see you later like I would normally do if I was going home for spring break or something. It was a lot of uncertainty,” she said.

Now as she and her professors adjust to finishing an Exercise Sports Science major online, she is still on track for what comes next: grad school. Her applications have been in and now, with the possibility of completing one last track and field season next year, she is figuring out where she wants to go.

All while missing her final term of school.

“If this is the worst that I have to deal with through this whole thing then I’m pretty blessed,” she said. “I know there are so many other people out there struggling. Everyone is going through something. It’s changed everyone’s plans in some way. Everyone is kind of in this together.”

Reopened bakery provides a light on the horizon

Darrell’s Devils Food is back open in Coos Bay

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

COOS BAY — The COVID-19 health crisis has been hard on small businesses, and food service in particular, as people stay inside and the government calls for businesses to close. There is hope, however, demonstrated by Darrell’s Devils Food, a bakery that recently reopened after a temporary shutdown.

The bakery was closed for approximately 21 days. It reopened last week though, and business has been picking up. According to Shanan Folck, one of the owners of Darrell’s Devils Food, their business model has always been built around take out.

“We pretty much transitioned into that really easily, going back to how we normally did it,” she said.

One challenge they are facing is having recently opened a dining area next door to the main store. Folck said their landlord has been really good about working with them though, and she doesn’t expect it to be a major detriment.

She added that they’re surviving thanks to their regulars and the customers who go there often. She said these are customers who, over the last year-and-a-half, are “all over them” if they’re open.

“Fortunately for that, we have a pretty good following here,” she said.

They have had to change their hours a little during the shutdown. While normally they would be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., they now operate from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Folck said this was to accommodate slower business and family time while everything is closed. They may also close early if they sell out of fresh pizza dough.

“It’s pretty much the same thing for us,” she

said. “We just kinda shaved off a couple hours, so you’re not seeing us until 7 p.m. you’re just seeing us until 4 p.m. or we sell out.”

Folck said she sees light at the end of the tunnel that is the health crisis. She recalled seeing news that the west coast states are looking at possibly starting to reopen their economies possibly as early as next month, if the situation continues to improve. She said things should start getting back to normal if everyone hangs in for a few more weeks.

Darrell’s Devils Food is currently set up with a table barring the entrance to the shop. If someone comes to the door, an employee will meet them outside to take an order and payment. Orders can also be called in by calling 541-808-9666 and picked up. All orders are adhering to social distancing recommendations.

Updates of product availability and specials are posted to the



Adam Robertson THE WORLD
Though closed for the day, Darrell's Devils Food is still open during the COVID-19 crisis. They've changed hours slightly, but they are still doing business as usual with social distancing precautions.

company’s Facebook page. Their menu, complete with special staples during the shutdown, is also available on Facebook.

“Thank you for showing us so much love and making us feel so wanted in downtown Coos Bay, we appreciate your business more than you will ever know,” said Shanan and Darrell Folck in a Facebook post when they reopened.



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A sign in the window of Darrell's Devils Food announces that they're still open for take out orders. Their menu is available on their Facebook page.

COVID-19 daily updates

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Oregon reports 2 new COVID-19 deaths, 50 new COVID-19 cases

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed two more lives in Oregon, raising the state’s death toll to 55, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 50 new cases of COVID-19 as of 8 a.m. Tuesday, bringing the state total to 1,633. The new COVID-19 cases reported today are in the following counties: Benton (1), Clackamas (3), Deschutes (1), Douglas (3), Jefferson (1), Klamath (1), Lane (1), Marion (9), Multnomah (22), Tillamook (1), Washington (5), and Yamhill (2).

A case previously reported in Columbia County was reclassified to negative based on revised test results, reducing the cumulative statewide total by one case. To see more

case and county-level data, Oregon Health Authority updates its website once a day: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus.

Oregon’s 54th COVID-19 death is a 71-year-old man in Multnomah County, who tested positive on April 1 and died on April 12 at Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center. He had underlying medical conditions.

Oregon’s 55th COVID-19 death is an 88-year-old woman in Benton County, who tested positive on April 11 and died on April 13 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. She had underlying medical conditions.

Stay informed about COVID-19:

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

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

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

COQUILLE POLICE LOG

Monday, April 13

Alarm
At 3:30 a.m. on North Baxter Street, a business alarm at location went off.
At 3:48 a.m. on North Central Boulevard, a business alarm at location went off.

Found Property
At 8:11 a.m. on North Collier Street, a wallet was found.

Criminal Mischief
At 7:37 p.m. on East 8th Street, rocks were reportedly thrown at a vehicle.

OLCC suspends liquor license for Cave Junction bar

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has suspended the license of a southern Oregon bar that officials say violated restrictions put in place to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Cave Junction’s Sportsman Tavern is the first Oregon establishment to have its license suspended for allegedly defying an executive order that bans on-premise food or drink consumption, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Business owner Kim Sanders told The Associated Press that the bar has not been open and that he was not trying to violate the order.

The suspension happened Friday after an Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspector on Thursday checked out a

citizen tip, agency spokesperson Mark Pettinger said.

The inspector discreetly parked and observed people going in and out of the building, Pettinger said. The inspector went inside, Pettinger said, and there were drinks at the bar.

The suspension is in effect indefinitely and can be challenged by the licensee. Sanders said on Tuesday that the bar has been closed since mid-March and that his employees were there cleaning, painting and generally revamping it while maintaining social

distancing standards.

“We are law-abiding citizens,” he said, adding that when the inspector showed up his employees were finished for the day and sitting apart having pizza and a drink. “I’m trying to go by this (order) and I dearly, dearly care about people. I would never try to do anything that would hurt anybody.” He plans to challenge the license suspension.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is also investigating other alleged violations of Gov. Kate Brown’s executive order, Pettinger said.

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COOS BAY - Thomas G. Moore, Certified Public Accountant, is now practicing in Coos Bay. Moore has over 30 years of experience helping clients save money.

When interviewed, Moore said, “That’s my primary goal, of course, saving money for clients. It should be every CPA’s goal, to accomplish it by offering innovative yet practical solutions to my clients’ pressing financial problems.”

“I know the challenges small business owners face,” said Moore. “They invest so much in their businesses: energy, creativity, time. It’s like a total commitment from them.”

“I understand entrepreneurs and can talk their language,” Moore continued. “I love my business, too, and we tend to view the world the same way. They seem to think that’s more important than anything else.”

“But when you boil it down,” Moore said, “I’m there to give them options for those hard decisions they have to make. I deliver creative, pragmatic advice about their financial issues. I know what works - and what doesn’t.”

“Saving clients money on their taxes is kind of a specialty of mine,” Moore went on. “I know which deductions will fly and which ones won’t. And I know the deductions that will be real “red flags” to the IRS.”

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Putting things in perspective

"You know what people are missing as they hoard toilet paper and hand sanitizer? They are missing that our lives are gifts. We are blessed to ever be here in the first place. Everything we have in life is a blessing. Our families. Our homes. Our jobs. You may think you earned it all, but none of it would be without a loving God who created you and the world."



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their challenges and the cold brutal reality of their lives, they have a spirit of gratitude and goodness about them. Patrick seems to have hope. I obviously don't know his whole story and all its complications, but there seems a simplicity about him, of the kind we could all afford to rediscover.

Another conversation I had as everything was starting to shut down was with an 80-year-old man named Dennis. He told me about his adult son, Michael, who had a good job but eventually lost it because of Crohn's disease. Dennis told me that while he is applying for government assistance, there's nothing yet. But government assistance isn't what Dennis wants for his son; Dennis wants him to know he is loved. "I'm not going to get a job at my age and my skills anywhere," he says. And so, he drives for Uber. "And I can't stop," he tells me. "I don't know what I'm going to do if everything really shuts down."

There are people truly struggling on a good day, financially, trying to fulfill their obligations and have some semblance of a healthy life with healthy relationships. Will this time of coronavirus help us see each other and help each other? This is a time that should change us. Our lives may not be what we thought they were. Our sense of security may have been completely unfounded. If we are Christians, do we really trust in God alone, or have those just been words we have occasionally said in rote prayer?

For how much of our lives have we heard the saying "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger"? That seems crass at a time with such a dangerous virus spreading and taking lives. But during this religious season of Lent, at the time of the change in the seasons, too, this virus that is changing the way we live for months can also give us new life.

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Protecting democracy from infection

The COVID-19 pandemic is altering many dimensions of our national life: economic, social, political. But it cannot be allowed to infect the health of our democracy or weaken the ability of every American to cast a ballot in November.

Fortunately, there is still enough time -- barely -- to prepare for the fall elections. Now that Congress has completed an economic recovery package, it should turn immediately to the challenge of maximizing political participation in the middle of a national crisis.

A good place to start is legislation introduced by Sens. Ron Wyden and Amy Klobuchar, which would guarantee the right of every American to vote by mail and help states cover the costs of that change. "Without federal action, Americans might have to choose between casting a ballot and protecting their health," the two Democrats write in the Washington Post. "That's wrong, and we must take swift action to address the problem."

The recovery package contains a small down payment -- \$400 million -- to help the states, but that's not nearly enough. And the legislation fails to mandate a national mail-in process -- a critical mistake. The cost of inaction is graphically clear. Ohio's primary was postponed at the last minute by Gov. Mike DeWine. In other states that did vote, conditions were often confused and chaotic.

Many states have since moved their primaries to later dates, but postponing the November election is not an option. The date is set by federal law, but more importantly, any disruption in the schedule would send signals of panic and incompetence at a moment when the country needs exactly the opposite: steadiness and stability.

"We have held elections in all sorts of crises, in the midst of hurricanes and civil war," Wendy Weiser, an election expert at the Brennan Center for Justice told The Christian Science Monitor. "We just need to make it fair -- and get on top of it now."

The urgency is particularly acute because Donald Trump will be on the ballot, a man who has repeatedly complained, without any evidence, about rigged elections and fraudulent voters, while soliciting the help of foreign leaders to help him win.

"We need to have these kinds of conversations about the election honestly, rationally and now," historian Jon Meacham wrote in the New York Times. "The sooner the better, for chaos could

lead to a nightmare scenario: the possibility that President Trump might take advantage of the unfolding health crisis to delay the November election."



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In five states, almost all voters already mail their ballots; 33 states plus the District of Columbia offer the option. About 23% of all Americans voted by post in 2016, while fraud was minimal. Wyden and Klobuchar called the postal process "time-tested" and explained, "Our legislation will guarantee every voter a secure mail-in paper ballot and help states cover the cost of printing, self-sealing envelopes, ballot tracking and postage."

States are already being innovative. A good example is Rhode Island, where Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea will automatically send applications for mail-in ballots to the state's 788,000 voters in time for an April 28 primary. "It's a good time to test these systems in case we are still in this situation later on in the fall," she told the Times.

The difficulties of switching to a mail-in system should not be minimized. "You've got to train thousands of people," Judd Choate, the director of elections in Colorado, where the process is popular, told the Post. "You've got to completely change how people are doing this. And in some states, it's going to require a statutory change."

That means also adapting the in-person voting system to the realities of a pandemic election. Expanding early voting, so that folks can escape the crowds on Election Day, is a no-brainer. So is recruiting young people to serve as monitors, replacing senior citizens, who are more vulnerable to the virus.

And again, local innovation is flourishing. One clever monitor in Illinois last week tied ribbons every six feet on a long rope so that waiting voters could keep their proper distance. Election officials in Bristol, Virginia, are adapting a drive-in window at an old utility company to accept ballots.

This can be done. Democracy should not be crippled by this virus. As Choate, the Colorado official, put it: "If the one good outcome of this terrible event in our lives is that we can make voting easier for people around the country, then at least we've done one good thing."

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GUEST OPINION: Don't put voter health at risk in fall election

Sens. Chris Coons, Amy Klobuchar and Ron Wyden

Americans just witnessed how coronavirus is impacting the voting process in real time in Wisconsin. Facing a massive shortage of poll workers, growing health risks and widespread disagreements among local lawmakers, the governor made an 11th-hour attempt to cancel in-person voting and reschedule the election, which the state's Assembly speaker and Senate majority leader called unconstitutional and the Wisconsin Supreme Court blocked. Sixteen other states have already decided to postpone or alter their presidential primaries.

With the vast majority of states issuing stay-at-home orders and hundreds of thousands of Americans falling ill to this aggressive virus, Republican and Democratic election officials across the country are faced with a once-in-a-lifetime responsibility — to carry out full and fair elections during a pandemic. Many are already responding to increased requests for mailed ballots, early voting and online voter registration. Yet state and local officials, who are responsible for safeguarding our democracy, are telling us

that they lack the necessary resources to meet this demand.

If the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is that preparation and early action are central to a competent response. The time to chart a course for a safe, secure, accessible election is now. If states don't start to make changes to their election systems within the next few weeks, millions of Americans will be forced to choose between their health and their right to vote come November.

We believe that no American should ever have to make that choice. That's why we've been fighting in the Senate to get three things done so that no American will have to do so: Expand no-excuse vote by mail to every state; expand early voting to at least 20 days in every state so that voters who vote in person, including voters with disabilities, can do so safely; and expand online voter registration.

As our Republican colleagues have pointed out in recent days, it will be up to the states to carry out the elections. But the federal government must provide states with the necessary funding to make those expansions possible. We serve on the two committees in the

Senate responsible for appropriating funds and authorizing legislation for elections and represent the state (Oregon) that has led the way in instituting widespread vote by mail, so we know it takes resources to make the changes needed to meet the challenge we face.

That's not a Democratic position or a Republican position. It's a fact. States will need to be ready to print, process and receive millions of mailed ballots. They will need systems in place to accommodate greater demand for online voter registration. They will need to recruit and train new poll workers to run the election under these new circumstances — while older Americans, who have historically shouldered a disproportionate share of the burden of working the polls on Election Day, are the most at risk. They will need to ensure that every ballot is properly counted.

Experts estimate that these initiatives will cost roughly \$2 billion. That's what we called for in the third coronavirus relief package, but the final bill only included \$400 million. We are hearing from a chorus of state and local elections officials from across the country confirming what we already knew to be true: That's not enough.

We have faced challenges like this before, and we have met them. The United States held elections even during the Civil War and World War II. In every single U.S. election, military members, diplomats and development professionals overseas vote safely and securely by mail — not to mention that President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump voted by absentee ballot in the Florida primary last month and in the 2018 midterm elections.

We can do this, but we have to act now to ensure that every American has access to the ballot box this fall, no matter what the public health situation is on Nov. 3. That's why the next federal relief package must include sufficient funding and direction to states to expand vote by mail, early voting and online voter registration. Republicans and Democrats should be able to work together to make this happen. The very integrity of our democracy requires that we get this right.

Sens. Chris Coons, Amy Klobuchar and Ron Wyden are Democratic senators from Delaware, Minnesota and Oregon, respectively. Follow them on Twitter: @ChrisCoons, @amyklobuchar and @RonWyden

On this day in Coos County history

April 15, 1920

Coquille School Board Advances Teachers' Pay

The Coquille school board elected the following corps of teachers for the coming year and fixed their salaries at figures given, which makes quite an increase over last year's budget, says a Coquille paper.

Raymond E. Baker, superintendent, \$2250.

Harold S. Tuttle, principal of High School, \$1800.

Lestle J. Sparks, teacher of science and director of physical training, \$1260.

Mary O. Farrell, high school, \$1260.

April 15, 1970

Juul Warns NB Council Of 'Medical Wasteland'

"We're faced with the possibility that the Bay Area is about to become a medical wasteland unless we act now," Bay Area Hospital Committee co-chairman Rudy Juul

said Tuesday night before the North Bend City Council.

Juul appeared at the meeting to present a statement in support of building a new Bay Area hospital-medical center. The \$6.75 million bond proposal will be voted on during the May 26 primary.

Juul said "We are faced now with a crisis. We don't have enough physicians. We don't have enough hospital beds. And of those beds we do have, only a fraction conform to federal standards."

Juul said 17,000 voters in the Bay Area Hospital District will decide "whether or not we intend to care for our own sick and injured here rather than in Medford, Eugene or Portland, whether we are willing now to prepare for massively greater health care needs of the 21st Century only 30 years away and whether this Gold Coast of ours, Southwestern Oregon, is here to grow or here to wither medically."

April 15, 2010

What swims below?

Once a month since August, a boat has motored up Coos Bay, past the Empire waterfront, to a point west of Jordan Cove. Its crew cruises the area during low and high tide, taking samples from the surface nearer the bay floor.

Scientists are excited about learning more about the estuary from these samples, and liquefied natural gas developers are paying attention, too.

"It's great data," said Alan Shanks, a professor at Oregon Institute of Marine Biology. "We've never done this before."

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.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Woman, new boyfriend keep neighbor up

DEAR ABBY: I live in a densely populated luxury high-rise apartment building in a busy downtown neighborhood that has a diverse mix of residents. I have lived here for four years and have never really had many issues, until recently.

My next-door neighbor works in the medical field that at times has very late or early hours associated with it. I also work in a field that has odd hours, so I am empathetic. My issue is, she has a new boyfriend she is intimate with anywhere between 2 and 4 a.m. I am a light sleeper and get awakened by their sessions together. I can hear her voice and at times, jostling of furniture.

I have thought about telling the building management, but it would be obvious that the complaint would have come from me, and I don't want that. I also don't want to cause embarrassment to either of us. How can I address this delicately, without causing embarrassment, or must I suck it up and suffer? -- SLEEPLESS IN CHICAGO

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Write your neighbor a sweet note explaining the problem and ask if there is anything she can do to muffle the sounds you are hearing. (It might be something as simple as moving her bed away from the wall or placing it against a different one.)

However, if she's uncooperative, as a last resort, do discuss your problem with the building manager. I assure you, it won't be the first time he or she has heard something like this, or the last.

DEAR ABBY: I suffer from a moderate to severe case of social anxiety. I'm now in my first relationship with a partner who tends to move fast, and whose parents have recently been asking to meet me. This has caused tension in our relationship as well as in his relationship with his parents.

Because of some past experiences with previous partners, his parents have preconceived notions about me, which makes me feel all the more reluctant to meet them. I don't like feeling vulnerable, especially with people who don't know me. One counseling session with a boss, a professor, someone in authority, etc., and I'm on the verge of tears or already crying.

I know I'll have to meet his parents someday, but I don't know how to approach it. I feel overwhelmed just thinking about it. Please help. -- SOCIALLY ANXIOUS

DEAR SOCIALLY ANXIOUS: I hope you are receiving professional help for your social anxiety. You should not approach meeting your partner's parents with a negative attitude. Smile, put your best foot forward and try to make a good impression.

Keep in mind that this is not a performance review, a professor you need to give you a good grade or anyone in authority. They are parents of a son whose past judgment about partners may have been less than stellar, and of course they have concerns.

It would be nice if they thought the moon rose and set on you, but if they don't, will it affect your relationship with your partner? If the answer is yes, then he may not be mature and independent enough to be having a romance with anyone. Hold a good thought and stop hiding out.

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Obama endorses his former vice president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Barack Obama endorsed Joe Biden on Tuesday, giving the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee a boost from the party's biggest fundraiser and one of its most popular figures.

"Joe has the character and the experience to guide us through one of our darkest times and heal us through a long recovery," Obama said in a 12-minute video in which he argued the coronavirus pandemic reinforced the need for better leadership.

The endorsement marked Obama's return to presidential politics more than three years after leaving the White House. He didn't mention his successor, President Donald Trump, by name and instead sought to bridge the ideological divide among Democrats.

Obama commended Bernie Sanders, who was the leading progressive foil to Biden during the Democratic primary. The Vermont senator ended his campaign last week and

threw his support behind Biden on Monday.

The former president called Sanders an "American original" and backed his frequent call for "structural change." But he also said that while Democrats "may not always agree on every detail," they must unify to defeat Republicans.

"The Republicans occupying the White House and running the U.S. Senate are not interested in progress," he said. "They're interested in power."

Sanders reiterated his support of Biden on Tuesday, saying it would be "irresponsible" for his own supporters not to back the former vice president.

"I will do everything I can to help elect Joe," Sanders said in an interview. "We had a contentious campaign. We disagree on issues. But my job now is to not only rally my supporters, but to do everything I can to bring the party together to see that (Trump) is not elected president."

Elizabeth Warren is the only former Democratic presidential candidate who hasn't yet backed Biden. The Massachusetts senator is expected to do so soon, according to a person familiar with her plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss her thinking.

Two other prominent Democrats who have yet to publicly back Biden are former President Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton, the party's 2016 nominee. Hillary Clinton has been in regular touch with Biden, including several times since Sanders dropped out of the race, according to an aide.

Obama avoided intervening in the Democratic primary, but followed the race closely from the sidelines and is eager to take a more active public role. He's expected to headline fundraisers for Biden and public events in key swing states, if such gatherings can still be held given social distancing guidelines during the coronavirus pandemic.

Oregon governor: No timeline set for lifting restrictions

SALEM (AP) — A flattening of the number of coronavirus cases in Oregon should persist until at least mid-May, but modeling that shows what to expect beyond then is uncertain and it's too soon to tell when the stay-home restrictions can be relaxed, top officials said Tuesday.

"If we're doing what we're doing now through the middle part of May, we're going to continue to look good, continue to have a kind of flattening of cases if not a slight decrease in cases," state health office Dean Sidelinger said. "That doesn't mean that magically in the middle of May we can stop doing what we're doing."

Gov. Kate Brown gave no timeline for lifting restrictions, but said she wants to see things like a de-

clining growth rate of active cases, to make sure health-care workers have adequate equipment and increased testing capacity.

Brown, appearing at a news conference alongside Sidelinger — while maintaining social distancing — said the state will be strapped for money because of the massive numbers of layoffs and furloughs the stay-home order has caused.

"This is going to be a very challenging financial time for the state of Oregon. We are being impacted by a loss of revenue because there are very few folks working," the Democratic governor said.

She said she is focused on keeping people in their homes, ensuring that people get adequate food and have access to health care.

She said she will continue

to work closely with the leaders of the Legislature, where Democrats hold a supermajority, "to address the fiscal realities."

A Republican leader sniped at an announcement Monday by her and the governors of California and Washington state that they would work on a shared approach to re-opening economies while continuing to control the spread of the virus.

"We cannot give authority to other states, what works in Los Angeles will not work in Enterprise," said House Republican leader Christine Drazen in a statement. "As we see predictions of the worst recession since the Great Depression, it is essential that we prioritize the unique aspects of this state and our communities."

How an agreement, similar to ones worked out by governors of adjoining states in some other parts of the country, would result in concrete action remains to be seen, but Washington Gov. Jay Inslee indicated it would be limited in scope.

"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," Inslee said Monday.

Asked what she thought of President Donald Trump's insistence that he has "total authority" to order states to open their economies, Brown said it has been the states at the front lines of combating the COVID-19

pandemic: addressing the needs around personal protective equipment, testing capacity and hospital bed capacity.

"Governors were also the folks that had to make the very tough and hard decisions to shutter parts of our economy," Brown said. "And I think it's really important that those of us who are co-located regionally, that we work together, that we align our efforts as we work to make this hard task of reopening our economy."

The Oregon Health Authority has reported two new coronavirus deaths, bringing the total number of people who have died from the disease to 55. The authority also reported 50 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the state total to more than 1,633. A total of 30,730 have tested negative.

DEATH NOTICES

Winnie Morgan - 69, of Reedsport, (formerly of Coos Bay) passed away April 11, 2020, at Reedsport. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

Neal E. Ballard - 62, of Coos Bay passed away April 9, 2020, at Coos Bay. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

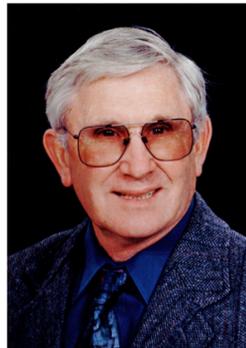
Leroy E. Bender - 83, of Coos Bay, passed away April 6, 2020 at Coos Bay. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

Shirley Stockman - 78, of Coos Bay passed away April 1, 2020, at Coos Bay. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

OBITUARIES

Paul Llewellyn Davis

May 3, 1935 - April 5, 2020



Paul Llewellyn Davis was born May 3, 1935, in Myrtle Point, Ore. He died at his home, Riverfork Ranch, in Gravelford, Ore., on April 5, 2020.

The eldest son of Paul Brown and Opal Arrilda (Southmayd) Davis, Paul had a younger brother, Gary, and sister, Dian. He attended Gravelford and Myrtle Point schools, graduating from MPHS in 1954. He married his high school sweetheart, Kay Cribbins, in 1954 and they made their home in the Myrtle Point and Coquille areas before finally settling in 1959 on the ranch where Paul grew up. Together the couple raised four children: Larry, Pam, Brian and Cindy.

A lover of farming, at a young age Paul learned animal husbandry and crop management through his participation in the Gravelford 4-H Club, and his involvement in the Future Farmers of America program during his high school years. In addition to working full-time, Paul spent his entire life managing the land, raising hay and livestock. For over 50 years Paul and Kay raised a large flock of sheep and Paul volunteered at the annual wool and lamb pools. He could often be heard to say, "Take care of the land and it will take care of you," and, "sheep keep you humble."

Paul had a number of jobs over the years including dairy farming, working in the Myrtle Point Cannery and Myrtle Point Cheese Factory, carpentering with

his uncles Ellis and Chuck Southmayd, working for the Bureau of Public Roads, and 32 years with the Coos County Road Department where he served as assistant roadmaster before retiring in 1998.

Hard-working, generous and thoughtful, Paul was kind to all he met. He lived his life with integrity and determination, never giving in or quitting, even when it might've seemed the easier way. The perfect blend of Independence and self-sufficiency, by example he taught his children to not be afraid of huge challenges. Like the year they started making silage to feed the sheep and, among other things, put together a salvaged silo as though building a giant jigsaw puzzle. Paul lived by the rule of "Don't pay someone else to do a job you can do yourself" and the family mottoes became, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without," and "Work is play and play is work." He was teasingly referred to as the Mayor of Gravelford, not because he wanted to tell others what to do, but because he watched out for his neighbors and was always thinking of solutions to their problems, or answers to their needs. From giving someone a jump start or a tow, to digging ditches with his backhoe, he was always ready to lend a hand or a tool to help someone out. And if you borrowed a tool from him, he would not let you forget you had and would remind you until it was returned. Paul was a great thinker and problem solver and would often greet you with a, "So I was thinking..." and his visitor would wait to see what great scheme or solution he had worked out in his mind.

He was a renaissance man in the calloused hands, dirt-under-your-fingernails kind of way. Though he grew up in a "man is the head of the household" era, Paul adapted with the times and was a helpmate to Kay, always willing to work

alongside her to get the job done whether it was doing household chores or building her raised beds in the garden. Kay liked to think of him this way: "A man can do all things if he will - a real renaissance man."

Always an early riser, he was typically up at 3 a.m., preparing himself the perfect cup of coffee and reading his newspapers, having learned to read the dailies on his computer after printed copies were no longer delivered to his door. He wanted to know what was going on in the world and would have long discussions about current events, farming news or something interesting he'd read or watched. He was also an avid reader of local history, devouring any books he could get his hands on. With all his years in the road department, he knew the back roads well and enjoyed discussing with family and friends who was related to whom, where they lived, what they did, and where they were going.

A lover of farm equipment, Paul amassed a large collection of machinery - anything that could get the job done, and many that had to be fussed with to start when you needed them. He would always justify his "toys" by saying, "It's okay, it's coming out of the 'farm account'" His tool of choice was a chainsaw, with which he built barns, house additions and an average of six cord of firewood every year to heat the house. In addition to his farming interests, Paul liked to dabble in photography and painting, and

he and Kay enjoyed many Elderhostel trips together around the Pacific Northwest. He was a dedicated volunteer and served on the Port of Coquille board, and as a volunteer with the Coos County Logging Museum and Myrtle Point Senior Meals. He was a member of the Myrtle Grange, Coquille Valley Genealogy Club and Myrtle Point First Christian Church.

Paul is survived by his wife, Kay; children, Larry (Lisa) Davis, Toledo, Ore.; Pam (Tim) Wright, Oakridge, Ore.; Brian (Aura Lee) Davis, Greenacres, Ore.; and Cindy (Byron) Peterson, Gravelford, Ore. Grandchildren Aerynne Wright, Makenna Davis, Bryna Nice, Kelsey Peterson and Justus Davis. Great-grandchildren Matthew Townley and Harper, Jackson and Ian Nice. He is also survived by sister Dian (Bill) Pendergrass, Seattle, sister-in-law Sandra Davis, Gravelford, brother-in-law Ron Cribbins and wife Avis, Bridge, and brother-in-law Sam Cribbins, also of Bridge; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Gary.

A quote that sums up Paul's life was written by L. Frank Baum: "A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others." He lives on in the lives of his family and friends when we extend a hand in greeting, offer support and help, and put others before self. Paul was buried in the Fetter/

Jennings Cemetery near Remote, Oregon. A celebration of life will be held when the Coronavirus Pandemic distance restrictions are lifted and we can all join together to remember and honor him.

Online remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524.



Mark R. Socia

Feb. 13, 1992 - March 26, 2020

He was a loving and dedicated Father, Fiancé, Son, Brother, nephew, grandson, & uncle. Mark spent the entirety of his life in the Coos Bay area. He is leaving behind three children; a fiancé; mother; siblings; along with many nieces and nephews. His favorite things included being with his family, shooting guns, pretty much anything outside & being at work!

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EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE BY MARY HUNT

How to Keep Calm and Carry On

Life is uncertain. We know that. What we don't want to admit is how quickly uncertainty can morph into fear, worry and panic.

Waking up to the words "global pandemic" has, for many of us, brought new meaning to uncertainty. And in all of this, we're supposed to keep calm? Carry on? Nice words, but how? **FEAR IS THE ENEMY**

Fear leads to stress. And stress leads to the breakdown of mental and physical health.

Fear skews our common sense, clouding our decision-making. Unfounded fears lead us to do really dumb things. Fear can so easily lead to depression as we rehearse, over and over in our minds, every possible thing that could happen. Fear and greed are very close cousins. Together, they can lead to panic, and that leads to no good!

GRATITUDE IS THE ANTIDOTE

Gratitude, the conscious and heartfelt expression of appreciation and thankfulness, is the no. 1 best antidote to dissatisfaction, fear and greed.

Greed says, "I must have more" (are you thinking what I'm thinking -- toilet paper!); gratitude counters with, "I have more than enough." Greed says, "The world is coming to an end"; gratitude says, "I am so blessed." Greed steals joy; gratitude restores joy.

To develop gratitude, you need to talk to yourself and regularly write down your thoughts. The idea is to begin to see all of life, including the difficult times, as challenges, opportunities and blessings. I find it helpful to reframe a situation -- to choose to see it from a new perspective.

REFRAME THE SITUATION

Reframing can be difficult, but it is especially important when misfortune strikes. If you wreck your car, that is unfortunate. Still, it means you're alive, and that is something for which to be grateful. And you get bonus reasons for gratitude if no one was hurt, you have a good insurance policy or the car wasn't totaled.

Authentic and heartfelt gratitude can hush up insatiable desires and negative attitudes.

For instance, you can hate your job, hate the boss, hate the people, hate the commute and hate the work. Or, you can be genuinely grateful that you have a job.

You can learn to appreciate everything about that job, even the distasteful aspects, because they build your character, tolerance and compassion.

No matter what the situation, (SET ITAL)you(END ITAL) choose your focus. If you choose fear, anger or panic, expect depression and misery. If you choose to respond with a grateful heart, expect hope, satisfaction and joy. Yes, joy, even in the midst of a global pandemic.

MAKE A LIST

Recently, I jotted down 10 things I am grateful for in the midst of all this uncertainty. No. 1 on my list? My certainty that God is in control. Right there, that calms my fears. Why should I worry?

The list includes my healthy family and my fully stocked supermarket (I can order groceries online with easy drive-thru pickup). I finished my list quickly and easily (you're on it, right there at no. 6). With each entry, I could feel my spirits lift and a refreshing calm rush over me. We're safe, it's a beautiful day -- and I'm ready to take on whatever lies ahead.

YOUR TURN

I want to invite you to write down 10 things for which you are grateful. Even if you think you don't have anything to put on your list, start with this: I woke up this morning to a new day. There you go ... you're on your way! Expressing gratitude can truly change your life.

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."

ACROSS

- 1 Four-footed pal
- 4 Flow back
- 7 Barnyard fowl
- 11 Summer cooler
- 12 Hula dance fete
- 14 Fencer's blade
- 15 Mont. neighbor
- 16 OPEC member
- 17 First orchard?
- 18 Words for songs
- 20 Not quite
- 22 Strike
- 23 Tiny
- 24 Monks' superior
- 27 Barbarian
- 30 Sharp bark
- 31 Fourth planet
- 32 Broken-down horse

- 34 Paris thirst-quencher
- 35 Journalist Brit
- 36 Put on
- 37 Leave hastily
- 39 Commonplace
- 40 Center
- 41 Glove leather
- 42 "1984" author
- 45 Flagged down
- 49 Club fees
- 50 Paleozoic and Mesozoic
- 52 Poem by Keats
- 53 Part of MIT
- 54 Durham university
- 55 Cone-bearer
- 56 Earns as profit
- 57 Offer
- 58 First-down yardage

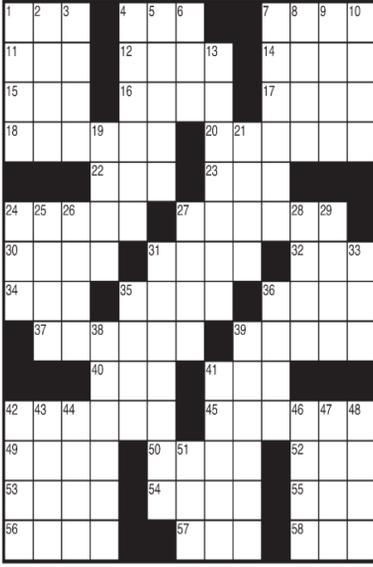
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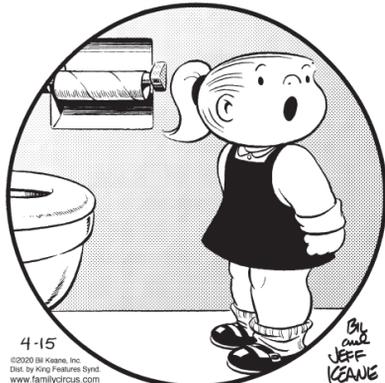


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- 4 Draw out
- 5 Exploded
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- 7 Considered
- 8 Victorian coiffure
- 9 So-so grades
- 10 Lois Lane's co-worker
- 13 In the dark
- 19 Flapjack chain
- 21 Telescope part
- 24 Tar's reply
- 25 Tiny sphere
- 26 Downcast
- 27 Siren
- 28 By and by
- 29 Pasternak heroine
- 31 Muttered
- 33 Mousse alternative
- 35 Pull along
- 36 Dry riverbed
- 38 Treasure holders
- 39 Prejudiced
- 41 Army wear
- 42 Valhalla honcho
- 43 Viking letter
- 44 It once was wild
- 46 Garret
- 47 Falco or McClurg
- 48 "Big Little Lies" Emmy winner
- 51 Abrade



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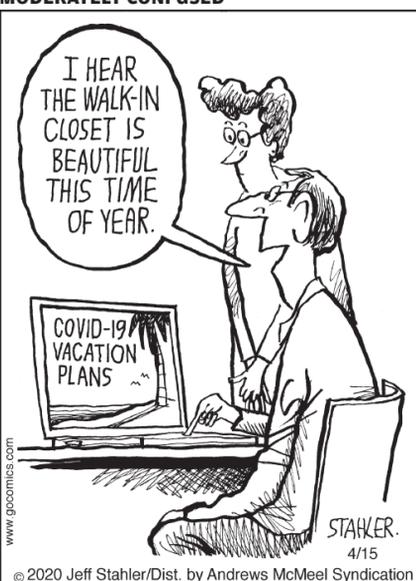
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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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.

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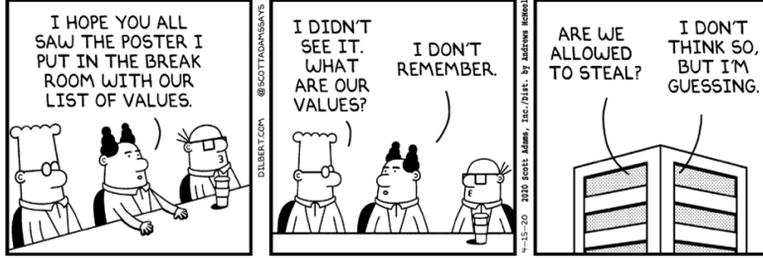
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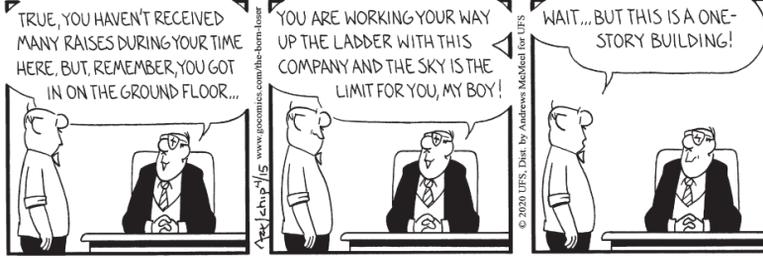
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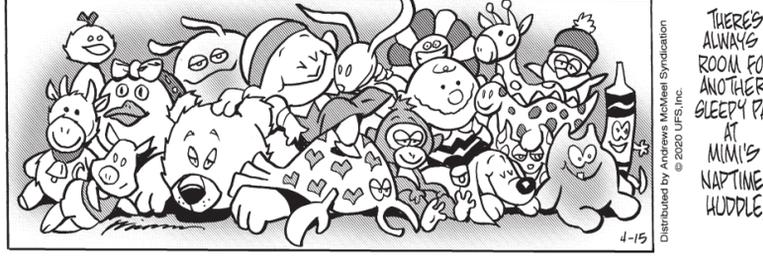
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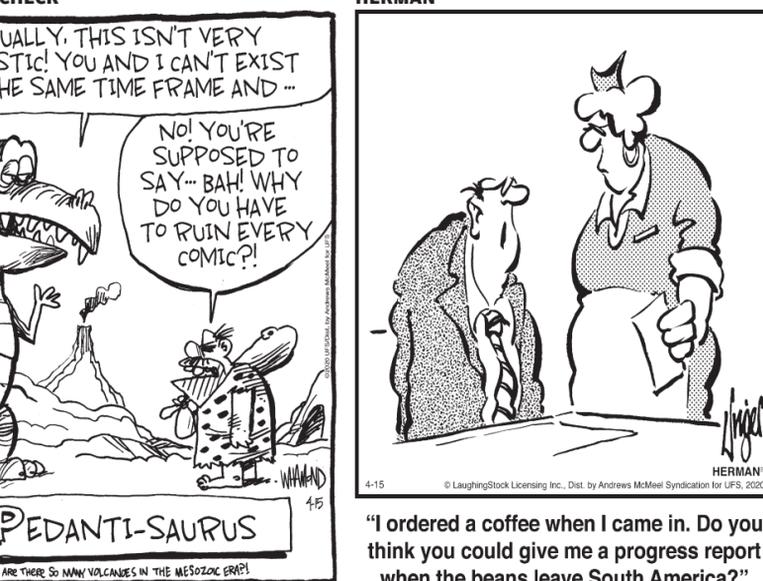
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All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative.

Dated and first published: April 1, 2020
/s/ Mary Ann McDonald
Mary Ann McDonald

Personal Representative 243 W. Commercial Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420. Published in The World and ONPA April 1, 8 & 15, 2020. (ID:279808)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On June 15th, 2020, at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 990 OREGON AVENUE, NORTH BEND, OREGON 97459. The court case number is 19CV24279, where U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR NRZ PASS-THROUGH TRUST VII (NPL), is plaintiff, and SCOTT D. MILLER; COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.; QUICK COLLECT, INC.; MAN DATA INC. d/b/a PACIFIC COAST CREDIT and ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 990 OREGON AVENUE, NORTH BEND, OREGON 97459, is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>. Published in The World April 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2020. (ID:280836)

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Coquille School District, Coos County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held at 1366 N. Gould St., Coquille, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 14, 2020 at 1366 N. Gould St., Coquille between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Listed below is the time and place of an additional Budget Committee meeting that will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. May 20, 2020 at 6:00 PM, held at 1366 N. Gould St., Coquille, Oregon. Published in The World and ONPA. April 15 & 29, 2020. (ID:278669)

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Bandon, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held in the Old Town Marketplace Building, 250 First St SW, Bandon, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 23, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed program with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained on or after April 20, 2020, at The Port of Bandon Office, 390 First St SW, Bandon Oregon, between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00 pm. This notice also appears on www.portofbandon.com. Published in The World & ONPA April 11 & 15, 2020 (ID:281320)

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Sealed bids for Myrtle Point School District - Myrtle Point High School Partial Abatement & Demolition, will be received from qualified bidders at the School District Office, 413 C Street, Myrtle Point, Oregon until the bid closing time of 2:00 PM Pacific Time, Thursday, May 7, 2020. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the deadline for submission of bids via remote conference call. Call-in information for bid opening:

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Construction Documents for this work are available and distributed by HGE Architects, Inc., 333 South 4th Street, Coos Bay, Oregon, phone: 541-269-1166, email: general@hge1.com, and various plan centers throughout the state. Construction documents may be viewed and downloaded on the HGE website at <http://www.hge1.com/bidding-area/>.

General Contractors are encouraged to contact HGE, INC., by phone or email and register their interest in submitting a bid and to be included in the plan holders' list. Plan holders will receive subsequent notices and addendums related to the bidding process.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid "Virtual" Conference has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020. All interested parties may call-in remotely and participate in such as there will be no actual physical meeting place or assembly. Call-in information for pre-bid conference:

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One set of drawings, specifications and contract documents may be obtained by prime bidders from HGE Architects, INC., upon refundable deposit of \$50. Owners reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in connection with the bids. No Bidder may withdraw their bid until thirty (30) days after the bid opening.
By: Nanette Hagen, Superintendent
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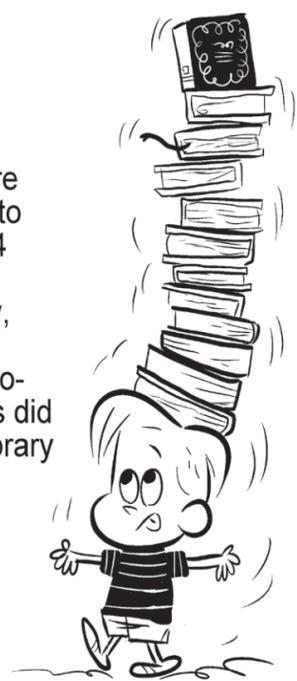
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Library books

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ANS: 18 BOOKS

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Fred Allen, who was a comedian, cracked, "An income tax form is like a laundry list -- either way, you lose your shirt."

That is appropriate on the day most Americans usually file their income tax returns.

Today's deal is taxing. How should South play in three no-trump after West leads the heart four?

The bidding was taxing also. South started with a negative double, showing exactly four spades. Now North, with no good rebid, sensibly

chose one spade with only three in preference to one no-trump without a heart stopper, or two diamonds without six. South then offered his partner a choice of games, knowing that North would correct to four spades with four-card support.

South started with six top tricks: two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. The first declarer, thinking his best chance was to take three spade tricks, led a spade to the king. However, East took that and cleared the hearts. South could no longer find a ninth trick.

The second South played three rounds of diamonds. East established his hearts, got in with the spade ace and cashed the hearts.

The successful declarer spotted an avoidance play. Confident that East had the spade ace from the bidding, South played a diamond to the ace and continued with a low spade. What could East do? If he had taken the trick, declarer would have had three spades, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. But when East played his spade 10, South won with his queen and played two more rounds of diamonds. He claimed one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs.

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♣	A K			
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♣	J 10 7 2			
East				
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♦	Q 10 3			
♣	Q 8 4			
South				
♥	Q J 5 2			
♦	A K			
♠	K 7 4			
♣	9 6 5 3			
Dealer: North				
Vulnerable: Neither				
South	West	North	East	
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Helping others will make you feel good and encourage you to make a personal or professional change. Updating your image to fit the lifestyle you are drawn to will give you the boost you need to reach your goal. Partnerships are favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Keep moving until you have finished what you started. Adopting a responsible attitude and offering a helping hand will lead to a more significant opportunity. Romance is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Have patience, take your time, consider alternatives and do your own thing. Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't get involved in other people's problems. You will encounter problems if you end up going to functions by yourself. Opportunities for romance will be plentiful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Pursue your dreams. You can't stop doing the things you love just because someone wants you to stick to his or her schedule. Do what you enjoy most and explore new possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Concentrate on what you are trying to achieve. Refuse to let someone lure you into something that will make your life complicated. Learn from the experience and do what makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Make positive changes to the way you live, but don't

try to change the way others do things. A broad-minded attitude will help you keep the peace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Choose budget-friendly options to make a move or lifestyle change. Draw on your resources and skills to help save money. Discuss your intentions with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- To avoid being misinterpreted, you'll have to spell out what's on your mind. Take nothing for granted and avoid contentious situations that could lead to an argument.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't let what someone tells you depress you. Go directly to the source and find out precisely what transpired. Honesty and integrity are your best route to peace and good relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't get involved in conversations with people who don't listen. Constructive projects will offer the highest satisfaction. Don't make a change at home without getting the necessary approval first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Dig in and don't stop until you reach your goal. A personal change you make will turn out well and encourage better relationships with the people who share your space. Romance is featured.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- A chance to do something worthwhile for someone will bring unexpected returns. Don't be afraid to do things differently or to choose the road less traveled.

Researchers rediscover 10 apple varieties

PORTLAND (AP) — A team of retirees that scours the remote ravines and windswept plains of the Pacific Northwest for long-forgotten pioneer orchards has rediscovered 10 apple varieties that were believed to be extinct — the largest number ever unearthed in a single season by the nonprofit Lost Apple Project.

The Vietnam veteran and former FBI agent who make up the nonprofit recently learned of their tally from last fall's apple sleuthing from expert botanists at the Temperate Orchard Conservancy in Oregon, where all the apples are sent for study and identification. The apples positively identified as previously "lost" were among hundreds of fruits collected in October and November from 140-year-old orchards tucked into small canyons or hidden in forests that have since grown up around them in rural Idaho and Washington state.

"It was just one heck of a season. It was almost unbelievable. If we had found one apple or two apples a year in the past, we thought were doing good. But we were getting one after another after another," said EJ Brandt, who hunts for the apples along with fellow amateur botanist David Benschoter. "I don't know how we're going to keep up with that."

Each fall, Brandt and Benschoter spend countless hours and log hundreds of miles searching for ancient — and often dying — apple trees across the Pacific Northwest by truck, all-terrain vehicle and on foot. They collect hundreds of apples from long-abandoned orchards that they find using old maps, county fair records, newspaper clippings and nursery sales ledgers that can tell them which homesteader bought what apple tree and when the purchase happened.

By matching names from those records with property maps, they can pinpoint where an orchard might have been — and they often find a few specimens still growing there. The pair carefully note the location of each tree using GPS and tag the tree with a plastic band before bagging the apples in zip-close bags and shipping them to the Oregon experts for identification.

"When I find an apple that's lost, I want to know who homesteaded it, when they were there, who their children were, when they took their last drink of water," Brandt said. "We cannot afford to lose the name of even one of these landowners."

In the winter, they return to the trees — often on foot or on snowshoes in freezing temperatures and blinding snow — to

take wood cuttings that can be grafted onto root stock to propagate new trees of the varieties that come back as "lost" specimens.

The task is huge. North America once had 17,000 named varieties of domesticated apples, but only about 4,500 are known to exist today. The Lost Apple Project believes settlers planted a few hundred varieties in their corner of the Pacific Northwest alone as they moved across the U. S. West to try their hands at the pioneer life.

These newcomers planted orchards with enough variety to get them through the long winter, with apples that ripened from early spring until the first frosts. Many were brought with the settlers in buckets from their homes on the East Coast and in the Midwest. Then, as now, trees planted for eating apples were not raised from seeds; cuttings taken from existing trees were grafted onto a generic root stock and raised to maturity. These cloned trees remove the genetic variation that often makes "wild" apples inedible.

With the 10 latest varieties identified, Brandt and Benschoter have rediscovered a total of 23 varieties. The latest finds include the Sary Sinap, an ancient apple from Turkey; the Streaked Pip-

pin, which may have originated as early as 1744 in New York; and the Butter Sweet of Pennsylvania, a variety that was first noted in a trial orchard in Illinois in 1901.

Botanists from the Temperate Orchard Society identified them by comparing the collected apples to watercolor illustrations created by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the 1800s and early 1900s and by poring over written descriptions in old botany textbooks and reference guides, some of them more than 150 years old.

One apple, the Gold Ridge, was particularly hard to identify because the experts couldn't find any illustrations or descriptions of it anywhere. Finally, botanist Joanie Cooper went page by page through a reference book written by a botanist who died in 1912 until she found it.

"It's the luck of the draw," said Shaun Shepherd, another Temperate Orchard Conservancy botanist. "And we learn more as we go along."

With spring underway, the Lost Apple Project will soon enter its busy season as apple trees everywhere blossom and prepare to fruit. As they wait, Brandt and Benschoter are busy grafting wood cuttings from

the newly discovered "lost" apple trees onto root stocks and updating their records from the last season.

Their nonprofit took a major hit when they had to cancel both an annual fair where they sell newly grafted "lost" apple trees and a class on how to graft wood to grow a new apple tree because of the new coronavirus. The two events fund much of their \$10,000 annual budget that goes toward travel costs, apple shipping and apple identification.

"Two months ago, I was thinking: 'This is going to be great. We've got 10 varieties that have been rediscovered,' but right now, we couldn't pay our bills," Benschoter said.

Still, the self-described apple detectives take comfort in their work as they navigate today's unprecedented times and find inspiration in imagining the lives of the pioneers who planted these trees. About 25% of homesteads didn't make it, Brandt said, and many settlers died or simply walked away to avoid starvation.

"It was a hard life. I can't even imagine what they went through, but they survived and they went on with their lives," he said. "It's hard now, too, but it's going to be OK. It's all a part of life."

Work progresses quickly on potential vaccines for COVID-19

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three potential COVID-19 vaccines are making fast progress in early-stage testing in volunteers in China and the U.S., but it's still a long road to prove if they'll really work.

China's CanSino Biologics has begun the second phase of testing its vaccine candidate, China's Ministry of Science and Technology said Tuesday.

In the U.S., a shot made by the National Institutes of Health and Moderna Inc. isn't far behind. The first person to receive that experimental vaccine last month returned to a Seattle clinic Tuesday for a second dose.

NIH infectious disease chief Dr. Anthony Fauci told The Associated Press there are "no red flags" so far and he hoped the next, larger phase of testing could begin around June.

A third candidate, from Inovio Pharmaceuticals, began giving experimental shots for first-step safety testing last week in the U.S. and hopes to expand its studies to China.

Initial tests focus on safety, and researchers in both countries are trying out different doses of different types of shots.

But moving into the second phase is a critical step that allows vaccines to be tested in many more people to look for signs that they protect against infection.

Last week, CanSino filed a report showing it aimed to enroll 500 people in this next study, comparing two doses of the vaccine to dummy shots. As of Monday, 273 of the volunteers had been injected, state media said.

Looking ahead, Fauci said if the new coronavirus continues to circulate widely enough

over the summer and fall, it might be possible to finish larger studies slightly sooner than the 12 to 18 months he'd originally predicted — maybe toward "mid to late winter of next season."

"Please let me say this caveat: That is assuming that it's effective. See, that's the big 'if,'" Fauci stressed. "It's got to be effective and it's got to be safe."

During a news conference in China, authorities also cautioned that the studies must be done properly.

"Although we are in an emergency, we cannot lower the standards of safety and effectiveness in the reviews of vaccines," said Wang Junzhi, a Chinese biopharmaceutical expert. "The public is paying huge attention."

The World Health Organization this week counted more than five dozen other vaccine candidates in earlier stages of development being pursued around the world. Many research groups are teaming up to speed the work; in an announcement Tuesday, vaccine giants Sanofi and GSK became the latest to partner on a candidate.

On the WHO's list are a wide variety of ways to make vaccines — so if one approach doesn't pan out, hopefully another one will.

CanSino's vaccine is based on a genetically engineered shot it created to guard against Ebola. The leading U.S. candidates use a different approach, made from copies of a piece of the coronavirus' genetic code.

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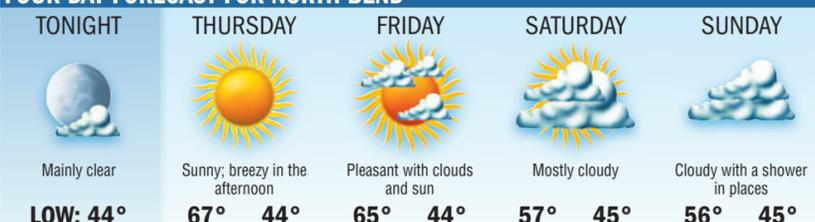
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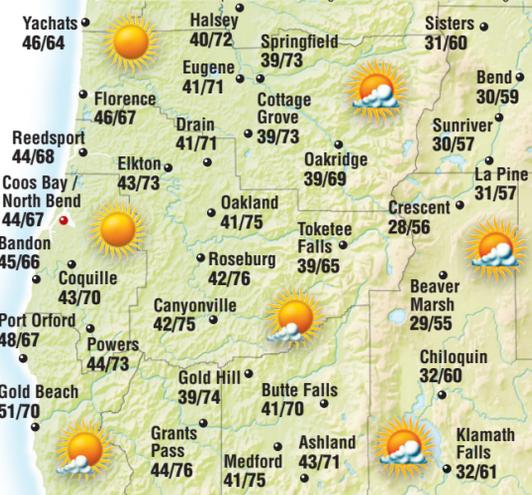
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North Bend yesterday

TEMPERATURE
 High/low 58°/36°
 Normal high/low 55°/43°
 Record high 82° in 1947
 Record low 33° in 1977

PRECIPITATION
 Yesterday Trace
 Year to date 16.88"
 Last year to date 36.42"
 Normal year to date 28.64"

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.



SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:00 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:32 a.m.
 Moonrise tomorrow 4:08 a.m.
 Moonset tomorrow 1:52 p.m.



Apr 22 Apr 30 May 7 May 14

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OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday Hi/Lo	Prec.	Thu. Hi/Lo	Thu. Prec.
Astoria	56/37	Trace	67/39	0.00
Burns	64/19	0.00	58/23	0.00
Brookings	72/57	0.00	69/47	0.00
Corvallis	69/34	0.00	71/38	0.00
Eugene	72/32	0.00	71/36	0.00
Klamath Falls	65/20	0.00	61/27	0.00
La Grande	61/27	0.00	55/26	0.00
Medford	74/39	0.00	75/40	0.00
Newport	54/32	0.14	64/43	0.00
Pendleton	71/38	0.00	62/34	0.00
Portland	71/42	0.00	71/41	0.00
Redmond	70/21	0.00	62/25	0.00
Roseburg	74/38	0.00	76/40	0.00
Salem	69/34	0.00	71/36	0.00
The Dalles	72/50	0.00	70/35	0.00

TIDES

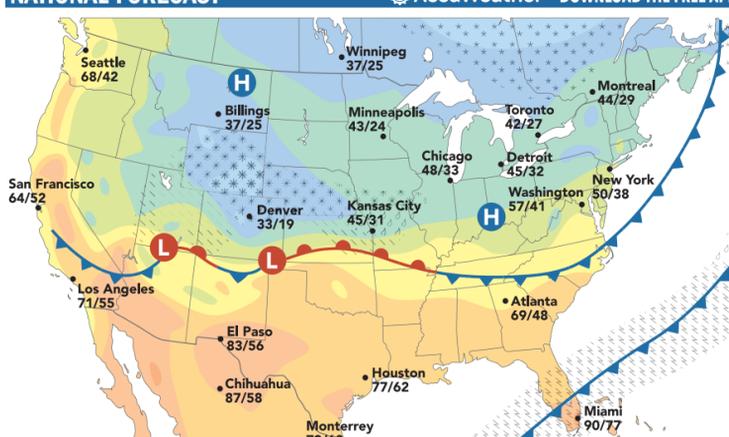
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	High	ft.	Low	High	ft.	Low
Bandon	7:43 a.m.	5.7	2:09 a.m.	3.3	8:56 a.m.	5.7
	9:38 p.m.	5.6	2:47 p.m.	0.7	10:22 p.m.	5.8
Charleston	7:48 a.m.	6.2	2:07 a.m.	3.5	9:01 a.m.	6.1
	9:43 p.m.	6.1	2:45 p.m.	0.7	10:27 p.m.	6.4
Coos Bay	9:14 a.m.	6.0	3:35 a.m.	3.1	10:27 a.m.	5.9
	11:09 p.m.	5.9	4:13 p.m.	0.6	11:53 p.m.	6.1
Florence	8:32 a.m.	5.3	3:05 a.m.	2.8	9:45 a.m.	5.3
	10:27 p.m.	5.3	3:43 p.m.	0.6	11:11 p.m.	5.5
Port Orford	7:25 a.m.	5.9	1:55 a.m.	3.6	8:41 a.m.	5.8
	9:35 p.m.	5.8	2:33 p.m.	0.5	10:15 p.m.	6.1
Reedsport	8:38 a.m.	6.1	2:53 a.m.	3.4	9:52 a.m.	5.9
	10:35 p.m.	5.6	3:39 p.m.	1.0	11:20 p.m.	5.9
Half Moon Bay	7:57 a.m.	5.8	2:20 a.m.	3.5	9:12 a.m.	5.8
	10:02 p.m.	5.7	3:02 p.m.	0.6	10:43 p.m.	5.9

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.	Tonight	Thu.
49°	69°	51°	70°	41°	75°	41°	71°	47°	71°	44°	67°	29°	62°

NATIONAL FORECAST

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Shown are tomorrow's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
 National high: 99° at Immokalee, FL
 National low: -12° at Gould, CO

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo	Fri. Hi/Lo	City	Thu. Hi/Lo	Fri. Hi/Lo	City	Thu. Hi/Lo	Fri. Hi/Lo
Albuquerque	70/42/s	69/42/s	Fargo	42/27/pc	52/39/s	Pittsburgh	45/31/c	42/31/r
Anchorage	43/36/sh	45/39/c	Flagstaff	58/29/s	56/28/s	Pocatello	45/22/s	54/28/s
Atlanta	69/48/s	75/57/pc	Fresno	81/57/pc	73/54/c	Portland, ME	48/30/pc	49/33/pc
Atlantic City	53/40/pc	52/43/c	Green Bay	42/26/pc	46/30/s	Providence	50/32/pc	50/36/c
Austin	78/60/pc	76/61/c	Hartford, CT	50/30/c	49/33/c	Raleigh	65/42/s	72/56/pc
Baltimore	54/34/pc	60/43/r	Helena	42/22/pc	55/31/s	Rapid City	39/20/pc	53/30/s
Billings	37/25/pc	53/32/s	Honolulu	84/70/c	83/70/pc	Redding	80/50/pc	79/49/s
Birmingham	71/49/s	77/58/pc	Houston	77/62/pc	81/66/sh	Reno	61/36/pc	65/40/pc
Boise	57/34/s	63/40/s	Indianapolis	49/36/c	43/29/r	Richmond, VA	63/38/pc	71/47/pc
Boston	48/34/pc	50/35/pc	Kansas City	45/31/r	47/29/c	Sacramento	78/50/pc	73/50/pc
Buffalo	40/30/c	44/31/c	Key West	88/79/s	88/80/s	St. Louis	57/39/c	47/33/r
Burlington, VT	46/29/c	47/29/c	Las Vegas	80/56/pc	73/55/pc	Salt Lake City	48/30/pc	53/36/s
Caribou, ME	40/23/c	41/21/sf	Lexington	55/42/pc	60/38/r	San Angelo	78/59/pc	67/49/pc
Casper	29/10/sn	41/23/s	Little Rock	69/46/s	71/45/c	San Diego	69/57/pc	66/57/pc
Charleston, SC	71/50/s	75/62/c	Los Angeles	71/55/pc	67/55/r	San Francisco	64/52/pc	64/52/c
Charleston, WV	54/37/pc	64/39/r	Louisville	59/46/c	60/39/r	San Jose	71/53/pc	69/51/pc
Charlotte, NC	69/43/s	73/56/pc	Madison	46/26/pc	49/29/c	Santa Fe	66/32/s	63/34/c
Cheyenne	26/13/sn	37/23/s	Memphis	69/49/s	72/46/c	Seattle	68/42/s	70/48/pc
Chicago	48/33/pc	48/32/c	Miami	90/77/t	87/77/sh	Sioux Falls	46/22/s	52/31/pc
Cincinnati	53/39/c	50/35/r	Milwaukee	47/29/c	47/32/c	Spokane	56/35/s	63/41/pc
Cleveland	45/32/pc	42/31/sn	Minneapolis	43/24/s	47/34/s	Springfield, IL	47/34/r	43/28/sh
Colorado Spgs	37/20/sh	44/26/c	Missoula	48/24/pc	58/32/pc	Springfield, MA	49/28/c	49/32/c
Columbus, OH	49/34/pc	45/32/r	Nashville	66/46/s	75/46/pc	Syracuse	43/29/c	47/28/c
Concord, NH	48/25/c	49/27/pc	New Orleans	76/62/pc	82/70/t	Tampa	74/67/t	85/74/c
Dallas	74/57/s	65/49/c	New York City	50/38/c	50/40/r	Toledo	48/31/c	43/27/c
Dayton	49/35/pc	44/30/r	Norfolk, VA	64/45/s	72/57/pc	Trenton	50/33/c	49/38/c
Daytona Beach	70/66/t	79/69/c	Oklahoma City	69/40/c	54/37/pc	Tucson	85/54/s	83/51/s
Denver	33/19/sn	45/26/sn	Olympia, WA	70/35/s	70/44/pc	Tulsa	70/45/c	55/39/c
Des Moines	42/29/c	51/32/c	Omaha	42/28/sn	53/33/pc	Washington, DC	57/41/pc	62/46/c
Detroit	45/32/pc	40/29/sn	Orlando	72/67/t	82/70/c	W. Palm Beach	86/76/t	85/75/sh
El Paso	83/56/s	83/57/s	Philadelphia	52/37/pc	52/42/c	Wichita	62/34/sh	53/34/c
Fairbanks	44/31/sh	47/35/c	Phoenix	87/60/s	87/59/s	Wilmington, DE	53/35/pc	54/42/c

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

Labyrinth

From A1

a grant through Friends of the Lighthouse School, which ended up funding the entire project for a conservative \$700. White said a number of people donated materials, which brought the cost down, and Dyke agreed to the project simply because he wanted to do something for the school.

For White, the philosophy behind Dyke's famous labyrinths matches well with the philosophy at Lighthouse.

"The whole process (for the labyrinth) is to create the path of meditation, transformation and healing," she said. "And what better language to use on the return from the crisis we're facing right now?"

Lester said the pandemic has generated considerable stress for the school's families and children. In fact, the week Dyke and volunteers painted the labyrinth was the week when it was announced that schools would stay empty for the balance of the academic year.

As the labyrinth took shape, Lester needed to

focus on meeting the distance-learning requirements set by the Oregon Department of Education. He arranged for teachers to gather in groups of 10 to create work packets for families to take home.

When the parents picked up the packets, White said, some of the students were able to see the labyrinth under the pavilion even though they couldn't "get out of their car to walk it."

"I'm not sad or disheartened the children aren't seeing it right away. When they do experience (the labyrinth), it will be wonderful."



Jillian Ward, The World

The Lighthouse School now has a labyrinth created by the famous Circles in the Sand artist Denny Dyke. Walking the labyrinth is the school's director, Wade Lester.

Trees

From A1

climate warming and for future park users," he said. "Playgrounds are important but many of us go to the parks for the trees. Let's keep as many of them as we can."

Skinner recalled there was a previous project to remove trees around Simpson Park, which was highly contentious. He added that city staff has a duty to inform the community,

especially when it impacts them. However, he also said this hasn't been happening with this project.

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

However, during Monday's City Council Work Session, North Bend City staff noted that none of the marked trees would have an impact on the wind conditions.

Noordhoff also noted that the sun changes its position and angle throughout the year and that removing the trees might not have the sunning effect the council hopes for. She added that doing maintenance on the trees, and removing limbs, would also serve to bring in more sunlight.

"I just think it's a fool's errand to cut down the trees to try to warm the place up," said Noordhoff, noting that the bluff naturally gets lots of cool wind. "Sorry, it's not going to be a warm location."

The city's perspective

The city has also clarified its position.

According to O'Connor, contrary to rumor, there are no heritage trees or trees of historical significance slated to be cut down. He said the trees marked for removal were all planted within the last 34 years, during the term of the current Parks Superintendent.

"Simpson Park has had many other past uses over its lifespan," he said. "In addition to being a pasture it was

developed as a car camping park, that was followed with rental cabins for travelling public in the park."

O'Connor also offered some history on the project.

He recalled that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met February 3, and one of the agenda items was discussing the possibility of removing trees around the playground to allow more sunlight into the area. This would also improve safety from branches falling and provide additional park-

ing near the playground. During the March 31 City Council meeting, city staff asked if the council wanted them to pursue quotes for the removal and trimming of the trees and were given the go-ahead.

The city received four quotes from vendors. The quotes were discussed during the April 14 City Council meeting and determined whether to reward a contract. Pick up the Thursday edition of The World for more information on the meeting.

Funds

From A1

less services."

The United Way's grant selection committee, which usually meets yearly to allocate funds to local organizations as part of its impact grant-making program, reunited to choose the nonprofits to receive emergency funds.

An additional \$1,500 was also distributed to local food pantries which were selected to receive

the emergency funds before the application process began.

Earlier this year, the committee selected 16 local nonprofits to receive over \$28,000 in grants from its impact program which awards organizations whose work aligns with the United Way's impact areas of health, education and/or financial stability.

Under normal funding guidelines, the nonprofits who received those funds were required to submit interim six-month progress

reports and a year-end report on the specific projects, programs or services they included as part of their application to receive funding.

According to Shafer, the nonprofits who were a part of that process will no longer be required to submit those reports and are now allowed to shift those funds to better meet the emergency needs of the community members they serve.

The "Emergency Relief Fund," which was primarily funded this

past month through local foundations, will continue on as a new program offered by the United Way chapter in anticipation of future potential natural or economic disasters, said Shafer.

"... I'm fully expecting that this need is going to continue for the next several months at least," she said. "So we're hoping to get some additional donations from the community and from our community funding partners to support these needs on an ongoing basis."

At this moment, the dates for the next funding cycles' deadlines have not yet been set. Organizations will begin receiving funds as early as this week.

"Everyone has been super supportive and just trying to figure out how they can help everyone get through the next couple of months," said Shafer. "It's just been very heartwarming."

Relief Fund's webpage at www.unitedwayswo.org/emergency-relief-fund/. To donate click the PayPal link below (please include "COVID-19" in the note field).

People can also mail a check to UWSWO, PO Box 1288, Coos Bay, OR 97420 (please include "COVID-19" in the memo field). Donors and nonprofits are encouraged to reach out UWSWO by calling its office at 541-267-5202 for additional information.

WHO

From A1

when Chinese officials knew about the virus and when they warned the public allowed the pandemic to bloom into an enormous public health disaster.

The European Union on Wednesday said Trump

has "no reason" to freeze WHO funding at this critical stage and called for measures to promote unity instead of division. EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said the 27-nation bloc "deeply" regrets the suspension of funds and added that the U.N. health agency is now "needed more than ever" to combat the pandemic.

Borrell said "only by joining forces can we overcome this crisis that knows no borders."

Even though they have been traditional allies for decades, the EU has increasingly been critical of the Trump administration over the past years.

Worldwide, the pandemic has infected nearly 2 million people and

killed over 127,000, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The virus is spread by microscopic droplets expelled into the air or left on surfaces when people sneeze or cough.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he sympathized with some of Trump's criticisms of WHO and China

but that Australia would continue to fund the U.N. health agency.

"We work closely with them so that we're not going to throw the baby out with the bathwater here," Morrison told Perth Radio 6PR. "But they're also not immune from criticism."

Germany's foreign minister, Heiko Maas, pushed back at Trump's

announcement.

"Placing blame doesn't help," he wrote on Twitter. "The virus knows no borders. We must work closely against COVID-19. Strengthening the U.N., in particular the underfunded WHO, is a better investment, for example, to develop and distribute tests and vaccines."

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Stock	Close	8:30	Nike	87.47	83.89	Xerox	19.00	17.27
Frontier	.38	.26	NW Natural	64.50	62.40	Levi Strauss	13.92	13.15
Intel	60.66	58.96	Skywest	27.13	26.00	Dow Jones closed at	23,949.76	
Kroger	32.09	31.28	Starbucks	73.67	71.36	Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		
Microsoft	173.70	172.58	Umpqua Hldgs	11.13	10.51			
			Weyerhaeuser	20.33	18.93			

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April 14	April 11	April 13	April 13
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Multiplier: x4	Multiplier: x3		April 14
Jackpot: \$159 million	Jackpot: \$22 million		0-6-1-7

SPORTS

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Tour de France picks new August start date

PARIS (AP) — The Tour de France has new dates, and it will be followed by cycling's two other major races.

Because of restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic, the iconic race around France will now start on Aug. 29 and finish on Sept. 20. The Giro d'Italia and the Spanish Vuelta, cycling's two other Grand Tours, will take place after the French race.

The International Cycling Union announced the Tour's new dates on Wednesday after consulting with race organizer Amaury Sport Organisation. The race was originally scheduled to start on June 27 in Nice.

It's the first time since the end of World War II that the race is not starting in July.

"Holding this event in the best conditions possible is judged essential given its central place in cycling's economy and its exposure," the UCI said in a statement. "In particular for the teams that benefit on this occasion from unparalleled visibility."

The race's finish on the Champs-Élysées will coincide with the start of the rescheduled French Open tennis tournament a short distance away on the clay courts of Roland Garros in western Paris.

French cyclist Julian

Alaphilippe, who led last year's race for long spells before fading to finish fifth, welcomed the news.

"It's great news and a great joy. To be honest, I was starting to lose a bit of hope," he told France 2 television channel. "It's a great source of motivation for the riders and it should give the French a lot of pleasure ... Whatever happens it will be a great celebration."

The UCI also announced that the dates for the world championships will stay from Sept. 20-27. They will be followed by the Giro, initially scheduled for May but previously called off, and the Spanish Vuelta, which is

also owned by ASO and was to run from Aug. 14-Sept. 6.

No official dates were yet given for those two races.

The UCI said all the prestigious one-day road classics, including the Paris-Roubaix over the cobblestones, the Liège-Bastogne-Liège and Milan-San Remo, will go ahead. Dates were not given but the suspension of all races on the UCI calendar was extended one month to Aug. 1.

Postponing the initial Tour dates became inevitable when French President Emmanuel Macron announced on Monday that all public events with large crowds would be canceled until

at least mid-July.

It is unclear, however, if the two-month delay will be enough. Macron extended France's lockdown to at least May 11, and the race would send hundreds of riders and team staff from around the world traveling across the country for three weeks.

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

Wednesday's decisions were taken following a video conference meeting organized by the UCI, with all the principal representatives of professional road cycling consulted.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL

Arizona is open to hosting all Major League teams

NEW YORK — Arizona governor Doug Ducey says his state is willing to host all 30 major league teams at the time public health concerns allow, which eventually could lead to the start of the baseball season primarily in empty spring training ballparks.

MLB and the players' association have had preliminary discussion of potential ways for the season to start if given the go-ahead by federal, state and local governments and health officials. Having all teams based in the Phoenix area is among the contingency plans being examined. There are 10 spring training parks plus the Diamondbacks' Chase Field, which has a retractable roof, and several college facilities.

Yankees co-owner Hank Steinbrenner dies

NEW YORK — Hank Steinbrenner, the oldest son of George Steinbrenner and one of the four siblings who own the controlling shares of the New York Yankees, died at age 63.

The team said he died at home in Clearwater, Florida, due to a long-standing health issue.

A chain smoker and miniature drag racer, Hank hoped to succeed as father as the team's controlling owner. Between the 2007 and 2008 seasons, he became the public voice of the Yankees' ownership.

But brother Hal, 11 years younger, was put in charge in November 2008. While Hank was in his 13th season as a general partner and 11th as co-chair, he did not appear to have much involvement in the team's operations in recent years. Still, Hal said he consulted Hank and sisters Jessica and Jennifer on all major decisions.

Former Cubs and Royals skipper Jim Frey dies

SOMERSET, N.J. — Jim Frey, who managed the Kansas City Royals to the 1980 AL pennant and the Chicago Cubs with-in one win of the 1984 World Series, has died. He was 88.

Frey died Sunday at his home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, according to the Atlantic League's Somerset Patriots, the minor league team he had been affiliated with since its launch in 1998. The Patriots did not announce a cause of death.

"He was a great baseball mind and the person who gave me my first chance in the game," former pitcher Sparky Lyle said in a statement about his early minor league manager. "He saw the opportunity for me to be a relief pitcher back then and set me on that path. We remained good friends all this time."

Red Sox 2018 World Series hero Steve Pearce retires

BOSTON — Steve Pearce, the career journeyman who broke loose to become the unlikely MVP of the 2018 World Series, says he's done playing after an injury-plagued season for the Boston Red Sox.

"You know what? It has been a good run. I have 10 years in there. Right now I am officially retired," Pearce said.

During the 2018 World Series between the Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers, he homered and hit a three-run double in Game 4, then homered twice the next day as the Red Sox took the title.



The Associated Press

Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu brings the ball upcourt against Utah in a March 6 game during the Pac-12 women's tournament in Las Vegas.

Ionescu looks ahead to WNBA

PORTLAND (AP) — With the spotlight on her growing ever brighter, Sabrina Ionescu is aware she's becoming her own brand.

One of the most decorated players in women's college basketball, Ionescu is about to go pro with the WNBA draft coming up Friday. She's widely expected to be selected No. 1 by the New York Liberty.

She's also being courted by shoe companies for what could be an unprecedented endorsement deal. On top of it all, she's finishing her master's degree, fittingly in advertising and brand responsibility.

Ionescu said Oregon has prepared her to understand how much impact she can have in the community and on women's basketball.

"It's going to be a learning process of just going into a bigger market with so many things going on. And I think I'm just going to have to find my niche and find what's important to me and what's going to help me — and our team — and kind of use that to the best of my ability," she said on a video call with reporters Tuesday.

Ionescu, who won AP All-American honors three times, shattered the NCAA career triple-double mark (for both men and women) with 26 and became

the first player in college history to have 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists.

She helped the Ducks win the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament titles as a senior this season while averaging 17.5 points, 9.1 assists and 8.6 rebounds. She was named the conference's most outstanding player of the tournament and of the regular season.

The 5-foot-11 guard was also named AP Player of the Year and won the Wooden Award, the Naismith Trophy and Wade Trophy.

So it's no wonder shoe companies have flocked to her. Nike, which has obvious ties to Oregon through company co-founder and alum Phil Knight, is in the running, as are Puma and Under Armour. Ionescu has been training in the San Francisco Bay Area with Golden State's Steph Curry, Under Armour's most prominent athlete. At a safe distance, of course.

"I would probably be in meetings with a lot of them, being able to meet a lot of the team and see how everything's done. But obviously everything's been done online, which has been a little bit different, and I'm still getting used to it," she said. "But I haven't made a decision yet on a shoe company. I'm assuming it will probably happen before the draft. But knowing me, who knows?" WNBA Commissioner Cathy

Engelbert will announce the draft picks on ESPN while Ionescu will be at home in Walnut Creek, California.

She'll miss the usual pomp and circumstance that comes with being selected first, but Ionescu understands there are bigger concerns because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ionescu said she would be excited by the opportunity to suit up for the Liberty, who will play in the Barclays Center whenever the WNBA season begins.

"And then just the marketability that there is in New York, and kind of the hustle and bustle, is something that I think could be not only beneficial to myself as a person, but as a brand, and for women's basketball," she said.

ESPN's Rebecca Lobo spoke about Ionescu in a conference call Monday to preview the draft.

"She's got everything you'd want in the skill set but the No. 1 thing people talk about is her competitiveness and her competitive fire. Whether it's a player like Diana Taurasi or Sue Bird, that's the thing that can separate the great ones and she has proven that she has that and thrives in those moments and loves it and loves basketball," Lobo said.

Oregon teammates Satou Sabally and Ruthy Hebard could also be top 10 picks.

Full season is unlikely for MLS

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Major League Soccer says the chances of returning to action in mid-May now look extremely unlikely and that achieving its goal of getting in a full 34-game regular season is also becoming increasingly difficult.

The league had previously said it hoped to return around the second full week of May following what would have been an eight-week absence from game action. The league currently has a training moratorium for players through April 24 with the expectation that it will be extended.

"Although we hoped to return to play in mid-May, that is extremely unlikely based on the guidance of federal and local public health officials," MLS said in a statement Tuesday. "Our goal remains to play as many games as possible, and while we currently have enough dates to play the entire season, we recognize at this time that it may become difficult to do so."

In an interview with ESPN, MLS Commissioner Don Garber said there will likely be games without fans when league play does resume and that multiple formats are being examined for getting as many games in as possible.

Los Angeles FC coach Bob Bradley told reporters Tuesday that he is on board with whatever route the league chooses to get in as much of the season as possible.

"Let's figure out how to get everybody going again. Let's make sure we reconnect with all our fans," Bradley said in a conference call. "And whether it's in one site, whether it's a short season that gets into the playoffs, I think what we will see when we finally get started again is that everybody will be completely on board and completely committed to the fact that after all of us worked together to move through the challenge of this period, the game is going. And then we will be excited to partake in anything that gets put together."

Bradley said one of the

challenges of not having a firm return date is keeping players motivated and focused during a layoff that will last at least two months and likely longer.

Bradley has the unique perspective of having played a match without fans when he was the coach of the Egyptian national team and he led his players into a 2012 World Cup qualifier against Mozambique that was held in an empty stadium.

Bradley said it was an "eerie feeling" and that his message to the players the day before was to imagine every Egyptian fan in the world inside the stadium.

He said if MLS games begin without fans in the stands, there will need to be a way to try to connect with supporters.

"In reality, the game without fans has no soul," Bradley said. "But as I said, this is different, and we are all looking to find ways. When it's the right time, when it's safe to get going again and that ability to reconnect and show everybody that the game continues will be very important."

Ganassi team fires Larson

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — As a sponsor after sponsor dropped Kyle Larson after he used a racial slur during a live-streamed virtual race, his NASCAR team owner was backed into a corner.

Chip Ganassi could let McDonald's and Credit One Bank and Chevrolet pull their funding and bankrupt his team or he could cut ties with the driver he had plucked from sprint car racing and groomed into an elite stock car driver.

It was essentially out of Ganassi's hands.

He fired the 27-year-old Larson on Tuesday in what he described as "an emotional call" — the only move possible to stabilize his organization.

"I told Kyle he can come back from this; he can even come back from this with our team," Ganassi told The Associated Press. "But there really wasn't any choice."

Larson's stunning downfall took less than 48 hours, unusual in its details and coming with sports everywhere basically shutdown during the coronavirus pandemic. The most coveted upcoming free agent in NASCAR lost almost every sponsor he had in what could ultimately be an eight-figure blunder.

Larson loses his 2020 salary plus the massive payday expected from his next contract. If he eventually lands with another team, it will surely be at a far discounted rate than the value he had built since moving full-time to NASCAR in 2013.

The unraveling began Sunday night when Larson appeared to lose communication on his headset with his spotter while competing in one of the iRacing virtual events that have grown in popularity during the sports hiatus.

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.

He was suspended without pay by Ganassi Monday, then suspended indefinitely by NASCAR and Larson, who is half Japanese, was ordered to complete sensitivity training, but primary sponsors McDonald's and Credit One Bank pulled their support within hours. Chevrolet suspended its relationship with Larson, and all but one commercial partner indicated they were walking away.

Without funding on the No. 42 Chevrolet as long as Larson was in the car, Ganassi had to act. Ross Chastain, under contract as a development driver for Ganassi, will likely replace Larson whenever racing resumes.

"After much consideration, Chip Ganassi Racing has determined that it will end its relationship with driver Kyle Larson," Ganassi said in a statement. "As we said before, the comments that Kyle made were both offensive and unacceptable especially given the values of our organization. As we continued to evaluate the situation with all the relevant parties, it became obvious that this was the only appropriate course of action to take."

Larson's famed sprint car career could also be in jeopardy: Kyle Larson Racing fields a Chevrolet in the World of Outlaws Series that is sponsored in part by Lucas Oil, which also ended its partnership with Larson.