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Shutter Creek: No more cases

ZACH SILVA
The World

HAUSER — The second adult in custody to be tested for the novel coronavirus at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution received a negative test result, Coos Health and Wellness stated on Wednesday.

Last Thursday an inmate tested positive for COVID-19

and was the first, and so far only, reported case in Coos County. Brian Leon, an epidemiologist with Coos Health and Wellness, said that he was aware of a few other tests being conducted, including at least one from an employee at the facility.

“There could certainly be more results by the end of the week (from) individuals connected to Shutter Creek,” said Leon.

On Tuesday, the Department of Corrections stated that inmates from other facilities will no longer be transferring in to Shutter Creek. It is unclear when that ruling went into effect. Multiple adults in custody reported that new transfers were coming into the facility as recently as last week.

“Shutter Creek Correctional Institution is currently receiving

no (adults in custody), and the only (adults in custody) being transported from the institution are positive for COVID-19 or releasing. All other (adults in custody) housed at SCCI are under medical observation for the 14 days following the positive COVID-19 test result at SCCI,” said Jennifer Black, the communications manager for the Oregon Department of Corrections, in an

email.

This medical observation includes regularly taking the temperatures of those in custody plus checking for any other symptoms.

“Fever, shortness of breath and cough — the big three — those are ones that are presenting in well over half the cases. And

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Sawdust Theatre board members stand inside the empty performing arts theatre which like many other entertainment facilities was forced to temporarily close its doors last month.

Amanda Linares photos, The World

Sawdusters postpones season

AMANDA LINARES
The World

COQUILLE — A longtime tradition and community favorite, the Sawdust Theatre has provided enthusiasts with fun, interactive, wholesome entertainment for over 50 seasons.

With high-energy Olio dancers, live music and actors shuffling in and out of scenes, the Sawdust Theatre has been a place to have fun, to laugh and to enjoy one another's company.

Like many other theaters, businesses and organizations in Coos County, the theater on Wednesday was empty and quiet as it was forced last month to cancel and postpone its 2020 season in response to COVID-19.

In order to remain compliant with the state's new mandates related to stopping and slowing down the spread of the novel coronavirus, the theatre sent home the hundreds of volunteers it relies on each year to help put on its yearly melodrama.

Michael Thurman, the building manager at the Sawdust Theatre, said it was tough decision that the organization's board members had to make as the production for this year's



Micheal Thurman shows off some of the Sawdust Theatre's historical memorabilia Wednesday morning.

play was well on its way.

Since January, volunteers have planned, designed, rehearsed and worked on various aspects of this year's play, which was set to kick off on June 6, according to Thurman.

Unable to continue meeting with social distancing guidelines and gatherings being restricted, Thurman said the show, titled “The Lost Mine on Budd Creek or Mirror, Mirror on the Wall,” is now being put on hold until next year.

A couple of school productions from Coquille High School and Myrtle Point High School were also canceled this May to keep community members at home and safe, said Thurman.

“I just think it's important that we all do what we can,” said Thurman. “We will be back.”

The theater is closely monitoring the COVID-19 virus and will assess in the next coming months if other productions scheduled for later this year, such as its annual Christmas play and the Mis-

soula Children's Theatre show, will also need to be canceled or postponed, added Thurman.

With financial impacts ahead, Thurman also said that the board is currently looking into possible grant opportunities to keep its doors open in the future as this year's play cancellation will result in loss of revenue.

In the meantime, he said he's still working every day to keep the facility and theater ready for when things kick back up again. The board is also working on ways it can stay connected with community members and loyal patrons online.

Backstage director, board member and actor Kim Lavey said she's been working on ideas to possibly produce some sort of skit later this summer.

“We could probably do a little something to boost people up at a way reduced price if not just on a donation basis,” said Lavey. “We want to do our part to cheer people up and we can have some fun too.”

According to Lavey, this year's play featured about 20 volunteer actors and about 25 Olio dancers. The cast, as well as the hundreds of folks who

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Another 5.2 million file for benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wave of layoffs that has engulfed the U.S. economy since the coronavirus struck forced 5.2 million more people to seek unemployment benefits last week, the government reported Thursday.

Roughly 22 million have sought jobless benefits in the past month — easily the worst stretch of U.S. job losses on record. All told, roughly nearly 12 million people are now receiving unemployment checks, roughly matching the peak reached in January 2010, shortly after the Great Recession officially ended.

All businesses deemed non-essential have been closed in nearly every state as the economy has virtually shut down. Deep job losses have been inflicted across nearly every industry. Some economists say the

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NB approves tree removal proposal

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

NORTH BEND — During a remote meeting streamed to YouTube, the North Bend City Council voted to approve a contract for the removal and maintenance of trees in Simpson Park during Tuesday's city council meeting.

There were four bids presented to the city. The parks board recommended Blue Sky Services and Preservation with a bid for \$14,960. The bid will include the removal of the trees and cleaning up all the limbs after. The council's vote was unanimous.

City Administrator Terence O'Connor presented some of the history of the proposal. 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.

None of the trees to be removed are old growth trees, or

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Assisting the living

Mortuary helps mourners cope with social distancing

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COOS BAY — John Nelson is well-versed in providing comfort to grieving families.

Now, as co-owner of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, that's a skill he's putting to use as the coronavirus pandemic restricts groups from gathering ... even for a funeral.

"In reality, everything I do is to help the living," said Nelson. "The part that's most impactful (right now) is the moratorium on having a gathering or service for the families."

Nelson is referring to health officials' instructions to confine gatherings to 10 or fewer people. That's designed to keep the novel coronavirus from spreading rapidly throughout the population.

"That's been hard on people to not have a memorial or a funeral service or a gravesite service," he said.

Since the mid-March ban on group gatherings, Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary has served numerous families. And while none of them have had members die of the virus, not being able to have services has kept the families from the closure they need, Nelson said.

"(N)ot all of those people would have had a service, because on the coast not a lot of people do, but we've had seven or eight families who would have had a service or will at some point," Nelson said. "For a couple, we tried to make accommodations as best we could to provide some kind of closure."

Those accommodations meant allowing two people in at a time for viewings of the deceased, which Nelson said helped some of the families.

"The other hard thing is the social distancing ... It's hard to give someone a hug when you're six feet apart."

But as the pandemic continues to spread, Nelson finds himself not just a voice of comfort, but increasingly part of the disaster planning process. A week ago, he and other area

funeral homes met with local public health and Bay Area Hospital via teleconference to talk about protocols should the disease run rampant here.

"It's on the assumption that most will die at the hospital," Nelson said. "The medical examiner has visited every mortuary home and made sure we had N-95 masks to wear when we go to a home of someone who dies of COVID-19, so we're protected."

Overall, Nelson said, his mortuary is prepared. It always has enough personal protective equipment, which is used every day regardless of the pandemic.

"There are also universal precautions we follow every time we make a removal," Nelson said, referring to the process of answering what are known as "death calls."

Those precautions include not moving a body any more than necessary, to prevent releasing virus spores into the air, keep-



JILLIAN WARD The World
John Nelson, co-owner of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, is comforting grieving families through caring words and advice as social distancing regulations prevent funeral services from happening.

ing the body wrapped so nothing is transferred, and always wearing gloves and masks.

Although Nelson has yet to see a COVID-19 death, his son is a funeral director in the Portland area and has answered those calls.

"They wear masks and gloves to every death call now," Nelson said. "They tell the family on the phone that they will arrive in masks and gloves for their protection."

Over his 35 years in the funeral home business, Nelson has lived through both the Ebola and AIDS

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crises, but has never seen societal restrictions like now.

"I saw some people who refused to go on an AIDS death call because they were fearful of getting it," he recalled. "But I understand that if you follow these universal precautions, the chances of getting anything are small..."

"Right now, for us the lack of closure is the hard part."

As someone who deals with grieving on a daily

basis, Nelson has this advice for his neighbors:

"We need physical distancing ... but take every opportunity to reach out and give words of encouragement."

"There's a difference between a reason and an excuse. Sometimes we can't do something, and there's a reason. But don't let this pandemic be an excuse that you don't do something."

The Face of Coronavirus



Amy Moss Strong, The World

Wayne Strong helps direct traffic during the Good Neighbors Food Bank distribution on April 7 next to the Bandon Community Center. The distribution was different this month due to social distancing mandates from the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of those requesting food assistance increased by about 10 percent, organizers said, but they did not run out of food to give away to low-income families and individuals. The next Good Neighbors Food Bank distribution will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Tuesday, May 7. The Restoration Worship Center Food Pantry distributes groceries to low-income families and individuals on the fourth Thursday of each month from 4-6 p.m., with the next event on April 22. Bandon Coastal Harvest is open to distribute food every Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. Bandon Senior Meals is offering lunch from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; pick up at the back door of the Community Center.



Amy Moss Strong, The World

Danielle Benjamin works alongside a friend building outdoor seating for her new restaurant, Raven SaltWater Grille, on Second Street in Old Town. The new restaurant has not opened yet, but Benjamin, as many other business owners, is taking the opportunity to do repair and refurbishing work during the COVID-19 crisis and business closures.

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Sewage overflow

COOS BAY — Wednesday morning, the City of Coos Bay was notified of sewage spilling from a manhole at the intersection of South Wall Street and Fulton Avenue.

According to a press release from the city, crews were immediately dispatched to the site and it was determined the spill was connected to an air release valve associated with the newly constructed wastewater treatment plant in Empire. Operators cleaned up the spill and it was determined 4,125 gallons of partially treated wastewater was discharged. The city noted the spill occurred on the street and no sewage made it to the bay.

Since the sewage did not discharge at an approved location, however, the Department of Environmental Quality requires the city report the incident as a sanitary sewer overflow. The DEQ and Oregon Emergency Response Team were notified of the incident, the release said.

The pumps that feed the force main have been turned off until the cause of the overflow is determined. Any questions can be directed to the City of Coos Bay Public Works Department at 541-269-8918.

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8 Shocks

12 Turkish title

13 Injection

14 Fitzgerald or Raines

15 Sneaky

16 Oboe feature

17 Unskilled worker

18 Temple city of Japan

20 Perfumed pouches

22 Siesta

24 Lock's companion

25 Hit a homer

28 Some tests

32 Heifer

33 "— Bravo"

35 Court case

36 Cargo area

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42 Crocheted blanket

45 Hosp. staffer

47 Old French coin

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52 Man-eating giants

56 Aspirin target

57 Joule

59 Catchall abbr.

60 Dove sounds

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65 Pie container
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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27 Aria performer

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National Perspective: Alone, Together

DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

The polls show Joe Biden leading Donald Trump in the presidential race. Looking at the last 10 surveys in the RealClear-Politics average of polls matching Trump vs. Biden, Biden is leading in every one of them -- by anywhere from 3 to 10 points. Biden's average lead, in those 10 polls, is 5.5 points.

The results echo polls from this point in 2016, when the general election matchup was Trump vs. Hillary Clinton. Taking 10 polls from this time in the last campaign, Clinton led in every one of them -- by anywhere from 6 to 18 points. Her average lead in those polls was 10.5 points.

There's not much of a lesson in all those numbers, except to say that polls in April do not predict how an election will turn out in November. But they do say that President Trump, running for reelection in 2020, is a bit better off competitively at this moment than candidate Trump was at the same time in 2016.

Based on the 2016 experience, the most passionate Trump supporters are fond of dismissing all polls as skewed, biased, fake. But polls do represent a snapshot in time. And April before a November election is a time in which voters use polls to express general opinions on events and personalities without the pressure of actually having to choose Candidate A over Candidate B. Today's polls reflect a different frame of mind than polls taken while voting is

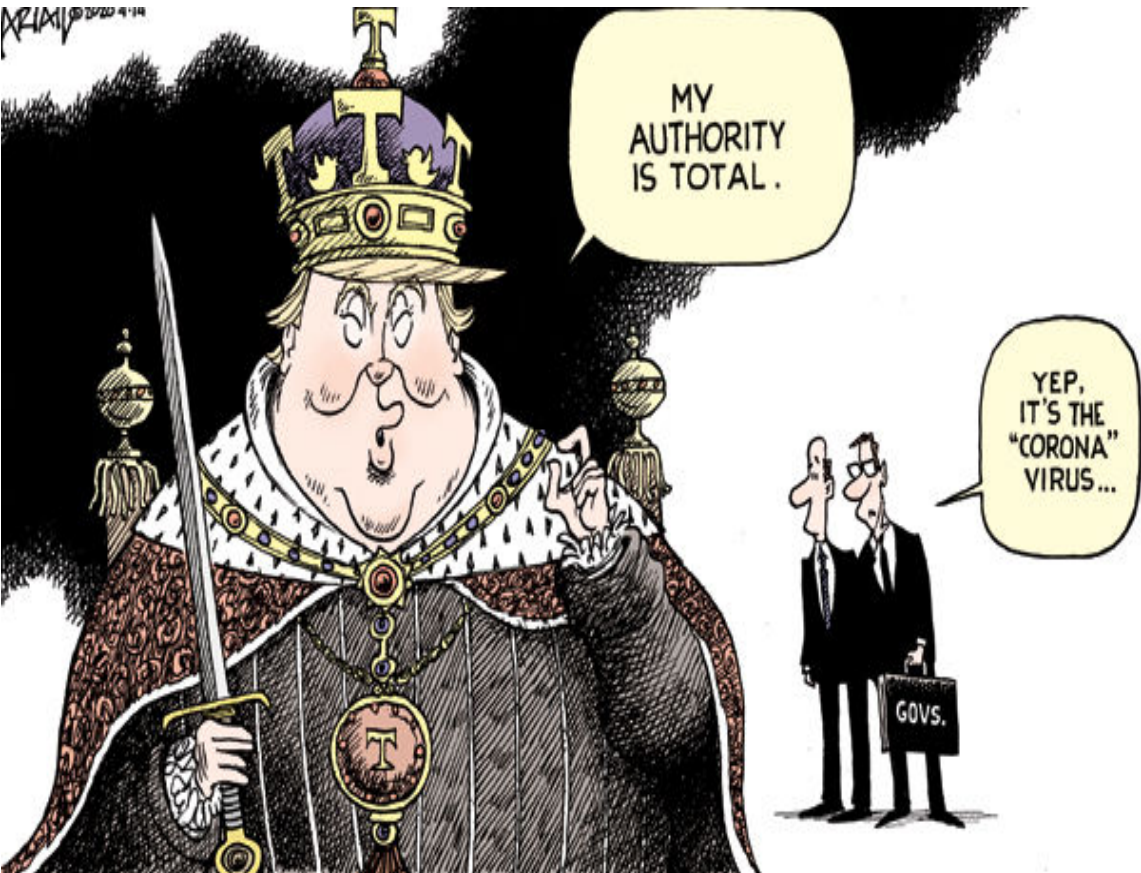
actually underway. At that time, as the saying goes, the stuff gets real.

So if the polls are a snapshot, then why is Biden's lead today smaller than Clinton's was at a comparable time in the last campaign?

Some might point to the coronavirus crisis and the tendency of voters to rally around a leader against a common threat. President Trump's job approval rating has indeed gone up during the crisis. It currently stands at 47.0% approve, 49.8% disapprove, in the RealClearPolitics average. Before the virus crisis, Trump had never, in his entire presidency, risen above 46.0% approval. In other words, his rating was never very high. That is part of Trump's unique relationship with the electorate; his approval has never skyrocketed for any reason, but it has also never sunk to the floor. In the last few days, the rating has been ticking down a bit, but it will likely stay among the highest of Trump's presidency, at least for a while.

Biden's lead over Trump has been fairly stable -- somewhere in the 4 to 6 point range -- since last December. Before that, in the late fall of 2019, it rose as high as 10 points. But it has been in the same place since before the coronavirus crisis began and does not seem to have been affected by the outbreak.

Others might point to the continued candidacy of Bernie Sanders as a reason for Biden's relative weakness. The Vermont senator is indeed still in the race, ignoring calls to drop out. But he



is far behind Biden -- 22.7 points behind in the RCP average.

At this time in 2016, Hillary Clinton had a much bigger Sanders problem than Biden does today. After having a substantial lead over Sanders in March 2016, Clinton's margin shrank to a single point in April. Then, as now, Sanders refused to get out of the race; he finally surrendered in July.

So the Bernie factor is probably not the explanation. But perhaps there are other factors that explain Biden's relatively weaker position compared to Clinton 2016. For one thing, Biden is running against an incumbent president, which is harder to do. In 2016 Clinton and Trump were pursuing an open seat.

Or there could just be something about Biden that voters are not particularly thrilled about. It might be persistent doubts about his physical stamina to hold the world's most demanding job starting at age 78. Or a feeling related to that, that Biden, who first entered the Senate in 1973 -- nearly a half-century ago -- is a man of the past.

Whatever the case, it appears voters have mixed feelings about electing Biden president. In a recent Washington Post poll, 74% of

respondents who supported Biden said they were enthusiastic about it, while 86% of Trump supporters expressed enthusiasm.

Of course, the Trump candidacy has its own problems. Even before coronavirus hit, the president's time in office has been a roller coaster that has left some voters

enraged, some disappointed, and others simply exhausted. But a sitting president has a lot of advantages in the race for reelection. A challenger has to be particularly strong to overcome them. It's not clear that Biden has that strength.

(Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washing-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Heal our planet’

With the 50th anniversary of Earth Day upon us on April 22nd, we are already reducing our carbon footprint during the pandemic by severely curtailing travel. But we can do so much more by cutting our consumption of animal meat and milk products. Yes, that.

A recent article in the respected journal Nature argues that animal agriculture is a major driver of climate change, air and water pollution, depletion of soil and water resources, and destruction of wildlife habitats. Oxford University's prestigious Food Climate Research Network reports that solving the global warming catastrophe requires a massive

shift to plant-based eating.

In an environmentally sustainable world, we must replace meat and dairy products with vegetables, fruits, and grains, just as we replace fossil fuels with wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources. Each of us has a unique opportunity to heal our planet by transitioning to plant-based eating.

We can begin with a 1-minute NY Times food test at <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/04/30/climate/your-diet-quiz-global-warming.html>. Then, let's celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day at our supermarket. The internet offers ample advice and recipes.

Clyde Bustamante
Coos Bay

In the Time of the Virus, Grooming Takes a Hit



FROMA HARROP

A friend closed in his northern Italian apartment for almost six weeks emailed me saying that his wife says he looks like a "clochard." That's French for street bum. This from a man who once was a walking advertisement for fine Italian tailoring.

Grooming has taken a hit as the coronavirus shuts down public life. That's understandable, though others in the household might like a spiffier cellmate.

The following is not for those suffering from the coronavi-

rus. Their only job is recovery. Rather, it is for the healthy self-quarantining masses stuck for weeks in their homes. Trips to the drugstore or supermarket don't count as public outings. Notice how they're also looking shabby.

It's an interesting experiment to shuffle through the days in pajama bottoms or sweatpants with an occasional upgrade to jeans. Can I wear a T-shirt with a coffee stain? Just for today -- and tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow.

With hair salons closed, we're getting to see the real color of people's hair. "Here comes the 2-inch zebra stripe of roots," a dark-haired friend told me. Pulling one's hair back would be a mistake, she adds.

My friend worried that a run on root touch-up spray would leave the drugstore shelves in the hair color section as empty as the ones for thermometers. Hasn't

happened yet, she reports.

No sympathy here for people desperate for a cut. Toughen up, I say. But gray roots? That's a real concern for vain people of a certain age, not that I would know.

There's all sorts of advice on upping one's game for those times when you must greet your public in a video conference. Much of it centers on what you should wear -- from the waist up. Below the camera's eye, no one at the other end can see what you have on or don't have on.

Of course, you must also fix up the part of your home that appears behind you. For a Zoom call with my stylish friend, I placed a small vase of daffodils within the "eyesight" of the computer. "How do you like the flowers?" I asked. "Nice," she answered, "but you might not want the box of 500 envelopes in the back."

My precious bottle of Purell

"advanced" hand sanitizer advertises that it "kills 99.99% of most illness causing germs." I bought it for a couple of dollars before the pandemic. Black marketeers are now apparently trying to sell it for more than a flask of Chanel No. 5.

I do wonder about the virus-fighting abilities of my fancy lavender and rosemary liquid hand soap, a relic of gentler times. The label says, "Specially formulated to leave your hands feeling silky, refreshed and slightly scented."

Can a soap that doesn't leave the skin dry, cracked and smelling like a pesticide do the job? I've decided to continue using the lovely scented soap on the assumption that the virus does not like nice things.

The Wall Street Journal interviewed some beauty experts on how they're maintaining standards. One makeup artist said she is giving herself facials

with a microneedle derma-roller. A Paris-based acupuncturist revealed she is running a gua sha stone tool over her skin to release tension.

If you don't know what a gua sha stone tool is, ask Amazon. They're apparently still in stock. The Journal article advises trying some of these home treatments "so you can at least feel human again."

Actually, the lapse in grooming is, in a way, making some of us feel more human than ever -- in the minimalistic, homo sapiens sense. If you don't apply the vitamin C serum today, no one will notice.

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On this day in Coos County history

April 17, 1920
DEBATE HELD AT THE HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY TO THE REGULAR EVENT AT EUGENE SOON
Assembly Held at High School This Morning When Several Interesting Matters Come Up

As assembly of all high school students was held this morning in the high school assembly. The debating team held a preliminary debate on the question to be discussed at Eugene, resolved, "That the Japanese Should be Admitted to The United States on the Same Basis as the European People."

Orval Robson and Rayment McKeown took the affirmative side and Acie Merrifield and Howard Lewis were on the negative. There were no judges this morning.

April 16, 1970
Chances For CB Port Plans Called ‘Good’

Chances of authorization this year for the Port of Coos Bay Harbor project were termed "pretty good" by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield Wednesday in a report to The World after a Senate hearing before the Flood Control Rivers and Harbors subcommittee of the Public Works Committee.

Hatfield said the Corps of Engineers made a splendid presentation of the proposals to improve the harbor by deepening and widening the channels to provide a 45-

foot depth in the entrance channel, a 35-foot depth in the interior channel, construction of an anchorage area, deepening and widening existing turning basins and abandonment of existing anchorages.

Supporting telegrams from the Port of Coos Bay Commissioners, the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce and from the cities of Coos Bay, North Bend, Eastside and Myrtle Point added weight to the engineers' presentation and demonstrated unity of the community for the project, according to the senator. Such demonstration of unity is of utmost importance in winning approval and gaining recognition from government bodies, Hatfield emphasized.

April 16, 2010
Hide those tattoos
Job seekers get pointers for the hunt

Shine your shoes. Trim your nails. Pop a breath mint. Don't wear too much perfume or makeup. Don't show too much cleavage.

And for goodness' sake, hide those tattoos.

These were among the tips heard by about 18 women and three men on Thursday, during the Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area's semi-annual Dress for Success event.

"When you have 30 seconds to make a first impression on a future employer, you want to make it good," consultant Pamela de Jong said.

April 16, 2015
Coos County commissioner lays out lodging tax proposal

As Coos County continually struggles with budgetary constraints despite the re-authorization of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding, talk to instating a transient lodging tax (TLT) has recently come to the forefront and even been publicly addressed at the last board of commissioners meeting.

And at a recent county budget meeting, Commissioner Melissa Cribbins provided a better idea of exactly what the 10-percent countywide room tax (which would also apply to the cities) would look like, and the impact could be substantial.

The transient lodging tax or "bed" tax -- a short-term rental tax paid by guests staying in a hotel, inn or other form of lodging -- would be 10 percent across the board to both the county and cities. Because the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend already have a 7 percent lodging tax, 7 percent of the new transient lodging tax would be credited back to them, with the county only collecting the 3-percent difference. In essence, the tax would be exactly the same, at 10 percent throughout the county and all jurisdictions.

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.

Relief payments begin arriving

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gov-ernment relief checks began arriving in Americans’ bank accounts as the economic damage to the U.S. from the coronavirus piled up Wednes-day and sluggish sales at reopened stores in Europe and China made it clear that business won’t necessarily bounce right back when the crisis eases.

With many factories shut down, American industrial output shriveled in March, registering its biggest decline since the U.S. demobilized in 1946 at the end of World War II. Retail sales fell by an unprecedented 8.7%, with April expected to be far worse.

The world’s biggest economy began issuing one-time payments this week to tens of millions of people as part of its \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package, with adults receiving up to \$1,200 each and \$500 per child to help them pay the rent or cover other bills. The checks will be direct-ly deposited into accounts or mailed to households in the coming weeks, depending on how people filed their tax returns.

Among those receiving a check was Jacqueline Gonzalez, a 32-year-old single mother who was laid off from her job as a bartender and lives with her mother, a teacher, in Miami

Lakes, Florida. Gonzalez paid her car insurance and gave her mother \$500 for rent. She has signed up for food stamps.

“There is no other form of income for us right now. We have no other choice. We can’t work from home,” she said. “We’re just sitting here. Bills are racking up.”

In an unprecedented move, Pres-ident Donald Trump’s name will be printed on the paper checks. Still, in some places under stay-at-home or-ders, frustrations began to boil over among those worried the economic toll is more crushing than the virus itself.

And elsewhere around the world, the first steps in lifting economically crippling restrictions are running into resistance, with customers staying away from the reopened businesses and workers afraid of risking their health.

In China, millions are still wary of spending much or even going out. Some cities have resorted to handing out vouchers and trying to reassure consumers by showing officials in state media eating in restaurants.

“I put off plans to change cars and spend almost nothing on eating out or entertainment,” said Zhang Hu, a truck salesman in Zhengzhou who has gone back to work but has seen

his income plummet because few people are buying 20-ton rigs. “I have no idea when the situation will turn better.”

In Austria, Marie Froehlich, who owns a clothing store in Vienna, said her staff was happy to be back after weeks cooped up at home. But dependent largely on tourism, which has dried up amid the travel restric-tions, she expects the business will take months to return to normal.

“Until then, we are in crisis mode,” she said.

Rome’s streets were also largely deserted despite the reopening of some stores.

Worldwide, deaths have topped 130,000 and confirmed infections 2 million, according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. The figures understate the true size of the crisis, in part because of limited testing, different ways of counting the dead, and concealment by some governments

The U.S. has recorded approxi-mately 28,000 deaths — highest in the world — and over 600,000 con-firmed infections, by Johns Hopkins’ count. Still, the nightmare scenarios projecting a far greater number of deaths and hospitalizations have not come to pass, raising hopes from coast to coast.

Maurine Rose Johnson

November 14, 1931 – April 12, 2020

Maurine Rose Johnson, 88, of Coos Bay, passed away April 12, 2020 at Coos Bay. Interment will be at Myrtle Crest Memorial Gardens in Coquille. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Maurine was born on Nov. 14, 1931 in Carey, Idaho to Ariel Tracey and Ruth Opal (Cross) Dilworth. She was the middle child with 2 older brothers and a younger brother and sister. She met William (Bill) Johnson in Gold Beach OR. They married on Jan. 29, 1955. They had 3 boys and a girl. They were married just shy of 66 years when Bill passed away.

Maurine grew up in Carey and Meridian Idaho. She was a tomboy and played Baseball and Football for her High School because there wasn’t enough boys

for a team. After graduating from high school, she went to Pocatello, Idaho for 3 years for Nursing School and graduated top of her class. She retired from Coquille Valley Hospital in 1996 after 29 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Robyn Johnson (Robert Eck); son, Eric Johnson; 9 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; brother, Dee Dilworth (Marie); sister, Afton Hampton; and brother, Wayne Dilworth (Lindy).

She was preceded in death by her parents; older brother, Leroy Bryan; son, Kelly Eric (14 Days); son, Bryan Wayne (24 years); and husband, Bill.

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

FRIDAY PUZZLES

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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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.

DEATH NOTICE

Joyce A. Mason - 83, of North Bend, passed away April 11, 2020 in Springfield. Arrangements are under the care of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area, 541-269-2851 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

California gives cash to immigrants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California will be the first state to give cash to immigrants living in the country illegally who are hurt by the coronavirus, offering \$500 apiece to 150,000 adults who were left out of the \$2.2 trillion stimulus package approved by Congress.

Many Americans began receiving \$1,200 checks from the federal government this week, and others who are unemployed are getting an additional \$600 a week from the government that has ordered them to stay home and disrupted what had been a roaring economy.

But people living in the country illegally are not eligible for any of that money, and advocates have been pushing for states to fill in the gap. Wednesday, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he would spend \$75 million of taxpayer money to create

a Disaster Relief Fund for immigrants living in the country illegally.

“We feel a deep sense of gratitude for people that are in fear of deportations that are still addressing essential needs of tens of millions of Californians,” said Newsom, who noted 10% of the state’s workforce are immigrants living in the country illegally who paid more than \$2.5 bil-lion in state and local taxes last year.

Senate Republican Leader Shannon Grove said Newsom should spend the money instead on food banks, equipment for students to continue their education on-line and local governments struggling with revenue losses.

“Instead of meeting these urgent needs, Governor Newsom has chosen to irresponsibly pursue a left-wing path and unilaterally secured \$125 million for

undocumented immigrants,” said Grove, who represents Bakersfield.

California has an estimat-ed 2.2 million immigrants living in the country illegal-ly, the most of any state, ac-cording to the Pew Research Center. State officials won’t decide who gets the money. Instead, the state will give the money to a network of regional nonprofits to find and vet potential recipients. Advocates say that’s key to making the plan work be-cause immigrants are unlik-ely to contact the government for fear of deportation.

“You need to use orga-nizations that have trusted relationships with these families,” said Jacqueline Martinez, CEO of the Latino Community Foundation.

A group of charities has committed to raising another \$50 million for the fund from private donors, potentially offering benefits to another

100,000 people. But that money will have fewer limitations, meaning grants could be more than \$500 or less, depending on the cost-of-living where a person lives.

Organizers began raising money on Friday and have raised more than \$6 million so far, with contributions from the Emerson Collec-tive, Blue Shield of Califor-nia Foundation, the Califor-nia Endowment, the James Irvine Foundation, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and an anonymous donor.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Invitations to Marketing parties overwhelm friend.

DEAR ABBY: I’m in my mid-40s, and a LOT of my female friends are involved in multilevel marketing companies. Whether it be for eyelashes, supplements, jewelry, antiaging products, candles, leg-gings, etc., I receive nonstop “invitations” to buy their products.

I’m old enough to know from experi-ence that most of the products are rubbish, and many times way overpriced. I’m sim-ply not interested. How do I politely (yet firmly) decline the invitations that come my way without hurting their feelings? -- MULTILEVEL MARKETING HATER

DEAR MULTILEVEL MARKET-ING: It’s time you recognize the differ-ence between a friendship and a marketing ploy. If you are invited to something, feel free to ask whether there will be any sell-ing and, if there will be, decline. To do so is not being rude or hurtful. Women who are really your friends will continue to be, and those who aren’t will disappear.

DEAR ABBY: My mom and step-dad occasionally watch my children to help us out or to spend time with them. I just found out that Mom will not put my 8-month-old into a crib or Pack ‘n Play to sleep. She puts her into bed along with my 4-year-old son. I have asked my mother repeatedly not to do that, not only for safety, but so everyone can sleep. She refuses. She says I should trust them, and they should be allowed to do whatever they want when the kids are with them. Please tell me what to do. -- FRUSTRAT-ED DAUGHTER

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Why you should trust someone who deliberately ignores your wishes is beyond me. Let me tell you what NOT to do. Do not allow your children to stay with your mother un-der these circumstances. Sometimes Mama

does NOT know best, and this is one of them. If you prefer your children not share the same bed, your wishes should be respected.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I live quite far from town and spend a lot of time in the car -- usually his. He bought some air fresheners for his car, which made me nauseated and gave me headaches. I asked him to please remove them, but he refused because he doesn’t want to waste the \$2.50. He said he likes the smell.

Abby, we have two other vehicles we can take. I felt it was such a small thing he could do to make me feel better. He doesn’t agree. What is your opinion on the matter? -- STUNK UP IN FLORIDA

DEAR STUNK: You may be allergic to something in that air freshener, which is why you got the headache and became nauseated. Asking your boyfriend to remove it was a small thing -- not like asking him to remove a limb. If he were less self-centered and more considerate, he would have accommodated you.

In my opinion, you should take one of the other cars when you drive together.

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- Casino supply
- Mexican lad
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- Nerve network
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- Megastar
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- Headache remedy
- German pistol
- Soldering tools
- Spot remover
- Molokai neighbor
- Clinched, as a deal
- Fingerprint part
- Handle dough
- Cries audibly
- Cruises
- Happy
- Requires
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- Sings wordlessly
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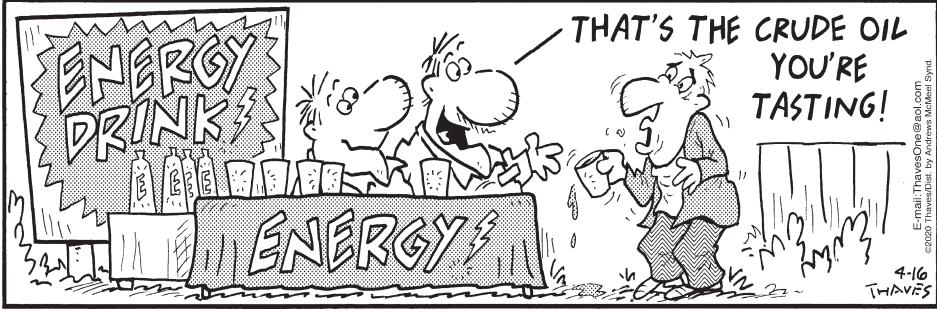
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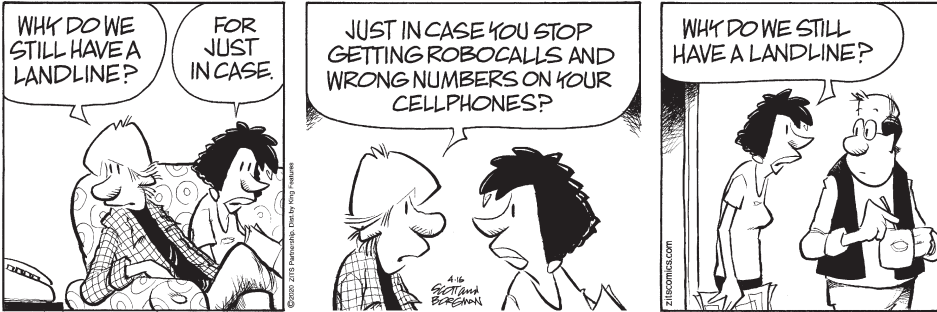
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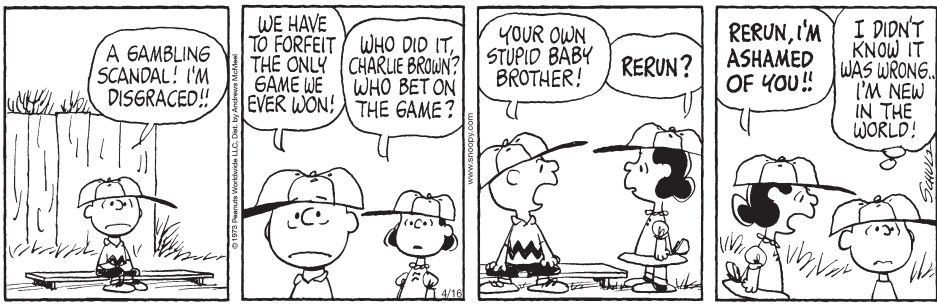
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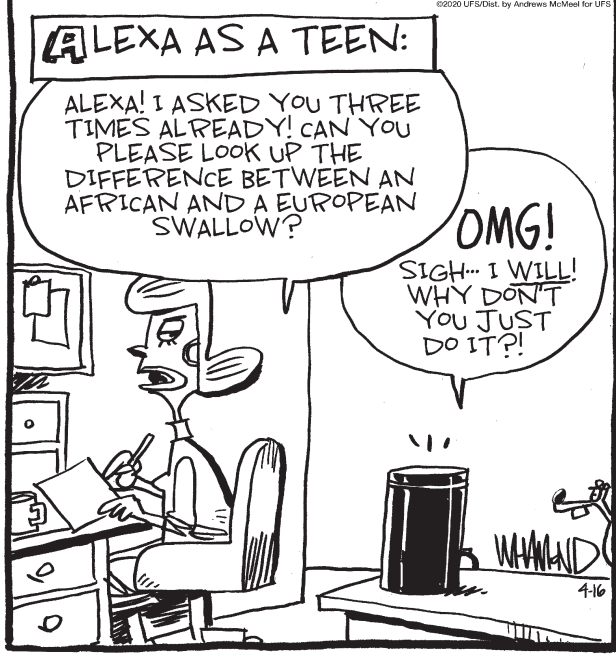
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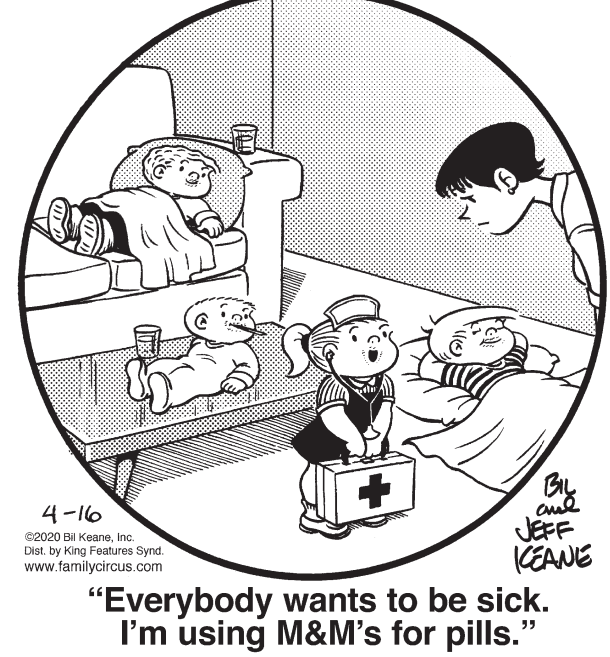
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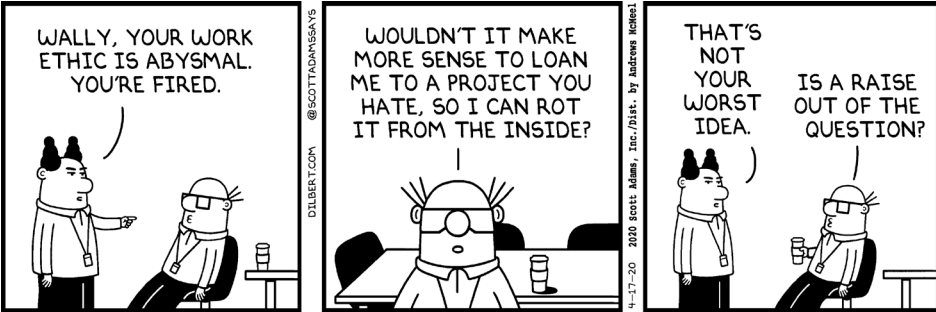


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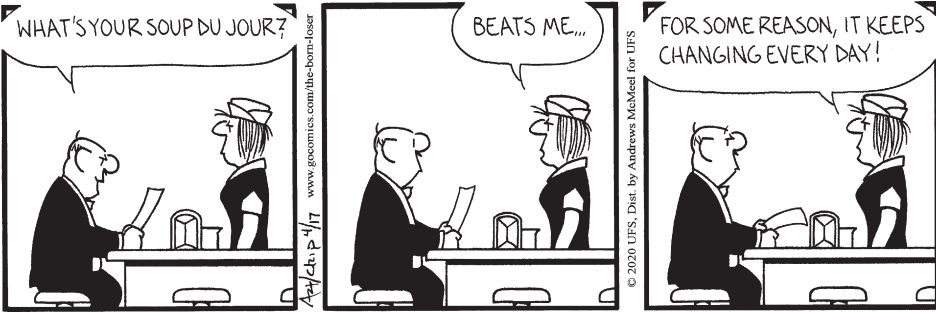
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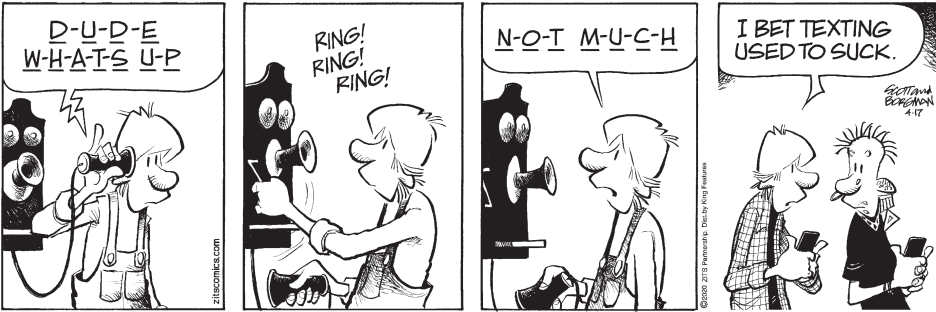
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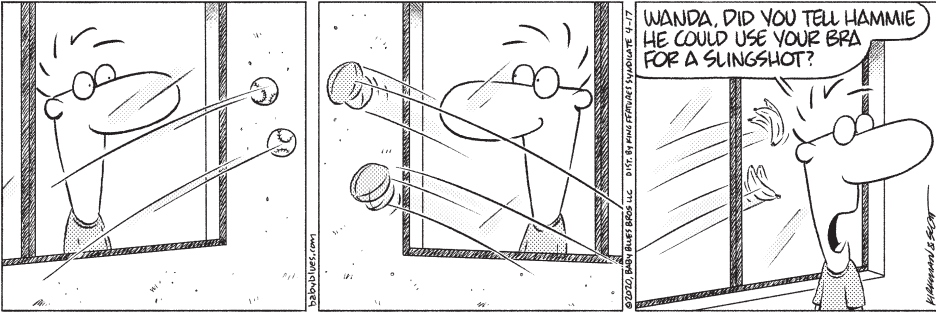
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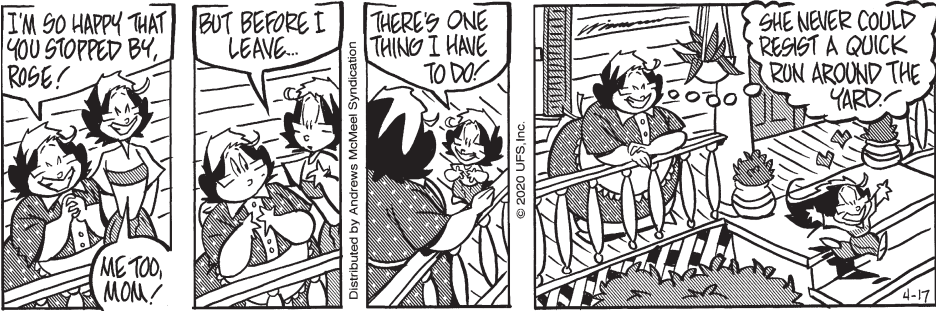
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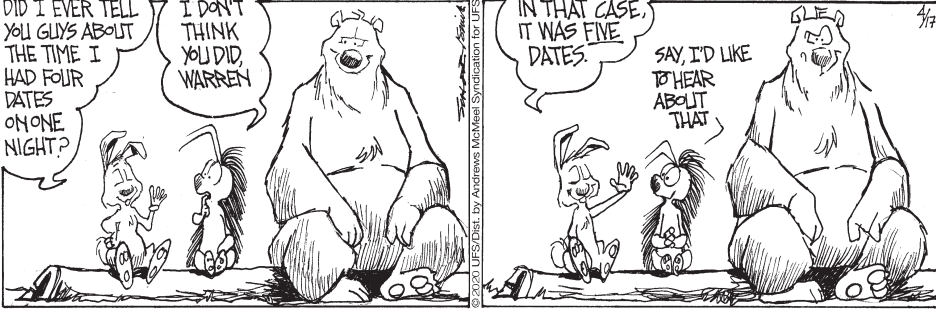
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Trump aims to lift some restrictions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said he’s prepared to announce new guidelines allowing some states to quickly ease up on social distancing even as business leaders told him they need more coronavirus testing and personal protective equipment before people can safely go back to work.

The industry executives cautioned Trump that the return to normalcy will be anything but swift.

The new guidelines, expected to be announced Thursday, are aimed at clearing the way for an easing of restrictions in areas with low transmission of the coronavirus, while keeping them in place in harder-hit places. The ultimate decisions will remain with governors.

“We’ll be opening some states much sooner than others,” Trump said Wednesday.

But in a round of calls with business leaders earlier in the day, Trump was warned that a dramatic increasing in testing and wider availability of protective equipment will be necessary for the safe restoration of their operations.

The new guidelines come as the federal government envisions a gradual recovery from the virus, in which disruptive mitigation measures may be needed in some places at least until a vaccine is available — a milestone unlikely to be reached until next year.

Trump said at his daily briefing that data indicates the U.S. is “past the peak” of the COVID-19 epidemic, clearing the way for his plans to roll out guidelines to begin to “reopen” the country.

He called the latest data “encouraging,” saying the numbers have “put us in a very strong position to finalize guidelines for states on reopening the country.”

Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus task force coordinator, added that data from across the country showed the nation “improving” but that Americans had to recommit to social distancing to keep up the positive momentum.

She said nine states have fewer than 1,000 cases and just a few dozen new cases per day. She said those would likely be the first to see a lifting in social distancing restrictions at the direction of their governors under the guidelines set to be released Thursday.

Birx said the White House was particularly concerned about Rhode Island, noting it is now seeing a surge in cases from the Boston metro area after seeing a spike several weeks ago from cases from New York.

Trump consulted dozens of high-profile CEOs, union officials and other executives via conference calls Wednesday.

He received a mixed message from the industry leaders. They, too, said they want to get the economy going but had worries about how to safely do so.

In a tweet midway through Trump’s round of conference calls with the executives, the president said the participants were “all-in on getting America back to work, and soon.”

But participants in a morning call that included dozens of leading American companies raised concerns about the testing issue, according to one participant who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the private discussion.

Another person who participated in Wednesday’s calls said it was stressed to Trump that expansion of testing and contact tracing was crucial, as well as guidelines for best practices on reopening businesses in phases or in one fell swoop.

The participant said those on the call noted to the administration that there was about to be a massive rush on personal protective equipment. Many businesses that are now shuttered will need the protective equipment to keep their employees and customers safe.

Trump was told “the economy will look very different and operations will look very different,” one participant said.

Mark Cuban, the billionaire entrepreneur and owner of the Dallas Mavericks, was among several representatives from major sports leagues to speak with Trump. During a Fox News Channel interview ahead of the calls, he credited the president with gathering some of the “best of the best” to help shape his approach on reopening the economy. Still, Cuban did not embrace Trump’s push to reopen parts of the economy May 1.

“This is such a moving target that I think the biggest mistake we can make is rush to a decision,” said Cuban, who previously had been critical of Trump’s response to the pandemic. “But I’m going to help him in every way I can, whatever he needs me to do.”

The panel, which Trump dubbed the new Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups, also could help give Trump a measure of cover. If cases surge once restrictions are lifted, as many experts have warned, Trump will be able to tell the public he didn’t act alone and the nation’s top minds — from manufacturing to defense to technology — helped shape the plan.

Rich Nolan, president and CEO of the National Mining Association, who participated in one of the calls with Trump, said there was also discussion about tax relief as well as “making sure that people are optimistic about the economy and they feel safe coming back to work.”

“I think you’ll see steps to reopen the country at different rates in different states in the not too distant future,” Nolan said.

The launch of the council was not without hiccups.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka didn’t know until he heard his name announced in the Rose Garden on Tuesday that he would be part of the advisory group, according to Carolyn Bobb, a spokeswoman for the union.

“We were not asked,” Bobb said in an email. It was “just announced.”

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said Trump has appointed some “smart people” to his task force who could offer state leaders helpful guidelines as they negotiate the way forward.

“There are certain roles that only the federal government can play and should play, but I think the governors are going to make their own decisions within those recommended guidelines,” Hogan said.

Warren: Former candidate to back Biden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Warren endorsed Joe Biden on Wednesday, the latest of the former vice president’s onetime White House rivals to back him as the Democratic Party moves to project unity against President Donald Trump going into the November election.

“Joe Biden has spent nearly his entire life in public service. He knows that a government run with integrity, competence, and heart will save lives and save livelihoods,” Warren said in a nearly four-minute video announcing her decision. “And we can’t afford to let Donald Trump continue to endanger the lives and livelihoods of every American.”

The Massachusetts senator rose to brief front-runner status in the Democratic race last fall but suspended her campaign last month after a disappointing “Super Tuesday” that included a third-place finish her home state. Warren left the race without endorsing Biden or her fellow progressive Bernie Sanders — but the dynamics changed substantially in subsequent weeks, with campaigning forced into a hiatus amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Sanders dropped out last week and endorsed Biden within days, hoping to persuade his fervent progressive supporters to warm to the more centrist Biden. Former President Barack Obama followed suit on Tuesday. Warren’s formal backing doesn’t carry the political heft it might have if she had endorsed Biden over Sanders weeks ago. Nonetheless, her announcement now could fuel speculation that Biden may choose her as a running mate.

Indeed, Warren said Wednesday night on MSNBC that she would accept the vice president position if Biden offered it to her.

Biden has said he soon will announce a committee to oversee his vice presidential search.

Biden saluted Warren for the series of detailed policy proposals she released as a candidate and said he will count on her to help rebuild the economy once the threat of the coronavirus lifts.

“She helped set a high-water mark for what our politics can be at their best — authentic and service-oriented, focused on how we can deliver the most help to the most people,” he said in a statement. “I am proud to have Senator Warren in my corner for the fight ahead — not just as we work to defeat Donald Trump in November, but in the years to come, as we push through a bold and progressive policy agenda for the American people.”

Warren referred to the pandemic more directly in a tweet. “In this moment of crisis, it’s more important than ever that the next president restores Americans’ faith in good, effective government — and I’ve seen Joe Biden help our nation rebuild. Today, I’m proud to endorse @JoeBiden as President of the United States,” she said.

Some of Warren’s allies note that, in the days before her endorsement, Biden embraced some of the senator’s plans to combat the coronavirus, including calls to cancel student debt and expand Social Security benefits during the crisis. He also has adopted a plan she promoted as a candidate to overhaul the nation’s bankruptcy system.

In her video, Warren also referenced the pair’s sometimes rocky relationship. They clashed in 2005, when Biden was a Delaware senator and Warren was a Harvard Law School professor and bankruptcy expert, during a congressional hearing over a bankruptcy bill. It was a scene that Biden, as vice president, recalled when he swore Warren into office eight years later.

“Joe Biden was there at the very moment I became a Senator,” Warren said. “And when he did, he said ‘you gave me hell! And you’re gonna do a great job.’”

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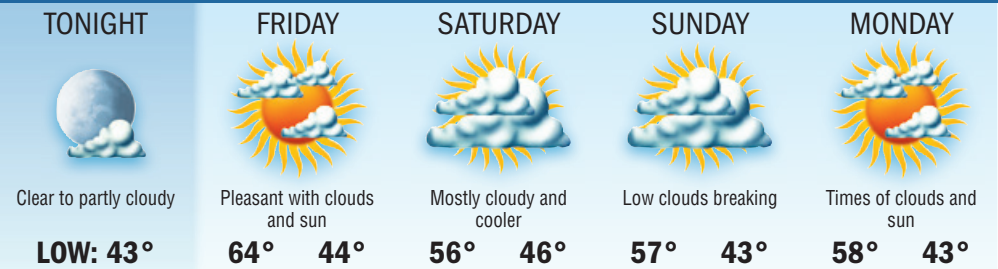
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FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



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North Bend yesterday	
TEMPERATURE	
High/low	57°/45°
Normal high/low	55°/43°
Record high	84° in 1999
Record low	33° in 1955
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	Trace
Year to date	16.88"
Last year to date	36.59"
Normal year to date	28.81"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:01 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:31 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	4:40 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	2:54 p.m.

















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City	Yesterday	Fri.
	Hi/Low Prec.	Hi/Low/W
Astoria	59/47 0.00	62/45/c
Burns	58/33 Trace	63/26/s
Brookings	68/51 0.00	59/45/pc
Corvallis	62/40 0.00	74/43/pc
Eugene	61/43 0.00	73/43/pc
Klamath Falls	64/28 0.00	66/31/pc
La Grande	55/46 Trace	65/35/pc
Medford	71/41 0.00	78/45/s
Newport	54/46 Trace	61/44/c
Pendleton	66/50 Trace	73/47/pc
Portland	68/49 0.00	75/48/pc
Redmond	64/48 0.00	72/37/pc
Roseburg	69/44 0.00	79/45/pc
Salem	62/41 0.00	73/44/pc
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REGIONAL FORECASTS

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Theatre

From A1

help contribute to the show each year, were saddened to hear the show was canceled and postponed, said Lavey.

This is the first time a show has been canceled in the theater’s entire history. In 1994, a fire destroyed the Sawdust Theatre’s building and halted operations only

temporarily. The production that year still took place at the Coquille Community Center, said Lavey.

With help from community members, corporate donors and countless volunteers, the theater was rebuilt to its former glory.

“We’re a family,” said Lavey. “We all miss each other and we all just miss being able to be down (at the theater.) I

appreciate all the people who were a part of our theater family and to everyone who was going help me backstage this summer...

“We are going to be up and running fully as soon as we’re able to do it.”

Anyone seeking additional information on the Sawdust Theatre or looking to donate is encouraged to visit its website at www.sawdusttheatre.com/wpsite/ or call Michael Thurman at 360-970-8171.

NATIONAL FORECAST



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Albuquerque	69/44/s	68/45/pc	Fargo	50/39/s	51/28/c	Pittsburgh	47/32/r	50/36/s
Anchorage	42/38/c	45/40/c	Flagstaff	58/29/s	52/29/pc	Pocatello	55/25/s	62/36/pc
Atlanta	74/59/pc	75/54/pc	Fresno	71/55/c	70/53/pc	Portland, ME	48/33/pc	47/33/r
Atlantic City	55/49/c	52/41/r	Green Bay	47/32/s	57/36/s	Providence	51/36/pc	48/33/r
Austin	74/56/c	69/62/r	Hartford, CT	52/35/c	50/31/pc	Raleigh	71/53/s	73/46/pc
Baltimore	58/42/r	60/38/r	Helena	57/34/s	51/30/pc	Rapid City	53/31/s	57/28/pc
Billings	57/32/s	52/33/pc	Honolulu	84/69/s	84/69/s	Redding	78/51/s	72/53/pc
Birmingham	76/55/pc	71/53/pc	Houston	81/61/sh	77/68/t	Reno	63/42/pc	67/42/pc
Boise	63/39/s	68/42/pc	Indianapolis	48/30/r	56/40/s	Richmond, VA	66/49/pc	68/38/sh
Boston	51/35/pc	45/35/c	Kansas City	47/31/c	62/43/s	Sacramento	71/52/pc	72/48/pc
Buffalo	42/30/c	46/38/s	Key West	88/81/s	88/80/pc	St. Louis	50/31/r	62/46/s
Burlington, VT	48/30/c	53/34/s	Las Vegas	76/57/pc	73/56/pc	Salt Lake City	55/38/s	62/44/s
Caribou, ME	41/19/pc	46/28/pc	Lexington	58/34/r	55/38/pc	San Angelo	63/46/pc	77/58/pc
Casper	46/25/s	52/23/pc	Little Rock	68/44/sh	64/51/c	San Diego	66/59/c	66/56/c
Charleston, SC	75/63/pc	83/60/t	Los Angeles	66/55/r	65/51/c	San Francisco	64/52/c	66/50/c
Charleston, WV	64/41/r	54/36/pc	Louisville	59/37/c	60/43/pc	San Jose	67/52/pc	69/50/c
Charlotte, NC	73/59/s	73/45/pc	Madison	49/31/c	58/37/s	Santa Fe	66/37/s	63/37/pc
Cheyenne	42/21/s	48/25/s	Memphis	70/43/c	64/52/pc	Seattle	68/48/pc	62/45/pc
Chicago	45/32/sf	55/45/s	Miami	86/75/t	89/76/t	Sioux Falls	50/33/pc	64/34/s
Cincinnati	55/34/r	56/38/c	Milwaukee	46/32/c	57/43/s	Spokane	61/44/pc	59/43/pc
Cleveland	42/32/sn	51/40/s	Minneapolis	47/33/s	60/33/pc	Springfield, IL	46/29/sh	59/43/s
Colorado Spgs	47/28/pc	57/31/c	Missoula	57/34/pc	58/34/c	Springfield, MA	51/34/c	50/29/pc
Columbus, OH	50/32/r	52/36/s	Nashville	75/42/pc	64/46/c	Syracuse	44/32/c	49/35/s
Concord, NH	50/31/pc	50/27/pc	New Orleans	81/66/t	79/70/t	Tampa	84/73/c	85/74/pc
Dallas	68/48/c	66/60/t	New York City	50/43/r	52/40/r	Toledo	40/25/sn	51/39/s
Dayton	48/31/r	54/38/s	Norfolk, VA	71/60/pc	62/47/r	Trenton	50/43/c	52/35/s
Daytona Beach	77/68/c	85/68/pc	Oklahoma City	54/34/pc	63/51/pc	Tucson	85/52/s	80/51/s
Denver	47/28/pc	54/41/s	Olympia, WA	71/43/pc	61/38/pc	Tulsa	55/55/c	66/52/pc
Des Moines	48/30/c	60/41/s	Omaha	48/33/pc	64/40/s	Washington, DC	61/46/c	61/40/r
Detroit	40/28/sn	52/39/s	Orlando	82/71/c	88/72/t	W. Palm Beach	85/73/t	91/76/t
El Paso	82/57/s	81/55/s	Philadelphia	53/41/c	57/38/r	Wichita	53/32/c	63/44/pc
Fairbanks	45/35/c	44/35/c	Phoenix	87/59/s	81/58/pc	Wilmington, DE	54/42/c	58/36/r

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



Sawdust Theatre in Coquille.

Amanda Linares, The World

Virus

From A1

then some of the other (symptoms) sore throat, head ache, even some (gastrointestinal) symptoms. Those are less than half but they are happening commonly enough that we have to pay attention to

those symptoms, too,” said Leon.

Adults in custody and employees both, reportedly, have access to masks.

The protocol for a positive test for an adult in custody is that the individual will be transferred to a facility that has 24/7 care.

“DOC’s minimum-security institutions do

not have the medical equipment or employees to appropriately treat COVID-19 positive (adults in custody). The Agency Operations Center is in daily consultation with our Chief of Medicine and our Infectious Disease Specialist, to determine the appropriate medical care for

our (adults in custody),” said Black.

For the almost 100 employees that work at Shutter Creek in some capacity, Black noted that she is hoping that all take precaution and share any important information.

“It is not possible for us to know how many

employees have been tested for COVID-19 as that information is not always shared with us,” she stated. “It is our hope that all Department of Corrections employees share test results with us so we can assist them with pay and protected leave time while they are recovering.”

An additional employee at Santiam Correctional Institution tested positive for the coronavirus on Wednesday, bringing the total number to five; four adults in custody have tested positive at the facility. Four employees have tested positive at the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Aid

From A1

unemployment rate could reach as high as 20% in April, which would be the highest rate since the Great Depression of the 1930s. By comparison, unemployment never topped 10% during the Great Recession.

Layoffs are spreading beyond service industries like hotels, bars and restaurants, which absorbed the

brunt of the initial job cuts, into white collar professional occupations, including software programmers, construction workers and sales people.

Collectively, the job cuts could produce unemployment on an epic scale. Up to 50 million jobs are vulnerable to coronavirus-related layoffs, economists say — about one-third of all positions in the United States. That figure is based on a calculation of jobs that are

deemed non-essential by state and federal governments and that cannot be done from home.

It’s unlikely that all those workers will be laid off or file for unemployment benefits. But it suggests the extraordinary magnitude of unemployment that could result from the pandemic.

“This crisis combines the scale of a national economic downturn with the pace of a natural disaster,” said Daniel Zhao, senior

economist at Glassdoor. “And that’s really unprecedented in American economic history.”

The U.S. economy is tumbling into what appears to be a calamitous recession, the worst in decades. Ryan Sweet, an economist at Moody’s Analytics, estimates that the nation’s output will shrink 10.5% before it starts to rebound. That would be more than double the contraction that occurred during the 2008-

2009 recession, which was the worst downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Retailers and other service companies keep cutting jobs. The electronics chain Best Buy said this week that it will furlough 51,000 of its hourly employees, including nearly all its part-time workers. Royal Caribbean Cruises will cut one-quarter of its 5,000 corporate employees.

But now, job losses are

spreading well beyond occupations involving restaurants, retail, travel and entertainment, which were hit first and hardest. The software company Toast, which works with the restaurant industry, last week cut half its workforce -- or 1,300 people -- citing a dizzying drop in restaurant sales. Yelp, the customer review site, cut 1,000 jobs. Groupm, the online discount company, shed 2,800.

Trees

From A1

those of historical significance to the city. O’Connor said this was officially determined by the State of Oregon in 2011.

This was a highly controversial proposal with a number of community members expressing their opposition to the city. Some community members called in to the meeting to give their views during public comment, as well as during the council work session Monday.

Susanna Noordhoff, one opponent of the tree removal, said the parks superintendent wanted Simpson Park to be the “perfect playground park”

with lots of sunlight. She added, however, that the park was never intended with that in mind and the change shouldn’t be forced without community input.

“It was created to be a lovely place dominated by big trees,” she said. “It’s a shady park, the trees were there first.”

Noordhoff added that she understands some trees do need to be cut, but felt the healthy trees should be left alone.

Another caller said the park should be treated as a conifer forest, leaving most of the healthy trees alone and only doing maintenance to ensure the health of the trees. They said the changes were “not typically North Bend” and planting deciduous trees, or leaving the space open

with no trees, would go against the feel of the area.

Not all comments were negative, though. Kathy Dodds said she wanted to preserve the majesty of the trees in Simpson Park, and the area. She said there should definitely be maintenance done, but that leaving as many trees as possible would be the best route. Dodds suggested the city open the proposal for discussion with the whole community so more people can give input.

Noordhoff also encouraged that the proposal be returned to the parks board for review.

O’Connor said the city is facing “simplistic, salacious, shady arguments made by people who are not understanding that the purpose of the park is

for all of the community members of North Bend.” He said the area does not qualify as a forest and the city is not doing logging, adding that the project is intended to improve the park for everyone’s benefit and enjoyment.

He added that changes to the park have been an ongoing thing, and that the area has been constantly evolving. He recalled Simpson Park has had many uses since the land was dedeed to the city by its founder, including an old style RV park.

“Essentially, the park has had many different lives in the past,” O’Connor said. “It’s going to have many different lives in the future. The park usage changes with the times to match the requirements

of the public.”

He added that the trees to be cut down are all much younger than the 100 year old trees planted by North Bend’s founder, a point cited by opponents. Though he said the trees are no more than 35 years old, some opponents have also said a few are at least 50 to 75 years old.

O’Connor also recalled that, during a visit, the state’s urban forester described Simpson Park as ‘dark, dank, and dangerous.’ He added that the representative did not want to stay in the park due to the condition of the area.

“There were sufficient hindrances to allow the park to be fully utilized because of its overgrown nature, it was not allow-

ing sunlight in for both the trees and for the public,” he said. “Nevertheless, (the state) provided the plan, which we have also looked at and undertook when addressing improvements to Simpson Park.”

O’Connor also refuted accusations that the proposal was not discussed during the park’s board meetings, or was hidden from the public. He read the items on a Feb. 3 meeting agenda, which listed “views on possibly removing some trees from play area to allow more sunlight into play area and for safety issues” for discussion. He said the packet at the meeting also included photos of the trees suggested for removal from the park.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

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Stock	Close	8:30
Frontier	.28	.24
Intel	58.87	60.11
Kroger	32.03	32.27
Microsoft	171.88	176.39

Nike	85.04	86.29
NW Natural	61.83	61.28
Skywest	27.08	25.38
Starbucks	72.55	73.32
Umpqua Hldgs	10.52	10.09
Weyerhaeuser	19.12	18.67

Xerox	17.27	16.73
Levi Strauss	13.00	12.96
Dow Jones closed at	23,504.35	
Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		

LOTTERY

MegaMillions	Powerball
April 14	April 15
29-47-65-69-70	10-12-33-36-41
Megaball: 7	Powerball: 2
Multiplier: x4	Multiplier: x3
Jackpot: \$159 million	Jackpot: \$24 million

Megabucks	Win For Life
April 15	April 15
2-5-7-26-41-45	31-32-44-50
Jackpot: \$3 Million	Pick 4
	April 14
	5-0-5-3

College sports on hold until campuses reopen

RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

The commissioners of the nation's major college football conferences held a 30-minute conference call Wednesday with Vice President Mike Pence and stressed that college sports cannot return from the coronavirus shutdown until campuses have reopened.

The 10 commissioners, along with the athletic director of Notre Dame, comprise the College Football Playoff management committee.

"We were able to talk about the differences between us and professional sports," American Athletic Conference Commis-

sioner Mike Aresco said. "We talked about how academics and college athletics were inseparable."

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Pence asked good questions and was "hopeful and optimistic" about the fight against the coronavirus. The pandemic has shut down all major sporting events since mid-March and forced colleges to close campuses and move classes online.

The White House has said it is important to re-open the U.S. economy, though the details on how that will happen will be complicated and likely involve local, state and federal guidelines on safety. President Donald Trump has also been engaged

with professional sports leagues with the multibillion-dollar sports industry on hold.

The college football season is scheduled to begin Labor Day weekend, but many questions remain to be answered for a sport that is the lifeblood for many athletic departments.

"(We) made the point we were concerned and wanted to get back to having kids attending college and opening up our colleges and universities," Bowlsby said. "That until that happened we weren't going to be having any sports."

The commissioners would like major college football to start at the same time all over the country, which could be difficult

depending on how the pandemic fades.

"We talked a little about whether there would be a national policy because, obviously, if governors have different policies you're going to have some issues," Aresco said. "If California isn't allowing football and Ohio is that's going to be issue for what is obviously a national enterprise."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the United States' top infectious disease expert, said in a Snapchat interview it is unlikely sporting events can happen this summer with large crowds in attendance.

Bowlsby said another call with the vice president was likely in about a month.

College Football Playoff

executive director Bill Hancock, who was also on the call, said the Jan. 1 semifinals in New Orleans and Pasadena, California, and the Jan. 11 championship game in Miami are still on.

"I was glad to know that the vice president understands how important college football is," Hancock said.

The size of the season is daunting, with more than 1,500 regular-season games for 130 schools in the Bowl Subdivision alone, the NCAA's highest level of football. Each team plays 12 regular-season games and each conference plays a lucrative championship game.

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Women's sports will be hit hard

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The Associated Press

Linked to the rising call for gender equity worldwide, women's sports were enjoying unprecedented attention and support before the coronavirus pandemic.

The World Cup in France put a spotlight on women's soccer, culminating with the United States lifting the trophy to chants of "Equal Pay!" — a nod to the team's gender discrimination lawsuit against U.S. Soccer — and the sport remained in the public eye to open the year. The professional National Women's Soccer League, home to many of the U.S. national team's players, was expecting to open its eighth season with a new television contract.

Women's pro softball was looking toward the sport's return to the Olympics for the first time since 2008. Professional volleyball, which enjoys popularity in Europe, Russia and Brazil, similarly draws peak interest in an Olympic year.

Any momentum these leagues, and women's sports in general, had worldwide has seemingly been halted by the pandemic. Now the question is whether women will lose the gains they had made when life returns to normal.

"If the seas get choppy and rough and you're out there in a yacht, you can go downstairs and live it up and ride it out. You can eat good, drink good and all that. Men's sports are the ones with the yacht," said Cheri Kempf, commissioner of the National Pro Fastpitch softball league. "But if you're out there in a canoe, and seas get choppy, you're in big trouble. And that's women's sports. You know, we're riding around out there in a canoe."

Among the signs women's sports could suffer more came in Colombia when Independiente Santa Fe suspended all player contracts for its women's soccer team recently but said its men's team would only see pay cuts.

The impact of COVID-19 and the resulting hit to the economy could resemble the 2008 recession. The Houston Comets of the WNBA could not find a buyer and the league contracted back then. Whirlpool, meanwhile, pulled out of its planned sponsorship of Women's Professional Soccer, which had the unfortunate timing of launching in 2009 and lasted just three seasons.

The WNBA is in better shape today than many women's sports because of its affiliation with the NBA. The league has put off the start of the season, set for May 15, but Commissioner Cathy Engelbert recently suggested it might be able to return sooner rather than later.

"We might be able to tip this season off before some other leagues since we only have 12 teams and 144 players," she told The Associated Press.

But there are concerns among those who aren't similarly positioned.

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Photo courtesy of Lindy Stallard

Powers athletic director Sam Stevens stands in the press box at the Cruisers' football field last week as the high school had its own take on the "BeTheLightOR campaign."

South Coast schools light up stadiums

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

This is the second week of the lights being turned on at high school stadiums throughout Oregon in honor of the seniors and other students who aren't able to attend classes in their school buildings.

The "BeTheLightOR campaign has taken off throughout the state and on the South Coast, where nearly all the schools are participating.

Gold Beach had its lights on for the second straight week on Wednesday night and Myrtle Point's will shine tonight, with the two Bay Area high schools and others lighting up their stadiums Friday, including Bandon for the first time.

Coquille's will be lit for the first time Monday (April 20) and again on May 20 in honor of the Class of 2020.

Myrtle Point athletic director Jennifer Sproul quickly embraced the concept, and was excited by what she saw last week.

"The community was really excited about it," she said. "I had several seniors contact me who were really appreciative about it."

Like some other schools, in addition to the stadium lights,

Myrtle Point also lit up the numbers 20 and 20 on the scoreboard.

"It's nice to give the seniors one positive night a week," Sproul said. "A lot of seniors were driving by and taking pictures."

"That was kind of neat."

Sproul said she picked Thursdays for Myrtle Point because other schools around the state had picked other days, much like Gold Beach is on Wednesdays and several other South Coast Schools are on Fridays.

"On any given night, different stadiums are lit up," she said.

North Bend athletic director Mike Forrester said he was surprisingly overcome with emotion last week when the Bulldogs lit up Vic Adams Field on Friday night.

"I didn't plan this, but it was awesome," he said. "There were lots of people in their cars and it made me realize how real this is. "Glad we could do something to make people's day."

He added the response on social media has been positive, including a post with pictures from Friday night on the North Bend Athletics Facebook page reaching more than 12,000 people.

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Photo courtesy of Jennifer Sproul

The Myrtle Point football field, complete with its scoreboard and famed myrtle tree just outside the end zone, are lit up last Thursday night.

Two Bandon girls will play college basketball



Photo by Tom Hutton

Bandon's Ashley Strain dribbles the ball during a game against Myrtle Point this season. She will play basketball for Pacific University.

ZACH SILVA
The World

BANDON — After one of the most successful seasons in the history of the Bandon girls' basketball program, the Tigers are sending two players to play basketball at the college ranks. Recently, senior Tralyn Arana committed to play at Chemeketa Community College in Salem while Ashley Strain is headed to Pacific University in Forest Grove.

"It's amazing that I actually get to pursue my dreams. I'm so grateful for everyone who's helped me get this far and I hope to continue to make them proud. This means so much to me

because this is what I've always dreamed of doing," Arana wrote over text about her decision to go to Chemeketa.

Arana's high school basketball career was full of twists and turns. She played as a freshman at Glendale, as a sophomore at North Valley and as a junior with the Glendale boys. Then her senior year she went to Bandon where she regrouped with the girls that she had played with in summer ball the season before junior year.

It was in that season of playing with the Glendale boys that she started to believe she would have a chance to play in college.

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Sports Briefs

NFL

Rams center Allen says he tested positive

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Rams center Brian Allen says he tested positive for COVID-19 three weeks ago.

Allen is the first active NFL player to acknowledge testing positive during the coronavirus pandemic.

The third-year pro is not hospitalized and is “feeling good,” according to a statement issued by the Rams on Wednesday night only after Allen spoke to Fox Sports about his positive test.

Allen became the team’s starting center last season. He played in nine games before missing the rest of the year with a knee injury.

Allen is expected to start at center again this season. He was a fourth-round draft pick out of Michigan State in 2018, playing largely on special teams as a rookie.

The 24-year-old Allen was training and rehabilitating at the Rams’ training complex when he began to feel symptoms last month.

Former Packers great Willie Davis dies

Willie Davis, a Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive lineman who helped the Green Bay Packers win the first two Super Bowls, has died. He was 85.

The Packers confirmed Davis’ death to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Wednesday, as did his former teammate and fellow hall member, Dave Robinson.

Davis died in a Santa Monica, California hospital. His wife, Carol, told the Packers her husband had been hospitalized for about a month with kidney failure.

A 15th-round draft pick from Grambling, Davis began his NFL career by playing both offense and defense for the Cleveland Browns in 1958 and ’59. He had his greatest success after getting traded to the Packers.

He remained with the Packers until finishing his NFL career in 1969 as a five-time All-Pro. Although tackles and sacks weren’t measured at the time Davis played, his 22 career fumble recoveries showcased his dominance and big-play ability.

He was voted to the NFL’s all-decade team for the 1960s and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1981.

BASEBALL

Former Toronto All-Star Garcia dies

NEW YORK — Former Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Dámaso García, a two-time All-Star in the

mid-1980s, died Wednesday in his native Dominican Republic. He was 63.

His son Dámaso Jr. confirmed García’s death to The Associated Press. The son said he passed away at 7.15 a.m. in Santo Domingo. He was at home with his wife Haydée Benoit.

Two years after retiring with the Montreal Expos, García was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent surgery in 1991. He was told he possibly only had six to eight months live. He recovered, but had to deal with speech and mobility issues afterward.

GOLF

PGA Tour plans to resume in June

The PGA Tour laid out an ambitious plan to resume its season Thursday, with hopes of a restart at Colonial on June 11-14 and keeping fans away for at least the first month.

If government and health authorities give golf the green light, the tour will have an official event every week through Dec. 6 except for the week of Thanksgiving.

The Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas, was pushed back a month to June and would be followed by the RBC Heritage, which was postponed this week.

Title sponsor RBC had another tournament — the Canadian Open, the fourth-oldest national open in the world — that normally would have been played that week. Golf Canada said Thursday its Open has been canceled.

The PGA Tour season would conclude with the Tour Championship on Labor Day, and a new season would start the following week (Sept. 10-13) in Napa, California. That would mean only one major — the PGA Championship — is held in this 2019-20 season, and as many as seven majors would apply to the following season.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan said while the priority is health and safety for everyone involved, “our hope is to play a role — responsibly — in the world’s return to enjoying the things we love.”

BASKETBALL

Huskies lose another freshman to NBA draft

SEATTLE — Washington freshman swingman Jaden McDaniels has declared for the NBA draft, becoming the latest one-and-done player for the Huskies.

McDaniels, who is projected to go in the middle of the first round, announced his decision on social media late Tuesday night.

one for each of the seniors at Reedsport Community Charter School.

The school is also working through other ideas, said Sheri Wall, who coordinated the lighting, including putting banners with senior photos on the light poles around town, putting pictures of each of the school’s sports venues with a list of the seniors who would have played those sports on the school’s Facebook Page and highlighting a senior a day on the Facebook Page.

“We are just trying to think of other ways to recognize our seniors — thinking outside the box,” Wall said.

Even Powers, which doesn’t have lights for its football stadium, got in the spirit, with athletic director Sam Stevens turning on the one light in the press box at the football field.

It didn’t go off without a hitch, though. The light bulb was burned out so they had to chase down another one.

“We were trying to bring a smile to the faces of the Class of 2020,” Tanya Pedrick said. “I hope we succeeded.”



Photo by Tom Hutton

Bandon’s Traylyn Arana takes a shot against Faith Bible during the Class 2A playoffs. Arana has signed to play for Chemeketa Community College.

Bandon

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“It took me a while to actually believe in myself and my abilities that after I saw what I did with the boys I knew I could without a doubt. After that season I really started pursuing that dream. Watching film on myself really boosted my confidence that I can play for the next level,” said Arana.

In this past season Arana helped boost the Tigers to a third-place finish in state behind a 27-2 record. Arana was named to the first-team at the Class 2A state tournament.

“The main thing about Traylyn is she’s a competitor,” said Bandon head coach Jordan Sammons. “When the game is on the line, Traylyn is somebody that I want on my team and not against me because

she’s going to do whatever it takes to win the game.”

In college Arana is planning to study so she can become a paramedic.

While Arana is a sure-fire offensive weapon who knew she was ready for the college ranks, Strain was still working out what was next.

“Last summer I went up to (Southwestern Oregon Community College) to a couple of open gyms and played with the girls and I was like, I could actually be here, I could play here. So it just got to where I can start talking to coaches and figuring out where I want to go,” said Strain, who then talked with a Pacific coach about playing at the school. “I didn’t know if it was in the cards for me at all. All I knew was I wanted to be able to go and see what options I had. I didn’t want to regret anything.”

Strain found Pacific to

be the right fit for her. She liked the size of the school, she is interested in pursuing a future in business but she was also drawn to the ethos of the basketball team.

“(Their coach and I) talked a lot about their program, what they expect from players, some of the things they do in the season and their workouts and it just got me really interested to see how hard these girls work, how much more of a time commitment it is from high school. I was just excited for this new challenge and I was ready to go,” said Strain.

For Sammons, there was no doubt in his mind that she would fit into that group.

“She just puts in a ton of time. It’s cool to be able to see that for her because I feel like she really deserves everything she gets out of basketball because

she’s really putting in the time and it hasn’t necessarily came easy for her,” he said of Strain who helped put together a culture of hard work in the Bandon program.

“She’s had to work harder at it than other people and that’s almost what makes it more rewarding. The harder you work for something the more rewarding it is when you get it.”

While basketball is one thing she will be focused on, Strain is proud to be headed to college.

“It means a lot. Taking this next step and going to college, especially at a university. I am the first person, basically, in my family going to a university, which is really exciting,” she said. “And I’m just ready for the next step and I’m ready to go play basketball and continue my love for the sport.”

Athletes embrace All In Challenge

TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

With factories closed, tens of millions out of work and a recession looming because of the coronavirus pandemic, athletes, teams, entertainers and business leaders are donating prized possessions in response to a challenge to feed families suddenly in need.

The “All In Challenge” was started by Philadelphia 76ers partner Michael Rubin on Tuesday, and some of the biggest names in sports and entertainment have answered the call.

After 24 hours, there was already an impressive roster of A-listers offering prizes.

They include quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton and Eli Manning; musicians Justin Bieber, Meek Mill and Robin Thicke; actors Robert De

Niro, Leonardo DiCaprio, Kevin Hart and Matthew McConaughey; director Martin Scorsese; TV hosts Ellen DeGeneres and Ryan Seacrest; TikTok stars Charli and Dixie D’Amelio; basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson; Chicago Cubs infielder Anthony Rizzo and retired baseball star Alex Rodriguez; and several NFL, NHL and NBA teams.

This list is growing, said Rubin, who came up with the idea two weeks ago.

“I had two goals from the second this popped in my mind,” Rubin told The Associated Press on Wednesday. “The first was to feed as many people as possible. It was such an important cause and need. The second thing was, I love a good come together ... to have every athlete and actor come together, the sports and entertainment worlds coming together. To me,

that is incredibly special.”

Rubin said all the money raised will go directly to one of four organizations that feed the hungry: Feeding America, Meals On Wheels, World Central Kitchen and No Kid Hungry.

A billionaire who made his money with an e-commerce company he started in 2011, Rubin has donated what might be the biggest prize. The winner of a digital raffle will receive a Super Bowl experience with 20 friends, along with tickets to the NBA Finals, Stanley Cup Final, World Series, Masters, Final Four, tennis’ U.S. Open, the Daytona 500 and the Olympic opening ceremonies.

Entries for Rubin’s prize can be purchased in amounts of \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100. The winning ticket will be selected randomly by computer.

Other prizes are being auctioned.

Those who answered the challenge were required to post a video about their donation and explain why they chose their prize.

Rubin said donations topped \$4 million by midday Wednesday. His goal is to collect donations in the tens of millions of dollars, and his dream objective is \$100 million.

Brady, who left New England to sign with Tampa Bay after winning six Super Bowls with the Patriots, offered tickets to the Buccaneers’ home opener, his game jersey and shoes, and dinner with him. That package is in the auction with the opening bid at \$50,000.

Peyton Manning plans to play a round of golf with the winner and two guests, and then go to a restaurant for dinner with the winner and 10 guests.

Lights

From B1

This week, North Bend will add music.

Marshfield also had a lot of people in cars, either in the parking lot outside the Pirate Palace or the parking lot near the Waterfall Clinic, last Friday.

The students parked near Pirate Palace honked their horns in acknowledgement of the event, though school officials had to remind some of the students of the social distancing requirements and that they needed to stay in their cars.

“We had a good turnout,” said Floyd Montiel, one of the school’s athletic directors.

As an added bonus, the U.S. Coast Guard did a flyover of both Bay Area schools with one of its helicopters.

North Bend and Marshfield will have the lights on for 20 minutes this week, adding five minutes to last week’s total to recognize the additional five days of school missed by students.

At Reedsport, the lights will be on for 45 minutes,

Women

From B1

Volleyball player Kelsey Robinson, who is on the U.S. team that was bound for the Tokyo Olympics this summer before the games were postponed, can usually make a living playing overseas, like many national team players. She was just heading into the playoffs with her club in Turkey, which has a thriving professional volleyball league, when play was suspended. Now she worries about her opportunities in a post-pandemic world.

“It’s hard to say what will happen in Turkey or China, where there are pretty strong economies for sport. But for sure, Italy I know will have to decrease salaries, maybe not at the top team, but I’m sure it’ll affect lower teams and clubs,” Robinson said. “We’re not finishing the season right now or playing, so that’s a hard financial burden for our club because a lot of

the salaries for the coming season depends on how we finish in the playoffs.”

NWSL Players Association executive director Yael Averbuch West said current fears about losses are legitimate.

“I think that everybody is afraid of that. And especially right now, looking at women’s soccer and coming off of what we feel is a huge positive momentum after the World Cup, and the NWSL doing really well and continuing to grow, it’s obviously a concern. This is tough for everyone, including the ownership groups, the fans, the players, the league office,” Averbuch West said.

Athletes in individual sports could be hit hardest. Tennis, golf and track athletes are largely dependent on competing to earn a paycheck, and that’s currently impossible. The athletes face uncertainties going forward: When the events do return, will the sponsors remain? Will younger prospects fall away from those sports out

of economic necessity?

The WTA said last week that its planned start date is now July 13. Wimbledon has been canceled for this year.

“Health and safety remains the top priority as we navigate the challenges ahead in these unprecedented times, and we will do everything we can for the tour to resume at the earliest opportunity once it is safe to do so,” ATP Chairman Andrea Gaudenzi said.

The National Pro Fastpitch softball league was hit particularly hard. The 17-year-old league included national teams from Australia, Canada and China this season in preparation for the Olympics. Australia and Canada have already said that even if the league gets off the ground this season, they won’t participate.

“I don’t want to say that I’m worried that we won’t survive,” Kempf said. “But I think that common sense would dictate and tell you that it’s a hit for everyone.”

Football

From B1

Division I colleges, including about 120 that either play in football’s second-tier or not at all, have already taken a financial hit with the cancellation of the NCAA men’s basketball tournament in March. Some \$375 million will not be distributed to them this year.

Not playing a football season could be even more costly. That would put television contracts that pay out hundreds of millions to the so-called Power Five conferences at risk. The other five FBS conferences make far less from TV rights, but their schools still rely heavily on football revenue.

The College Football Playoff, including the major bowl games known as the New Year’s Six pay out about \$674 million per season. Most of that gets paid to conferences and passed along to member schools.

Baseball still honors Robinson

With season on hold, tributes are held online

KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

Houston manager Dusty Baker celebrated Jackie Robinson's legacy on the 73rd anniversary of the fall of the major league color barrier and lamented the lack of African Americans in today's game.

"It's frustrating because we've talked about it forever ... but it seems like the numbers are dwindling instead of increasing," Baker said Wednesday.

Only 7.7% of big league players on opening day rosters last year were African American, down from 17% in 1990. Baker and Dodgers manager Dave Roberts are the only two African American managers in the majors.

Baker appreciates that the league is making a "conscious effort" to get more young African Americans involved in baseball through programs like Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities and is optimistic there can be a turnaround in the upcoming years.

"Hopefully in this decade and the next decade there will be more guys that get a chance," Baker said. "All they need is a chance. A lot of guys have been bypassed and overlooked."

Robinson broke the color barrier on April 15, 1947, for the Brooklyn Dodgers. His No. 42 was retired throughout the major leagues in 1997 by then-Commissioner Bud Selig. An annual Jackie Robinson Day started in 2004 and since 2009, all players, managers, coaches have worn his No. 42 to mark the day.

A museum in New York devoted to Robinson remains under construction but there have been repeated delays in fund-



The Associated Press

Rachel Robinson, left, widow of Jackie Robinson, and daughter Sharon pose for a photograph with a plaque honoring Jackie on Jackie Robinson Day before a baseball game between the New York Mets and Milwaukee Brewers in New York on April 15, 2018.

raising and construction.

With the start of baseball season on hold because of the new coronavirus, the celebration of Robinson's contributions was a virtual one this year.

The Jackie Robinson Foundation launched a virtual learning hub to coincide with the day, and teams and players across the league took to social media and other online platforms to commemorate the occasion.

CC Sabathia and Harold Reynolds were among the former major leaguers reading excerpts from the book by Robinson's daughter, Sharon, titled "Jackie Robinson: American Hero." She appeared in video vignettes and there are virtual and printable educational activities.

Chicago shortstop Tim Anderson spent time on a video call with 10 students who are in the White Sox Amateur City Elite program. The reigning AL batting champion answered questions and talked about Robinson's legacy, and the responsibility he feels to get more African Americans involved in the game.

"There's not really many black kids in the

league," the 26-year-old said. "So, who's going to motivate these kids? Who's going to inspire them? That's something I take pride in. I definitely always look forward to wearing No. 42."

TULCO, the holding company founded by Thomas Tull, who produced the Robinson film "42," announced Wednesday that it had donated \$4.2 million worth of personal protective equipment to organizations that serve African American and other communities in honor of Jackie Robinson Day. The donation includes scrubs, masks and isolation gowns and will be distributed to hospitals that have been most affected by COVID-19.

The Seattle Mariners, who top current active major league rosters with nine African American players, hosted a roundtable discussion on YouTube to discuss Robinson's contributions. It was led by Mariners broadcaster Dave Sims and included second basemen Dee Gordon and Shed Long, outfielder Mallex Smith and Reynolds, a former Mariner and current MLB Network broadcaster, and Bob Kendrick, president of the Negro Leagues Museum.

The Nationals tweeted a video with highlights of Robinson that included pictures of various players and staff members and their families wearing shirts featuring Robinson's No. 42 and holding signs paying tribute to the legend.

"It's one of the biggest days of the major league calendar — and the calendar in general," Washington general manager Mike Rizzo said. "He's one of the most important people in American society, not only sports. It's a fitting tribute that we have a day to honor him each year and it's very fitting that it's during the baseball season. Although we won't be playing any games this year, we certainly will stop and remember what he's meant to the game of baseball and to the fabric of America."

The Orioles took part in the celebration by having infielder Richie Martin read "My Little Golden Book about Jackie Robinson" on the team's digital kids corner. Martin is the grandson of Walter "Buncy" Thomas, who played in the Negro Leagues and was teammates with Robinson in 1945 with the Kansas City Monarchs before he broke the color barrier.

Manfred wants baseball to be ready for return

NEW YORK (AP) — Rob Manfred wants Major League Baseball to be in position to take the field whenever government and health officials give the go-ahead.

"I think it's incumbent upon us to turn over every stone to try to play the game in 2020 if there's any way we can in the environment," the baseball commissioner said Wednesday during an interview with The Associated Press.

Spring training was suspended March 12 because of the new coronavirus pandemic and the season's scheduled start on March 26 delayed. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended all gatherings of 50 people or more be put off through mid-May.

Among the plans baseball is investigating is basing all 30 teams in the Phoenix area and using the 10 spring training ballparks there, the Arizona Diamondbacks' Chase Field and possibly college facilities. Games would be played in empty stadiums; players, staff and broadcast crews and technicians would be kept in controlled environments, such as ballparks, hotels and MLB-arranged transport.

"We have tried to be cautious about trying to go too soon, based on what the public health situation is," Manfred said during a telephone interview from his home in Jupiter, Florida. "For people to be out there saying we're not going to have any sports in 2020, I think that's going the other way. I think we all need, no matter what your predilection is, to wait for the situation to unfold more, give us more information and then make realistic decisions about

what's possible."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, endorsed a plan along the lines of the Arizona option during an interview Wednesday with Snapchat.

"Nobody comes to the stadium. Put them in big hotels, wherever you want to play. Keep them very well surveilled," Fauci said. "Have them tested every single week and make sure they don't wind up infecting each other or their family, and just let them play the season out."

Arizona's advantages include numerous hotels, including at least eight in the Phoenix area with 425 rooms or more. About 3,000 people likely would need to be tested regularly, including players, club staff, umpires and the broadcast contingent.

There is no deadline for a decision, and if the health situation dictates baseball could even start in the fall and take advantage of warm weather in the Phoenix area.

"The threshold question is the health question, and that's where we're spending the most time," Manfred said.

In addition to the CDC guideline, many state and local governments have banned public events. MLB will wait to decide its course because the biggest issues are medical, not logistical or economic.

"The ones that are the most worrisome are the ones that are beyond our control," Manfred said. "Right now most of the places where we would play would not be allowable under the regulations that are currently in place, so obviously, those are the ones that concern me the most. How long do those go on?"

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Notice of Budget Committee Meeting
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Timber Park Rural Fire Protection 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 the Eastside Fire Hall, 365 D Street, Coos Bay, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. 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 programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after May 1, 2020 by calling Harwood, MacAdam, Wartnik, Fisher & Gorman LLC, 3690 Broadway, North Bend, Oregon at (541) 269-9338 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Published in The World & ONPA April 16 & 23, 2020. (ID:281422)

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING DATE CHANGED
The City of Bandon finds it necessary to change the original Budget Committee Meeting Notice for technology implementation to accommodate public participation. A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Bandon Urban Renewal Agency, Coos County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be held at City Hall, 555 Highway 101. The meeting will take place on the 27th day of April 2020 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained after April 27, 2020 at City Hall, 555 Highway 101, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The City's website: <http://www.cityofbandon.org> is where the notice can be read. The City will be posting the instructions on how to participate on the website closer to the meeting date. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Listed below is the and place of additional Budget Committee meetings which will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at this meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Date: May 18, 2020 (if needed), at 7:00 PM Location: City Hall, 555 Highway 101, Bandon, OR Published: April 16, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 281780)

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Rhyme time

All the answers in this puzzle end with the letters IN.

1. Come in first place

2. Fish swim with this

3. Part below the mouth

4. Body covering


5. Whirl around

6. Identical

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your charm and helpful suggestions will win favors. Make sure that you don't commit to something you don't have the time or money to complete. Moderation will be required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Delegate your time wisely. You don't want to neglect someone special or fall short when it comes to promises you made. Consider an interesting offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Intelligent banter will encourage others to take you seriously. Participate in events that will raise your profile. The contributions you make will change your life. Romance is on the rise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- A creative idea will push you in an unexpected direction. Don't worry about pleasing everyone else. Stop worrying about what others think and do what's best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Consider your motives. To judge others without taking a good look at yourself isn't going to help. Focus on educational pursuits, honest conversations and meaningful relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Deceit is apparent when it comes to partnerships. You should be direct in all matters and look at each situation you face in detail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Moderation will help you sidestep a problem. Distance yourself from people who overspend, exaggerate and promote indulgence. Discipline and sticking to a routine are in your best interest. Romance is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep jealousy under control. A loved one will not be impressed if you are overly possessive. Focus on being unique, innovative and independent. Make a long-overdue lifestyle change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Someone will reveal your secrets if you share your inner thoughts. Don't jeopardize your reputation or believe everything you hear. Rely on experience, intelligence and charm to get ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Deal swiftly with inevitable changes. The less time you spend laboring over something you cannot change, the easier it will be to step into something new and exciting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take a deep breath and forge into the future with optimism. Personal gains, new beginnings and a positive lifestyle change await. Put the past to rest. Romance is on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Reach out to people you have enjoyed collaborating with in the past. Attend a reunion or visit places and do things you used to enjoy. Choose to be positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Someone will oppose you if you push your beliefs. Share your motives to avoid backlash. A last-minute change someone makes should not be allowed to ruin your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Keep busy to alleviate stress. Don't let someone ruin your day. Consider the changes you can make that will improve your life and important relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't overspend when trying to make an impression. If someone wants to do business with you, it will be because of your skills, reputation and ability to deliver on time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Observe the way someone responds to what you do to figure out how much he or she cares. Don't waste time on a relationship that lacks equality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Spend time with people who enjoy the same things you do. Don't let anyone limit what you can do or put demands on you. Know when to say no. Your happiness is your responsibility.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Refuse to let someone back you into a corner or pick a fight with you. Choose to do something that allows you to hone your skills and expand your circle of friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Don't let someone from your past interfere in your life. Stick close to home and to the people you know you can trust. Put romantic plans in place and make a big commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Don't fold under pressure. Stick to a budget and to the plans that make you feel comfortable. A lifestyle change will save you money. Be frank to avoid a misunderstanding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Distance yourself from anyone who expects too much from you. Concentrate on what will bring you the highest returns. Turn an idea or skill into a prosperous venture.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Emotional confusion will set in if you are vague. Get your point across and ask direct questions. Take better care of your health and well-being.

Bridge

I am asked by students if they should study suit combinations. Well, it cannot hurt, but don't even think of trying to learn them all. Every situation should be taken not in isolation but in terms of all 52 cards.

Consider today's deal. Looking only at the North-South heart suit, how would you play it for no losers?

Right! You have heard of the saying, "eight ever, nine never." With only eight trumps missing the queen, you take a finesse; whereas with nine trumps, you cash the ace and king,

hoping the queen will drop. Those are the percentage plays, but is it right to cash the top honors here?

Following North's Jacoby game-forcing raise, South's four-heart rebid showed a minimum opening with no side-suit singleton or void.

West leads a spade, the defenders playing three rounds of the suit. Declarer has lost two tricks and is faced with potential losers in both red suits. A winning guess in hearts or a successful finesse in diamonds or clubs will bring home the contract. But there is a line of play that will save either a guess or a finesse. Declarer plays a heart to his ace and a heart to dummy's nine.

Here the finesse wins, so the contract is safe. But suppose the finesse loses -- what would East return? If a spade, declarer ruffs in one hand and sluffs his diamond loser from the other. If a minor, South collects three tricks in that suit, again avoiding another loser.

Note that if South cashes the heart ace and king, he will go down with the given distribution.

North **04-16-20**

♠ Q J 10
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ K J 3
♣ A J 5

West

♠ K 8 6 3
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 7 6 3

East

♠ A 9 5
♥ 6
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ Q 10 9 4 2

South

♥ 7 4 2
♠ A J 8 7 4
♦ A 6 4
♣ K 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3