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An employee at Chevron, located on Evans Boulevard in Coos Bay, talks to a customer on Wednesday, April 29.

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6 released from Shutter Creek

Adults screened but not tested for virus

ZACH SILVA
The World

COOS COUNTY — According to new information provided by the Oregon Department of Corrections, six adults in custody were released from Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in the month of April and three releases are scheduled in May. These releases came with the conclusion of each individual's sentence.

Coos Health and Wellness reported that two of the individuals that were released in April took residence in Coos County.

With the coronavirus outbreak at Shutter Creek, there have been concerns about the possibility of former adults in custody spreading the disease. As of Wednesday, 13 adults in custody had tested positive for coronavirus at Shutter Creek in addition to two employees.

Before individuals around the state are released, they are given a questionnaire to check for symptoms of COVID-19. These questions include whether or not the individual is showing symptoms and if they have or have not

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Gas higher than average

Stations say they still see drop in prices

AMANDA LINARES
The World

COOS COUNTY — With increased oil production and less demand, a number of gas stations, both nationwide and locally, have seen gas prices decline as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

According to a report from the American Automobile Association, which was released April 28, pump prices continue to drop nationwide with the national average currently being \$1.77 a gallon.

Despite being identified as one of 11 states to still have averages of \$2 a gallon or more, Oregon's average fell six cents to \$2.41 this week, a tie for the fifth-largest weekly drop in the nation, according to AAA officials.

Although prices have declined around the state and throughout Coos County, the county's average of \$2.50 a gallon is still higher than the state and national



VP Racing Fuels Station, located on Fourth Street in Coos Bay, has seen gas prices decline since the outbreak of COVID-19.

average.

Typically, the South Coast sees higher gas prices than most other areas because of its location and its place in line on the supply chain, said Scott Bassett, co-owner of Bassett-Hyland Energy Company.

According to Bassett, being further away from oil refineries

and oil wells where it receives its product and being placed toward the end of the supply chain contributes to its prices often undergoing many fluctuations.

"There's a whole bunch of things here and there that could cause the price to change," said Bassett. "The price of crude oil could be going down, but our

price might be going up because a disruption in like the pipeline or something between here and there and it's all supply and demand at that point."

The company, which services a number of gas stations in Coos Bay and Reedsport, receives its products from either the Seattle area or California.

Since the state's stay-home order was put into place, Bassett said its gas prices have trickled down. The number of customers the stations usually see have also declined a bit as more people are working from home and limiting their travel, he added.

"Usually this time of year going into the summer season we will see a price increase because volumes start to kick up, but this year is not normal," he said.

Dave Gilbertson, an assistant manager at VP Racing Fuels Station, which is located on Fourth Street in Coos Bay, said prices for regular unleaded gas fell about 15 cents this week compared to last week.

The Chevron, located on Evans Boulevard in Coos Bay,

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30 million have filed jobless aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 3.8 million laid-off workers applied for unemployment benefits last week as the U.S. economy slid further into a crisis that is becoming the most devastating since the 1930s.

Roughly 30.3 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the six weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began forcing millions of employers to close their doors and slash their workforces. That is more people than live in the New York and Chicago metropolitan areas combined, and it's by far the worst string of layoffs on record. It adds up to more than one in six American workers.

With more employers cutting payrolls to save money, economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20%. That would be the highest rate since it reached 25% during the Great Depression.

This week, the government estimated that the economy shrank at a 4.8% annual rate in the first three months of this year, the

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Measure to update 911 radio system

'We can't get the message out'

JILLIAN WARD
The World

COOS COUNTY — A failing 911 radio system is putting local residents and first responders at risk, says Kelley Andrews of the Coos County 911 Radio Communications Advisory Group.

"(T)he Powers police chief was confronted by a guy with

a knife and couldn't get on the radio to call for assistance," Andrews said.

"Our fire (radio) frequency has gotten worse ... There are recordings of what is being heard over the radio and it is garbage."

The Hauser Fire Department, based below Shutter Creek Correctional Institution, where one of five radio towers sits, hasn't been receiving some calls either, said Andrews.

"This is very dangerous for the public, because we can't get

first responders even started if we can't get the message out."

Ballot Measure 6-178 will offer voters the chance to address the issue of outdated equipment for most departments across Coos County. It asks:

"Shall Coos County impose \$.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 07/01/2020 for a 911 radio system? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than 3 percent."

The ballot summary describes

the need for a new radio system because the current one has "failed more than four times in the last seven months, leaving fire, medical and police responders without radio communications."

It adds that the manufacturer no longer supports the current system and that used parts are scarce and expensive. Furthermore, the lack of radio communications has led to "dangerous situations for both responders

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2020 Primary election ballots mailed out today

Ballots no longer require postage

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COOS COUNTY — The ballots for the May 19 Primary Election are being mailed today to all eligible voters. The ballots will be delivered within the next week. Anyone who does not receive a ballot by May 6 is asked to call the election office.

Ballots no longer require postage to be mailed in, according to Coos County Clerk Debbie Heller. Postage is pre-paid by the state.

“We are recommending to return your ballots as soon as possible to help our election workers stay safe,” Heller wrote in a press release. “Please mail your ballot back by May 13, in order for us to receive by election day. Postmarks do not count.”

Drop site locations for this election have temporarily changed due to the COVID-19 closures. Drop site locations can be found on our website. The drop sites for this election are:

- Coos County ballot drop sites**
- May 19, 2020 Primary Election
 - Bandon Library, 1204 11th St. SW. Use the 24-hour-use book return; due by 8 p.m. on election day.
 - Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Ave. Use the 24-hour ADA Drive-up; due by 8 p.m. on election day.
 - Coquille Courthouse, 250 N Baxter St. Use the 24-hour ADA walk-up; due by 8 p.m. on election day.
 - Lakeside City Hall, 915 North Lake Road. Use the mail-slot; due by 8 p.m. on election day.
 - Myrtle Point City Hall, 424 5th St. Drop-off available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on election day.
 - North Bend Fire Dept., 1880 McPherson Ave. Drop-off available from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily through election day.
 - Powers Market, 409 2nd Ave. Drop-off available daily from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on election day.



Nine-year-old Remington, an Australian Shepherd, rests up a bit on Monday, April 27, near the Millicoma Marsh Trail in Coos Bay. Remington was adopted a few weeks ago by his new owner Michael Fillingame, 22, of Coos Bay. The two try to spend at least an hour outside each day to both stay active and to enjoy the outdoors.

Amanda Linares, The World

Coos Bay Police Log

Sunday, April 26

At 12:11 a.m. on South Marple Street, a burglary was reported.

At 12:20 a.m. on Sixth Avenue, a suspicious subject was reported.

At 1:30 a.m. on South 16th Street, a fight was reported.

At 5:10 a.m. on Johannesen Avenue, a mental subject was reported.

At 7:46 a.m. on Ventana Court, a theft was reported from a caller who said her sister stole her car keys.

At 8:25 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, criminal trespass was reported of a belligerent woman at location harassing customers.

At 9:24 a.m. on Seventh Street and Hall Avenue,

Jaleen Raden was cited in lieu of custody on theft and criminal trespass charges.

At 11:05 a.m. on South-west Boulevard and Pennsylvania, a subject was reported walking down the middle of the roadway.

At 1:01 p.m. on Newmark Avenue, a theft was reported.

At 4:13 p.m. at Ed Lund Park, an illegal camping site was reported.

At 6:33 p.m. on Birch Avenue, a theft was reported.

At 9:03 p.m. on North 28th Street, criminal trespass was reported.

Monday, April 27

At 12:24 a.m. on Arago Avenue and Madison

Street, a suspicious subject was reported.

At 3:27 a.m. on South Marple Street, suspicious condition were reported.

At 5:26 a.m. on Evans Boulevard, suspicious conditions were reported at Bassett Hyland Fuel Center where Jeffrey Hill, 36, was ticketed and a stolen vehicle was recovered for Coos County Sheriff’s Office.

At 7:04 a.m. on East Lockhart Ave, criminal trespass was reported after a subject, who was sleeping on front port of business at location, was requested to leave property.

At 8:14 a.m. on Central Avenue, a mental subject

was reported.

At 9:49 a.m. on Ocean Boulevard, criminal mischief was reported.

At 10:35 a.m. on La-Clair Street, a dispute was reported which involved a subject refusing to the property at location.

At 10:40 a.m. on North 28th Court, a theft was reported.

At 12:06 p.m. on Lewis Street, harassment was reported.

At 12:51 p.m. on Puerto Vista Drive, a possible fraud was reported.

At 1:20 p.m. on Newark Avenue, a burglary was reported.

At 2:00 p.m. on Timberline Drive, a welfare check was requested.

Oregon reports 2 new COVID-19 deaths, 61 new cases of virus

The World

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed two more lives in Oregon, raising the state’s death toll to 101, the Oregon Health Authority reported Wednesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 61 new cases of COVID-19 as of 8 a.m. Wednesday, bringing the state total to 2,446. The new COVID-19 cases reported Wednesday are in the following counties: Clackamas (1), Hood River (1), Jefferson (4), Linn (1),

Marion (18), Multnomah (19), Polk (1), Umatilla (8), Washington (7), Yamhill (1).

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

Oregon’s 100th COVID-19 death is a 75-year-old man in Multnomah County, who tested positive on April 20 and died on April 22 at his residence. He had underlying medical conditions.

Oregon’s 101st COVID-19 death is a 71-year-old female in Multnomah County, who tested positive on April 11 and died on April 20 at Adventist Hospital. She had underlying medical conditions.

Oregon Health Plan applications show increase Preliminary numbers

from the Oregon Health Plan are starting to show an uptick in new member enrollments. Applications for OHP averaged 776 per day in March and April compared with 536 per day in January and February. Preliminary data for March show that Medicaid enrolled 23,000 new members. This month, Medicaid has enrolled nearly 19,000 new members as of April 24.

“Many Oregonians have lost their jobs and as a result, their health coverage,” said OHA director Patrick Allen. “Taking care of your physical and mental health, especially at this time, is critically important. We encourage individuals to see if they are eligible for the Oregon Health Plan.”

The Oregon Health Authority has made several

changes to its Medicaid program to support health care access for Oregonians during the response to COVID-19. These changes include:

- Individuals can sign up for OHP without having to verify their income (submit a pay stub) with their application. They will be able to self-attest, which will help Oregonians get access to OHP coverage more quickly.
- Members who are currently enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan will not lose coverage during this crisis. About 20,000 members per month usually exit the program. About half of those are expected to stay enrolled due to this policy change, which took effect March 15.
- Federal stimulus payments and increased unemployment payments will not affect OHP eligibility. They will not be counted during the application process or when members report a change in their household.

About one in four Oregonians receive health coverage through OHP. As of March 31, more than 996,000 Oregonians were enrolled in OHP, and by April 27, enrollment had grown to nearly 1,016,000.

OHP provides free physical, dental and behavioral health coverage to Oregonians who qualify. For more information about applying for OHP, go to OHP.Oregon.gov.

Stay informed about COVID-19:

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

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

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Beer taps at 7 Devils, and breweries around the area, are unused while local beer is going to waste.

Thousands of gallons of beer going to waste at local breweries

ZACH SILVA
The World

COOS COUNTY — Since restaurants have been closed to dine-in guests, profits have been going down the drain. And now beer is going down the drain as a result.

As local breweries have had to close their doors due to the coronavirus, excess beer has been dumped as a result.

“It’s all dressed up with nowhere to go,” said 7 Devils Brewery co-owner and CEO Annie Pollard.

“Three months is kind of the best by (date) for beer. It’s still pretty good at six months but after that it’s not good, really. It doesn’t taste the way the brewer intended for it to taste. It doesn’t taste the way the consumer wants it to taste.”

In a typical month, 7 Devils would make about 3,000 gallons of beer and right now Pollard said that there are at least 5,000 gallons of beer on hand. While some, such as the lagers, have a longer best by date, the majority of that beer will go to waste.

Before the coronavirus, about 90% of that beer that is produced at 7 Devils would go to restaurants — including the 7 Devils restaurant itself.

“So that’s been a 90% drop in business,” said Pollard.

This loss of business resulted in the layoffs of everyone at 7 Devils, including Pollard and her husband

and co-owner and head brewer Carmen Matthews.

“We’re trying to encourage people to drink those beers with a shorter lifespan. You know, the 10% of beer that is still going out is growler filled. ... We’re trying to get our customers to help us drink that. Trying to push our hoppiest beers a little harder than the non-hoppy beers. But yeah, we already had to dump our first batch.”

With dozens of kegs that will need to be emptied, Pollard was able to have some fun with the initial batch that was dumped.

“There is this fancy spa somewhere in Oregon where you can have a hot soak in beer water with essential oils distilled from hops. It’s a ridiculous hipster thing to do and I would never do by the way. I would never spend money on that,” she said.

“But since I had all this beer, it was my birthday on Saturday so I asked my husband to help me fill up a horse trough full of beer that I could take a hot beer bath.”

As 7 Devils puts a hold on the production of new beer, the restaurant is filling growlers while offering a limited takeout menu.

“For every person that comes and supports us, we want to pay that forward to our wholesalers. We’re in it together, we’re partners in business and we couldn’t do it without them,” said Pollard.

It’s a similar sentiment down south at Bandon Brewing Company and Pizzeria.

“We’ve definitely dumped more beer in the last month than we have in the previous three years,” said Jon Hawkins, the owner of Bandon Brewing and Gold Beach Brewing.

Hawkins has had to dump around 600 gallons of beer so far.

As sales have slid, Hawkins is not just concerned with right now, but what the upcoming summer months hold for all coastal breweries.

“The coastal communities — from Chetco Brewing (Brookings), Misty Mountain (Brookings), Arch Rock Brewing (Gold Beach), Gold Beach brewing, Bandon Brewing, Seven Devils, Yachats Brewing, Seaside Brewing all the way up the coast, you name all of them — 85% percent of our market resides in cars that pass through in a four-month window. And without those cars going through, there is no income to carry the businesses through the winter,” said Hawkins.

“Summer is going to be a struggle for everyone. There has been a bit of federal assistance, but the real struggle is going to come in October, November, December, January, February when those assistance programs are no longer available and we’ve lost 85% of our revenue at that point.”



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Douglas County parks and RV parks will reopen May 1

THE WORLD

DOUGLAS COUNTY — The Douglas County Board of Commissioners announced Tuesday that effective May 1, Douglas County operated parks and RV parks will reopen to the public on a limited basis.

Despite the reopening, the commission continues to encourage residents to stay home and follow the Governor’s Executive Order #20-12, “Stay Home, Save Lives.”

“However, we do understand the role our outdoor recreational sites provide in keeping our residents mentally and physically healthy,” stated a press release from the Board of Commissioners’ office. “Our parks do have the capacity to allow you to get out and rejuvenate, while remaining dispersed. But, be prepared, if the use restrictions are not followed, it could lead to the re-closing of our park facilities.” Upon reopening the following use restrictions will be in place: Douglas County operated day use parks:

- Parking fees will be in place.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be required at all times.
- Wearing of masks is recommended.
- No groups of users. Individuals, couples or family units only.
- Be prepared. Have your own soap, hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes.
- All pavilions, gazebos and playgrounds will remain closed.
- All picnic tables and other park amenities will not be sanitized.
- Restrooms will not be sanitized, except for the following*:

Ben Irving County Park (flush restrooms only), Charles V. Stanton County Park, Chief Miwaleta

County Park, Cooper Creek County Park (flush restroom only), John P. Amacher County Park, Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park (flush restroom only), Pass Creek County Park, River Forks County Park, Singleton County Park, Scottsburg County Park, Whistler’s Bend County Park (flush restrooms only)

*Sanitization will occur a minimum of (1) time per day. All other restrooms will be cleaned on their regular schedule.

Douglas County operated RV parks:

- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be required at all times.
- Wearing of masks is recommended.
- Be prepared. Have your own soap, hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes.
- All picnic tables and other RV park amenities will not be sanitized.
- Self-contained RV units only. No tents, etc.
- Group site will remain closed.
- Cabins and yurts will remain closed.
- Restroom/showers will be open from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. only.
- RV parks will be open only to Oregonians.

“Reminder: A good portion of your safety relies on you, since any public facility is only as clean as the last person who touched it,” said the release. “Please use all our facilities with caution and at your own risk. And make sure you are following the physical distancing and limited use guidelines, so we can continue to keep our parks open.”

For more information, contact Tamara Howell, emergency communications & community engagement specialist, Douglas County; 541-670-2804 or tjhowell@co.douglas.or.us.

Oregon State Parks to remain closed through at least May 25

THE WORLD

OREGON — The Oregon State Park system, which has been closed since March 23 due to COVID-19 health concerns, will remain closed until at least May 25, according to officials.

Oregon State Parks initially said the closure would remain in effect through May 8.

As of Wednesday, there is no date for opening the day-use areas at any state park. State park camping and day-use reservations have been canceled from May 8 through and including May 25.

No daytime or overnight visitors are permitted at any state park. This does not affect the ocean shore.

According to the Oregon State Parks website, information about the status of future reservations will be shared prior to May 25, but more cancellations are likely.

Oregon State Parks closures include: Campgrounds and restrooms.

Day-use areas, restrooms, and all recreation facilities within a park, including but not limited to hiking trails, boat launches, disc golf courses and playgrounds.

All ocean shore/beach access points managed by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The ocean shore remains open, with the exception of shores in front of the city of Seaside, but may be closed if people don’t maintain social distance.

All state park local field offices.

The Oregon State Parks website provided the following Q&A information on the extended closure:

What? Why? Isn’t this an overreaction?

This is the hardest thing we’ve ever had to do. We’d hoped people would protect themselves, and more importantly, others by limiting their travel just to short trips to places with space. That didn’t happen, and we understand why: people need to get out, and they need a little nature time to make this whole thing bearable.

But you’re more important to us than our mission. Our local neighbors near each park — many of them small and rural — need our support and understanding. They and their health care systems (and grocery stores) don’t need a few thousand extra people on their doorstep.

So now what do I do? Sit around for a couple of months?

Go out if it’s important. Take a walk around your neighborhood where it’s easier to avoid clumping up, if that’s what you need. Please

do not travel to any popular recreation hotspot. You might think, “Well, if everyone else stays home, that means I can go.” This works only if we all do our part.

What about beaches?

This decision doesn’t currently affect the entire ocean shore, but it does close all state park-managed parking lots and beach accesses. Cities, counties, federal land managers, and businesses who manage accesses may follow suit. For example, the ocean shores within the north and south boundaries of the city of Seaside are closed. If you visit a beach, you may be approached by law enforcement to remind you of the Governor’s order to limit travel and maintain social distance from people not in your family.

We have the authority to close the beach temporarily for health reasons. If people don’t get the message that clumping up and overwhelming local areas is a bad idea, we’ll have to revisit the decision to leave all beaches open.

Cities and counties can also request beaches closed within their boundaries with the state’s Office of Emergency Management. We will honor requests approved by the OEM. Local law enforcement is primarily responsible for enforcing the closure. Such closures apply to all visitors, including locals and travelers. Please check before you go.

What about boat launches?

All boat launches inside state parks are closed. If you take in from a launch outside the state park, please be advised that your take-out point inside a state park will not be accessible.

Cancellation policy

Site fees will be refunded for any canceled reservation through and including May 25, 2020. If your reservation is for after that date, we are not refunding those reservations at this time and standard cancellation and refund policies apply.

Why can’t I make a new reservation?

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions and the expense of processing cancellations, Oregon State Parks is temporarily suspending all new camping and day-use reservations. We will open up reservations again as soon as we have a better idea about opening dates. Existing reservations after May 25 are not affected at this time.

How about day-use parking permits?

We’ll automatically add time to all 12- and 24-month day-use parking permits after we resume normal operations.

Why not let some people camp, but send others home?

You mean, allow RVs, but only if they are totally self-contained and people promise to stay inside them? Or close big parks, but not small ones? Or close more popular sites but not more rural ones? The only thing harder than closing an entire park system is closing it to some, but not others.

We understand that some people rely on public camping, and routinely move from place to place. However, this decision is also about reducing the strain on rural communities. We encourage you to find a place to stay closer to an area that is better equipped to handle this health emergency.

Half-measures won’t do, so this closure is system-wide.

Can I get my tax dollars back since you are not operating?

Oregon State Parks does not operate with any general fund tax dollars. Park operations are funded through three main sources: Lottery revenue, user fees, and a portion of RV registration proceeds.

Are RV dump stations staying open?

When we close a park, we close the entire park, including dump stations. Commercial providers may still be open.

What’s the problem with a walk on a trail?

A single person walking on a trail is fine. There are a few million people in the west who are thinking the same thing, and the next thing you know, people are parking alongside roads to get into a park. That’s bad for you, it harms other people, and it puts stress on local businesses and health care systems.

What are the rangers doing?

Ranger work varies from park to park.

Where we can, we are focusing on deferred maintenance projects, such as trail clean up, natural resource restoration, removing hazardous trees, fixing winter storm damage, repairs to water and electrical systems, crack sealing and painting, just to name a few.

For more information, the Oregon State Parks Information Line remains open at 800-551-6949, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Vote ‘yes’ on North Bend Measures 6-176 and 6-177

I am voting YES on North Bend Measure 6-176 to amend the City Charter.

I do not like the idea that the city council has the authority to create a revenue generating mechanism such as the Public Safety Fee without asking the voters if they want to pay such a fee. The council has an unlimited ability to take such actions because there is no prohibition in the City Charter. We have already seen the unlimited power of the council with the increase of the Public Safety Fee after we, the voters, said no. They have more control over your funds than you do. A YES vote on North Bend Measure 6-176 will prohibit such actions in the future. You, the people, will have the power to vote within the limitations of the law.

I am voting YES on North Bend Measure 6-177 to limit the Public Safety Fee to no more than \$15.

Per the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2018, Resolution 3250 was passed 4-3 calling for an election to increase the fee. On November 6, 2018, the public perception of the voters was that a Yes vote would increase the fee to \$25 and that a No vote would leave the fee at \$15 as stated by the City Administrator on August 14, 2018. The voters said NO to the increase by a significant margin. Per the City Council Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018, out of nowhere, Resolution 3250 became an “advisory” vote. The City Council did not want to listen to the voice of the people. The argument raised by the City that police and fire services will be cut back if this measure passes is totally misleading and a scare tactic. The City Charter provides the Council the power to fund police and fire services first and start making hard choices with the remainder of the budget. Measure 6-177 does not take away that power.

I urge a YES vote on North Bend Measures 6-176 and 6-177.

P.S. Remember, if you vote YES on these measures, you retain your voting rights to decide if you want to be taxed. Vote NO and you give up your right to decide whether or not you should be taxed as well as giving up your right to complain when it goes up again.

John A Briggs
North Bend

Rep. McKeown endorses Mukumoto

Dear Friends and Neighbors,
It has been an honor to serve as the State Representative for House District 9 for the last eight years. Representing this diverse and wonderful district requires a pragmatic approach to problem solving, the ability to work across the aisle, and a deep understanding

of who we are as South and Central Coast residents. Cal Mukumoto has those qualities and I enthusiastically endorse his candidacy for House District 9.

Cal is uniquely qualified to help grow the industries that sustain our way of life and will be a respected and effective voice for you in Salem. From wood products, to technology, to tourism, Cal has worked with and built up the industries that support our families and our community.

Serving as Chair of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission has required Cal to have a full understanding of the outdoor recreation and tourism industries and their integral roles in coastal economies. His time on the Oregon State Board of Forestry speaks to a nuanced grasp of the natural resource economy.

Since 1980, Cal has worked with Tribes in the Northwest managing natural resources, growing businesses, and ensuring that those businesses survive economic downturns like we are facing today. As we recover from the COVID-19 crisis, we will need strong leaders like Cal who understand our unique economy representing us in Salem.

I trust Cal to represent our district and know he will fight for our way of life. Please join me in voting Cal Mukumoto for Oregon House District 9.

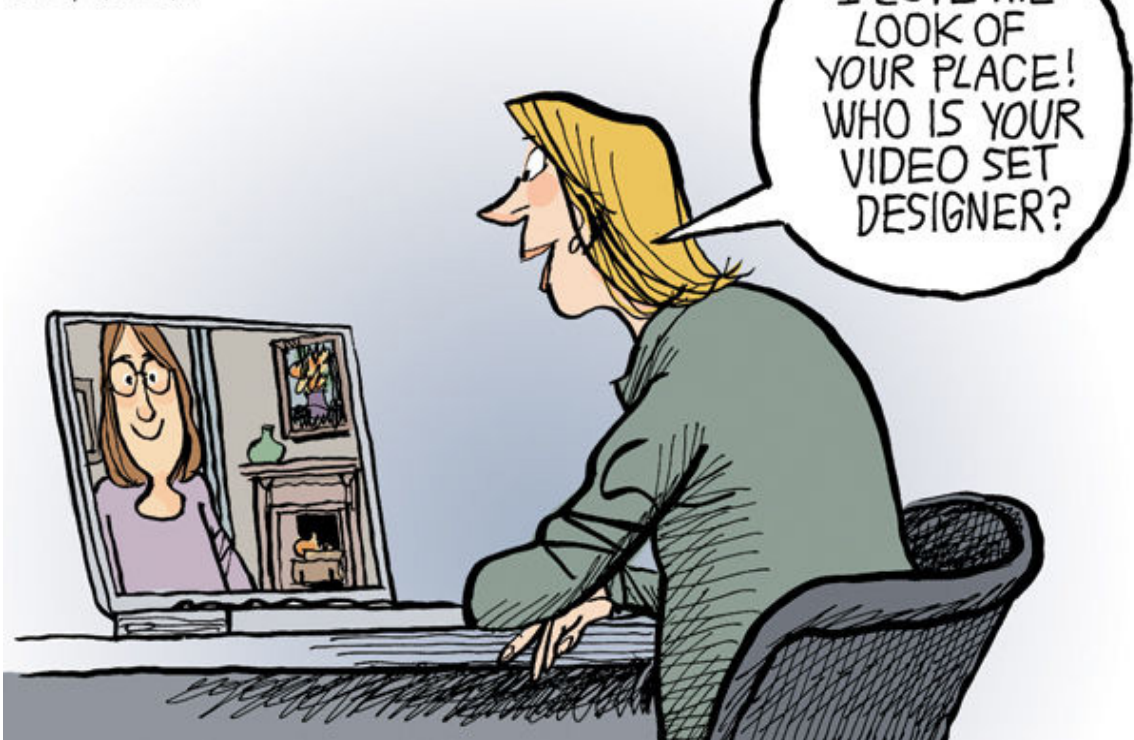
Caddy McKeown
State Representative
House District 9

Vote ‘no’ on Ballot Measure 6-177

Recently you have probably heard discussion about ballot measure 6-177. If passed, this ballot will reduce the City of North Bend’s budget by nearly 800,000 dollars annually, effectively eliminating 5 Police Officers, 2 firefighters, and 1 dispatcher. We are sympathetic to the fact that some are angered in the way the \$30 fee was enacted, but it was a necessary evil due to years of budgetary shortfalls because of a faulty tax code. Regardless of how the fee was put into action, it would be ultimately beneficial to the residents of North Bend if the fee stays intact. Reducing the fee to \$15 sounds like a wonderful way to get back at the local government and to save some money every month. But, what will it really cost? Do you want to call 911 in the middle of the night and not have a Police Officer available to respond to your emergency? NO. Do you want the fire department to no longer be available to respond to emergency medical calls and lift assists? NO. Vote NO on ballot measure 6-177.

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When would Joe Biden reopen the country?



BYRON YORK

The most pressing problem facing Americans today is how and when states and local areas reopen after the coronavirus lockdowns. President Trump, stressing the terrible economic damage the lockdowns have done, has (mostly) pressed for reopening sooner rather than later. He has released detailed guidelines for officials in the states to consult when deciding when to reopen.

Where does Joe Biden stand on all this? Even though he is the presumptive presidential nominee of his party, and even though reopening is the most urgent issue of the time, and even though he claims far greater competence and leadership ability than the current president, and even though he has said quite a lot about the coronavirus issue broadly, Biden has been quite vague about when he would OK reopening, were he in the White House.

On April 12, Biden published an op-ed in The New York Times, “My Plan to Safely Reopen America.” He set three standards for reopening.

First, Biden said, “We have to get the number of new cases of the disease down significantly.” Second, there needs to be “widespread, easily available, and prompt” testing. “We should be running multiple times the number

of diagnostic tests we’re performing right now,” Biden wrote. Third, hospitals have to be “ready for flare-ups of the disease that may occur when economic activity expands again.”

One revealing point in his Times piece was that Biden never used the word “states,” as in, governors can best address the situations in their states. Nor did Biden refer to mayors or other local government officials. For him, as for some top Democrats, reopening after the virus is mostly a national, top-down, one-size-fits-all issue.

So what of his three conditions?

Biden’s first condition -- that new cases of the disease be falling -- is already happening in many parts of the country. Governors have, in fact, cited it as part of their reason to partially reopen economic life.

Biden’s third condition -- that hospitals be ready for flare-ups -- is also already happening in many places. Oklahoma Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt recently noted that there are 300 hospitalizations for coronavirus in his state and 4,600 hospital beds for virus patients.

It is Biden’s second condition -- that the current number of tests must be multiplied by some number before reopening -- that has not yet been met, even though the number of tests performed in the U.S. is now nearing 6 million.

This week, Biden published a Medium post in which he argued that there is still a “massive shortfall” in testing. “We want our country to get moving and healthy again,” Biden said, “but we must take the necessary, rational steps, grounded in science, to do so safely.” That appears to suggest he would not reopen any activity currently shut down until the “massive shortfall” is eliminated.

After COVID, will we want what we wanted?



FROMA HARROP

When Germany let smaller stores reopen, the expected didn’t happen. Officials thought that shoppers would burst out of their five-week lockdown and spend, spend, spend. They were wrong.

As the manager of an espresso machine store in Berlin told the Financial Times, “No one really wants to go shopping right now.”

Same story in the Atlanta suburbs. Georgia gave a green light for restaurants, hair salons, tattoo parlors and other close-and-personal services to open their doors before others. But that thus far has not lit up the local economy. Some places decided not to reopen as a measure to protect workers and customers from the COVID-19 virus, and those that did were overwhelmed.

The owner of a barbershop, for example, told The Wall Street Journal that he saw a rush of business on Friday, the first day back in business. But since then, business has been trailing off.

What’s going on? Are people staying away out of fear of getting the virus? Have they lost their jobs and therefore don’t have money to spend?

There’s another possibility: They may have simply lost the lust for acquiring new things and dining out. They may feel they’ve done fine working from home in sweatpants or a pair of jeans. They may have gotten back into serious home cooking and decided they like it. And they may notice how little they’ve been spending.

This could suggest a rewiring of the consumer brain. If so, societies that depend on consumer spending -- in the U.S., it accounts for 70 percent of the economy -- had better adjust. If companies and their employees decide to continue working remotely, there goes some of the demand for clothing, lunches out and gasoline, too.

Meanwhile, getting hit in the face with a black-swan event like the pandemic has made some question their previous financial behavior. Before this, one’s paychecks may have covered the bills. Who would have thought in January, when jobs went begging, that something out of the blue would change everything? Financial security is not just having a job. It requires savings, too.

A Chinese professional in Beijing told The New York Times that her income has fallen off a cliff. A translator of French plays, she had been living the high life. She’d buy \$170 tubes of face cream and spend over \$200 a month in restaurants.

But she’s now wondering what good her designer handbags are doing her. Her financial priorities have undergone a change. “When I find a job,” she said, “I will start saving money, and I can’t live a

wasteful life like before.”

China has gone far in reopening its economy. Stores are open and factories humming. But the younger generation of big spenders doesn’t seem to have returned -- not yet, anyway. Retail sales remain surprisingly flat, and the thirst for travel has not returned. This will have an impact on the world economy.

Having to wear face masks and maintain distance from others further dims the pleasures of going out. And if we don’t do these things, are we going to get sick?

The new frugality may reflect more than a downturn in income. It may reflect a change in values.

Of course, everything is subject to change. A vaccine may come along that frees us from COVID-19 fears.

Or a new reality may redirect, rather than lock up, consumer dollars. That may mean greater interest in home fitness equipment or new electronics to enhance the video meeting experience. In the meantime, many of us wish we hadn’t given away our sewing machines.

We can rest assured that after COVID, Americans will still have their material wants. But what they want may be different.

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Where is everyone going?



SUSAN ESTRICH

I live in Los Angeles County, where new coronavirus cases are showing up as fast as anywhere in the country. We’re on lockdown. We were the first state to be told to stay in place. Until this week, we were actually able to take some comfort in that, because we lagged so far behind New York in cases and in deaths.

California isn’t competing with New York yet, but it’s not a competition anyone wants to be in. In Northern California, the lockdown has already been extended until May 31. Los Angeles is somehow supposed to partially return to work in May, but no one believes that will happen.

Last week, Los Angeles was a movie set: a ghost town, empty freeways, empty sidewalks and no smog.

The smog isn’t back yet, but it’s surely coming. “There’s traffic,” we say to one another, astounded by the sight of cars going in every direction.

There’s nowhere to go. Are all these people really making their 11th visit to Costco? Did everyone decide a cloudy day in the middle of the workweek was the perfect time for a drive? I have my own theory.

We’re all going nuts. I was in the ICU once, for three weeks, and when the nurses woke me up at 2:00 a.m. (contrary

to doctors’ orders) to ask me where I was, I was at a loss. The nurse asked me who she was, and I thought she was my college roommate. Finally, the most arrogant of the three asked me who was president, and I told them Barack Obama was, and to get out of my room.

Being in an ICU room will do that to you -- isolation, not being outside, not looking at anything but the view outside your window.

In a post-anesthesia haze at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles, I kept inquiring about the traffic heading to the Red Sox game in Fenway Park.

It really is a terrible thing to feel like you’re ready to jump out of your skin, much less your house. I’ve lived through it enough to know it can be terrifying. It doesn’t mean that your brain is damaged; it means you’ve spent too much time in your room.

“Wheel her onto the patio,” someone shouted as I sat there wondering if I knew anything other than the identity of the president. They did. They told me what happened. It scared the living daylight out of me. And then it went away.

There are many parts of this pandemic that feel like a lengthy illness even for those of us who are not (yet) infected. Permanent pajamas, endless attention to viruses and bacteria, fear of any cough, uncertainty about loved ones. It feels like one of those vigils with which many of us are too familiar. But the one thing we tend to forget when we’re in the middle of a vigil is that they end. They even usually end OK. And as they fade into the past, so does the fear. We just need to keep breathing and not go out.

To find out more about Susan Estrich and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

On this day in Coos County history

100 YEARS April 30, 1920

Dies Trying to Save Friend Two young men drowned in Coquille River

Lee Hollenbeck falls from the relief and Frank Lewis tries to save him
Bandon, Ore., April 30 – Lee Hollenbeck, 20, and Frank Lewis, 22, employed on the steamed Relief, were drowned in the Coquille River yesterday while loading milk on the boat at the Panter landing near Lampa.
Hollenbeck stumbled and fell into the river. Lewis plunged into the water to rescue his companion and had succeeded in swimming with him for about 50 feet, when both youths sank. Dragging of the river for the bodies was started. Lewis was formerly a member of the Bandon coast guard.

Small Boat is Stranded on Bar Capsizes on the South Spit when engine fails J. Copeland and Charles Clemens of Reedsport who were aboard have narrow escape from death

J. Copeland and Charles Clemens of Reedsport, had a narrow escape from death when their gasoline boat Annie capsized on the Coos Bay bar yesterday.
The boat was purchased here and was to be taken to the Umpqua River to engage in fishing and had started on the trip north.
When the little boat was on the bar the engine broke down and the boat was

carried up on the south spit and capsized. The accident was seen from the lookout of the Coast Guard and the crew went out in the power life boat to give aid but the life boat engine also broke down and caused some delay.

Bill Discussed at Luncheon Higher educational measure explained by speaker Representatives of various organizations are in attendance to hear merits of propositions

The higher education bill was the subject of a discussion at a luncheon held today at the Chandler hotel. The merits of the proposition which is to be voted on by the people and the needs of the state educational institutions were explained by Judge John S. Coke who represented the state normal, C.F. McKnight for the O.A.C. and Ben Chandler for the University of Oregon.

50 YEARS April 30, 1970

Coos Health Priority to Climb with Closure

Coos County will become the number one target for health care needs after McAuley Hospital closes. It may jump to the top of a state priority list for federal construction grants when it loses the 61 hospital beds now provided by McAuley. The county now ranks third on the list, representatives of labor unions in the Bay Area were told Wednesday night.

Family of Five Loses Coos Home

GREENACRES — A family of five lost their home here at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morris and their son, 7, were in Coquille at a high school track meet in which their sons 14 and 16 were participating when their trailer home went up in flames.
Only a shell of the home remained when the Morris family returned about 5 p.m., according to Don Sanborn, chief of Greenacres Volunteer Fire Department which responded to an alarm with two pumper trucks.

Body is Discovered

Efforts are being made to identify the body of a man found on the beach between Mussel Reef and Cape Arago Lighthouse Wednesday afternoon.
Coos County Sheriff's Office said today it is believed to be one of the four men lost at sea when the Sea Drifter, a commercial fishing craft, capsized off the north spit April 11. Aboard were Clayton "Curly" Osborne, 54, Charleston, owner of the vessel; Dave West, 58; Gary Bowman, 23; and Anthony Worthington, 27.

10 YEARS April 30, 2010

Student newspaper named one of the best

Marshfield High School's newspaper has been named one of the top student

publications in the country for the third year in a row.
The Marshfield Times took sixth place in the Best of Show category for newspapers its size at the National High School Journalism Convention in Portland earlier this month. Two sophomore staff members also took home individual awards. Lucia Vaughan earned an honorable mention in editorial cartooning, while Amy Laube received an honorable mention in news writing.

5 YEARS April 30, 2015

Our View: South Coast visitors just keep on coming The visitor industry keeps on growing, and we'd best keep up

Bigwigs from the state's tourism and visitor agency, the Oregon Tourism Commission, better known as Travel Oregon, visited last week, part of their annual trek across the state on the eve of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 2-10.
Travel Oregon CEO Todd Davidson told the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce the good news about the state's travel profile — spending last year of \$10.3 billion, up 4 percent; 26.8 million overnight visitors, up 2 percent; direct employment of more than 100,000, up 3 percent.

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.

Heart disease is main underlying condition of COVID-19 deaths in Oregon

SALEM (AP) — The number of known deaths from the coronavirus in Oregon topped 100 on Wednesday.
The Oregon Health Authority reported 61 new cases of the coronavirus and two deaths, bringing the total known death toll to 101. Of almost 55,000 people tested, 2,446 results were positive.
All those who died in the state from the coronavirus had underlying health conditions, said health authority spokesman Jonathan Modie. Almost 60% had cardiovascular disease, according to a table published by the Oregon Health Authority late Tuesday. The data, based on case interviews and medical records of 73 people who died, marked the first time the agency specified what the underlying

conditions have been.
“It does show the insidiousness and severity of this disease and how much it attacks the body,” said Jonathan Modie, spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority.
A person who died may have had more than one underlying condition, the OHA noted.
The second-highest underlying medical condition was a neurological or neurodevelopmental issue. Neurological disorders include epilepsy, Alzheimer’s disease, and cerebrovascular diseases including stroke, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease.
Other underlying conditions included diabetes, in 33% of cases; lung disease, 29%; kidney disease, 25%; 18% with compromised

immune systems; and liver disease, 7%.
Dawn Nolt, associate professor of pediatrics of the division of infectious diseases at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, said she is not surprised that diseases of major organs and poor immune system are a factor in so many deaths.
“You are probably going to have a harder time combating the infection and in fact may have more serious consequences,” Nolt said.
Around half of the confirmed deaths in Oregon of the coronavirus were people 80 or older. One-quarter were 70-79.
Unless state health officials separate single condition from multiple conditions, it will be impossible to assess whether

it is a particular condition, or some combination of conditions, that makes COVID-19 patients most at risk of dying, said Chunhui Chi, director of the Center for Global Health at Oregon State University in Corvallis.
“For example, I can’t say that cardiovascular disease is the highest risk of underlying condition to die from COVID-19,” Chi said.
If a person had smoked before and quit, that was also listed as an underlying condition, with 25% of fatal cases

in that category. However, OHA did not specify how long ago they quit smoking.
“To a former smoker, it might present some residual injury that makes it a little harder to combat the infection,” said Nolt.
Or the numbers could simply reflect that a greater percentage of the population smoked when those people were younger than the percentage today, she said.
Only 1.4% of those who died were listed as current smokers.

DEATH NOTICE

Lori J. Dugan - 59, of Coos Bay died April 28, 2020 in Coos Bay. Memorial services will be announced and held at a later date at the North Bend First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Ronald A. Ellis - 75, of Lakeside, passed away on April 28, 2020 in Lakeside. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend chapel, 541-756-0440.

National death toll goes above 60,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump likes to talk about the most, the best, the thing that nobody has ever seen.
Now he is trying to make a virtue of a lower number, arguing that the efforts of his administration have warded off a far greater death toll than otherwise would have been seen.
But the reported U.S. death toll on Wednesday crept past 60,000, a figure that Trump in recent weeks had suggested might be the total death count. He had cited the estimate as a sign of relative success after the White House previously warned the U.S. could suffer 100,000 to 240,000 deaths.
Trump also has repeatedly used the outer band of any estimate — the potential that 2.2 million Americans could have died had there been no interventions — to try to make his case most powerfully.
The U.S. death toll from COVID-19 is certain to keep growing from here.
And, like the unemployment rate, the numbers also will be revised — and likely upward, due to underreporting. The focus on death tallies also overlooks other important markers such as immunity levels and infection rates.
“All these pieces of data are like a giant jigsaw puzzle that you’re putting together,” said Dr. Howard Markel, director of the University of Michigan’s Center for the History of Medicine. “The death toll is just one of them.”
Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania, said it’s simplistic for Trump or other public officials to focus on the death toll since it’s incomplete. Cases not initially classified as COVID-19 could be added at a later date.
“The problem is you look at the number on your television screen and the number looks real,” she said. “What you don’t have is that that number should have an asterisk next to it.”
Dr. Deborah Birx, coordinator of the White

House coronavirus task force, on March 29 revealed models projecting the deaths of 100,00-240,000 Americans, assuming social distancing efforts were ongoing. At the same time, she said epidemiology models initially had predicted a worst-case scenario of 1.5 million to 2.2 million U.S. deaths without mitigation efforts such as social distancing, hand washing and staying home as much as possible.
Soon after, Trump began speculating that the 100,000 figure was an outer limit. Later, he leaned more toward a 60,000 projection.
“The minimum number was 100,000 lives, and I think we’ll be substantially under that number,” he said April 10. “Hard to believe that if you had 60,000 — you could never be happy, but that’s a lot fewer than we were originally told and thinking.”
Trump tempers his comments by saying even one death is too many, but he’s also appeared relieved at the notion of a toll of 60,000. That’s more in a matter of months than the 58,220 U.S. military deaths during the Vietnam War but far below the 675,000 deaths from the 1918 flu pandemic that Trump often cites.
Trump has used the 2.2. million death estimate to suggest he saved millions of lives through leadership that he and other administration officials say was “decisive.” His actions have been challenged by state, local and public health officials who have complained about shortages of testing supplies and safety gear for doctors and nurses.
Trump often cites restricting travel from China, where the virus originated, and from Europe, where it took hold before exploding in the U.S., as among his most important first steps.
“We did the right thing, because if we didn’t do it, you would have had a million people, a million and a half people, maybe 2 million people dead,” the president said on April 20.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Feud between two brothers is spilling over to their parents

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have two sons in their late 30s. We always thought they got along well and loved each other. Over the past year, they are no longer speaking with each other because of hard feelings over current situations. They live in the same neighborhood.
My husband refuses to stay at either one's house now when we visit from out of town because he's so upset at the turn of events. (We have been getting a hotel room.) When I visit on my own, I stay with our older son because there is no place to stay with the younger one.
The disagreement between my husband and me is I want to continue to visit as I have, understanding there are differences but hoping they will come to a solution. I refuse to choose one over the other, and I'm trying to be consistent with love and be a good role model. Both of our sons know this.
My husband is upset with me because I don't support his position of not staying at either house until they make up. This is creating more friction in a situation that is already breaking our hearts. What do you recommend? We have made our suggestions for a resolution, but these are grown men who must do the work themselves.
-- MOM IN A DIFFICULT SPOT

DEAR MOM: I recommend you continue to do what makes you comfortable. Your sons both know you love them. If your husband thinks that your staying in a hotel -- provided you can find one during the current shutdowns -- will somehow manipulate your sons into settling their differences more quickly, he is mistaken. It hasn't worked so far. As you stated, your "boys" are grown men. I agree with you that they will have to hash this out on their own.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance often leaves memory cards out on his dresser after a day of being home alone. I was by myself one day and looked at them. There were photos of a nude woman wrapped in his bed sheet on his bed back in 2018. In

them, she is posing. We were dating when they were taken, but not yet living together or engaged.
He dabbles in photography, but never mentioned this or informed me he was doing this shoot. I found another set from 2017 -- prior to our relationship -- that is not as "tastefully" done. Do I have reason for concern? I thought these things were professionally done off-site. His bedroom, though? -- UNEASY IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNEASY: If the photos were taken before you and your fiance were exclusive, I doubt you have any reason to worry. However, rather than ask me if you have anything to be concerned about, any questions you have about his "dabbling" would be better addressed directly to him.

DEAR ABBY: I have a grown daughter whom my ex-husband named "Brenda." (It is her middle name.) She's married, a mother of five and lived abroad for quite some time. She's back in the U.S. now and living 50 miles away from our family. She now wants to be called by her first name, which is "Riley." The problem is, everyone here at home knows her as Brenda. Presently, I still call her Brenda. How can this be resolved? -- NOT HAPPY IN THE SOUTH

DEAR NOT HAPPY: Resolve this by using the name your adult daughter prefers. If you refuse, expect the distance between you to become greater than 50 miles.

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Dear Reader,

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to alter our daily lives. In March, we directed the reporters for all of our Country Media newspapers – including those at our publications in Coos Bay, Bandon and Reedsport - to work from their home offices. And to limit the contact between our staff and our customers, thereby protecting all parties, we reduced the office hours at every location to 9 a.m. – noon, Monday – Friday. For those employees whose work requires them to be onsite to conduct our essential business, we moved their workstations to ensure safe distancing and we are enforcing the scheduled sanitation of all surfaces several times daily. As you can see from a quick drive down U.S. Highway 101, the virus’ impact on local businesses is severe. Many have closed their doors, some permanently. These local businesses rely on newspapers to connect them to potential customers, and we in turn rely on generating advertising revenue to offset our operating expenses. Business closures intended to prevent the spread of the coronavirus have dramatically reduced those advertising revenues over the past several weeks. While we all hope to emerge from this crisis soon, there’s no way to predict the duration or severity of its impact on our economy. Meantime, you may notice some changes to our regular lineup of comics, columns and features, and the resulting number of pages in each issue. Soon after we bought this newspaper on February 1, we learned that the monthly bill for the comics and features appearing in The World exceeded that of a full-time reporter. The virus has enhanced the urgency for both expense reduction and prioritization of content, and right now I would rather have a reporter on the streets - and eliminate a few comics - than the other way around. You will also notice an increase in the number and percentage of local news articles, with proportionately less Associated Press content. This is intentional. While we will still provide AP articles that are relevant to our readers, you depend on us daily to report the local news that you won’t find anywhere else. Our newsroom is fully committed to this mission. And we’re still hiring! Here in Coos Bay, we are searching for advertising sales reps and graphic artists. If you know anyone who would seem to be a good fit, send them our way. Thank you for your continued trust and support. It’s our honor to serve the citizens of Coos, Douglas and Curry counties.

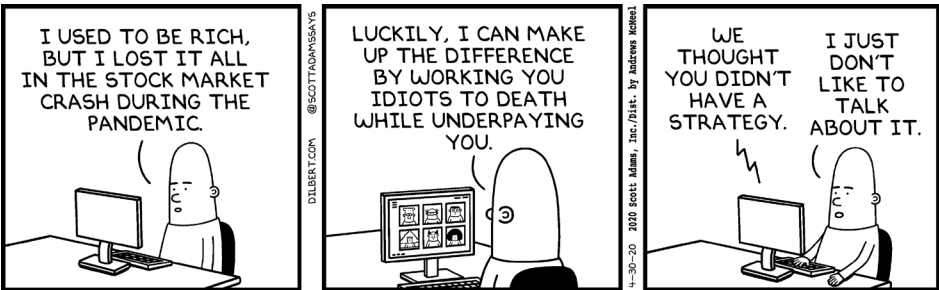
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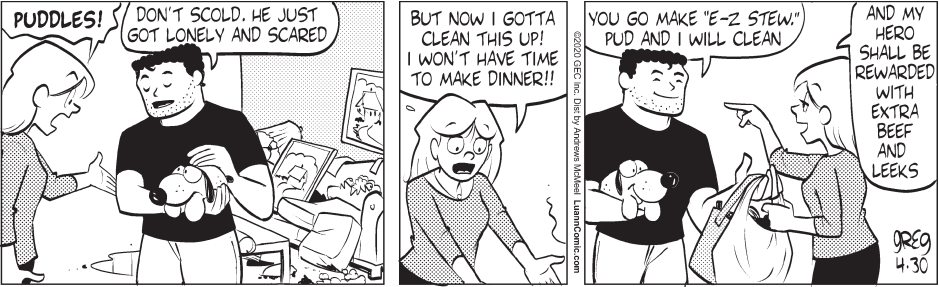
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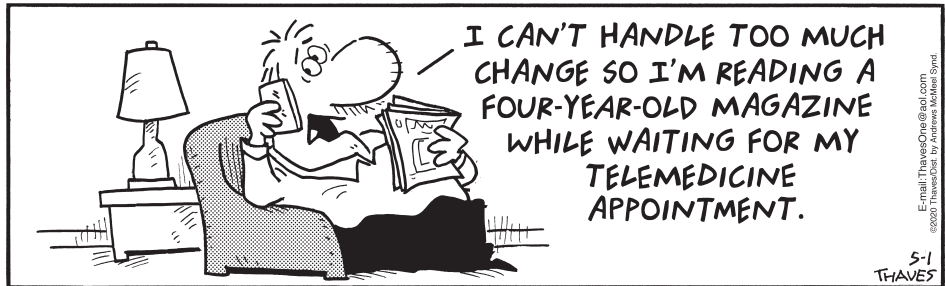


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ACROSS

- Provide capital
- Aberdeen boy
- -ho
- Where Tehran is
- Before, to Blake
- Popular cookie
- Billion, in combos
- Wanted poster abbr.
- Immense
- Kind of coffee
- Resided
- Boastful knight
- Golf score
- Grind, as teeth
- Keels over
- Before Sept.
- Industrious insect
- Tolstoy title word

DOWN

- Enormous
- Dik-dik cousin
- Tie up the phone
- Wabash loc.
- Withdraw
- Nips
- Freud, to himself
- Boxer, maybe
- Flexible
- Open, as a bottle
- Fashion length
- Get — of that junk!
- Scurried along
- Lap dog
- Unit of energy
- Ferber or Millay
- Fellas
- Where clouds are
- Run 100 meters

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Very dry
- Zoo enclosure
- Special skills
- Springlike
- Couples-only ship?
- Poker face
- Rule
- River in Asia

- Sparrow's dwelling
- Caught on
- Contented sigh
- Hang on
- Joke
- Cloister dwellers
- Flu symptom
- Like some furs
- Tease
- Well-grounded
- Hwys.
- Gross!
- Holds firmly
- Chicago and Madrid
- Vereen or Kingsley
- Needed scratching
- Chubby
- Stead
- Pitch-dark
- Slave girl of opera
- Permanent markers
- Auto sticker info
- Exasperate
- Telegraph syllable

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Study finds drug works against coronavirus

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For the first time, a major study suggests that an experimental drug works against the new coronavirus, and U.S. government officials said Wednesday that they would work to make it available to appropriate patients as quickly as possible.

In a study of 1,063 patients sick enough to be hospitalized, Gilead Sciences’s remdesivir shortened the time to recovery by 31% — 11 days on average versus 15 days for those just given usual care, officials said. The drug also might be reducing deaths, although that’s not certain from the partial results revealed so far.

“What it has proven is that a drug can block this virus,” the National Institutes of Health’s Dr. Anthony Fauci said.

“This will be the standard of care,” and any other potential treatments will now have to be tested against or in combination with remdesivir, he said.

No drugs are approved now for treating the coronavirus, which has killed about 226,000 people worldwide since it emerged late last year in China. An effective treatment for COVID-19 could have a profound effect on the pandemic’s impact, especially because a vaccine is likely to be a year or more away.

Fauci revealed the results while speaking from the White House. Remdesivir was being evaluated in at least seven major studies, but this one, led by the NIH, was the strictest test. Independent monitors notified study leaders just days ago that the drug was working, so it was no longer ethical to continue with a placebo group.

Dr. Elizabeth Hohmann, who enrolled 49 patients in the experiment at Massachusetts General Hospital, said study leaders were told Tuesday night that the results are based on “the first cut of 460 patients.”

“There’s over 1,000 in the study so there’s a lot more information to come” and full results need to be seen, she said. “I’m cautiously optimistic.”

Dr. Babafemi Taiwo, chief of infectious diseases at Northwestern Medicine, which also participated in the study, called the results “really exciting.”

“For the first time we have a large, well-conducted trial” showing a treatment helps, he said. “This is not a miracle drug ... but it’s definitely better than anything we have.”

Fauci said the partial results showed that the drug had “a clear-cut significant positive effect,” shortening the time to hospital discharge by four days. By comparison, antiviral drugs for the flu shorten illness by about one day on average and only when started within a day or two of symptoms first appearing.

In the remdesivir study, about 8% of those on the drug died versus 11.6% of the comparison group, but the difference is not large enough for scientists to say the drug was the reason.

No information was given on side effects. Fauci said full results would be published in a medical journal soon. He said final numbers might change a bit but that the study’s overall conclusion would not.

Remdesivir is among dozens of treatments being tried against the coronavirus but was the farthest along in testing. It’s

given through an IV and blocks an enzyme the virus uses to copy its genetic material. In animal tests against SARS and MERS, diseases caused by similar coronaviruses, the drug helped prevent infection and reduced the severity of symptoms when given early enough in the course of illness.

“We are excited and optimistic” about the new results, said Vanderbilt University’s Dr. Mark Denison. His lab first tested remdesivir against other coronaviruses in 2013 and has done much research on it since, but was not involved in the NIH study.

“It’s active against every coronavirus that we’ve ever tested,” Denison said. “It was very hard for the virus to develop resistance to remdesivir. That means the drug would likely be effective over longer term use.”

The NIH study started in February; the first participant was a patient in Nebraska who had been evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship docked in Japan. It quickly enrolled its original goal of 440 patients and then was expanded to give more answers on questions such as which subgroups may or may not benefit, and other factors that may affect success, such as how early the drug was given.

The study only tested the drug in patients sick enough to be hospitalized — typically with pneumonia and often needing oxygen — so its safety and effectiveness for people less ill isn’t known.

The study will continue to enroll new patients. It was set up as an umbrella trial to test many treatments, although they now will have to be tested against remdesivir or with it, Fauci said.

Separately on Wednesday, California-based Gilead announced partial results

from its own ongoing study of the drug in severely ill, hospitalized COVID-19 patients. The company said patients treated for five days “achieved similar improvement” in health as others treated for 10 days. However, that result is hard to interpret because there is no comparison group of people getting usual care, so it’s impossible to know how much patients would have improved on their own.

Yet another study tested remdesivir in severely ill patients in China, which was stopped after only 237 of a planned 453 patients were enrolled. Partial results published Wednesday in the British medical journal Lancet suggest the drug did not speed recovery in that study, but it was too small to be definitive, Fauci and study leaders said.

Gilead also is testing remdesivir in a separate study of moderately ill coronavirus patients. No results have yet been announced from that study, which does have a comparison group.

Besides these studies, Gilead also has given remdesivir to more than 1,700 patients on a case-by-case emergency basis. The drug is not yet approved anywhere in the world for any use.

A statement from the Food and Drug Administration says that the agency has been talking with Gilead “regarding making remdesivir available to patients as quickly as possible, as appropriate.”

Gilead said it was ramping up production and aims to have more than 140,000 treatment courses by the end of May, more than 500,000 by October and more than 1 million by December.

California governor will order beaches and state parks closed starting Friday

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Gavin Newsom will order all beaches and state parks closed starting Friday after people thronged the seashore during a sweltering weekend despite his social distancing order that aims to slow the spread of the coronavirus, according to a memo sent to police chiefs around the state.

Eric Nuñez, president of the California Police Chiefs Association, said it was sent to the group’s members Wednesday evening so they have time to plan ahead of Newsom’s expected announcement Thursday.

A message to the governor’s office seeking comment wasn’t immediately returned.

While most state parks and many local beaches, trails and parks have been closed for weeks, Newsom’s order is sure to ignite pushback from communities who argue that they can safely provide some relief to residents who are starved of fresh air.

Pressure is building to ease state and local restrictions that have throttled the economy, closing most businesses and adding nearly 4 million people to the unemployment rolls.

On Wednesday, six San Francisco Bay Area counties that imposed the first broad stay-at-home orders in California because of the

coronavirus loosened them slightly to allow for landscaping, construction and other outdoor businesses, such as flea markets and nurseries, so long as social distancing is maintained.

And in what could be a critical addition for many parents, it specifies that summer camps are allowed, but only if kids stay in small groups and their parents are considered to hold essential jobs under the state order, such as health care workers.

Some recreational bans also were eased, but not all in exactly the same way. For instance, tennis will be OK in Sacramento starting Friday, but not in San Francisco.

Compounding the confusion: Some elements of the revised orders won’t take effect because they conflict with the statewide stay-at-home order, which is still in place.

In Riverside County, authorities said its local order will end Thursday and be replaced by less-restrictive measures. Trails and parks will be open for hiking, biking and horseback riding as long as visitors wear masks.

Health officials, however, warn that more mingling also brings the potential for more infection and the government should tread gingerly when easing restrictions so as not to ignite another surge in coronavirus cases.

Newsom’s beach order follows a weekend in which some 80,000 people flocked to Newport Beach in Orange County, south of Los Angeles, with additional thousands gathering at open beaches in Ventura County, north of LA.

An Orange County supervisor, Donald P. Wagner, issued a statement saying he believes Newsom has the power to close local beaches but “it is not wise to do so.”

“Orange County citizens have been cooperative with state and county restrictions thus far. I fear that this over-reaction from the state will undermine that cooperative attitude and our collective efforts to fight the disease,” he said.

Beaches in Los Angeles County remain closed.

Lifeguards said most people appeared to be heeding social distance safety rules such as limiting groups and not lingering on the sand. But the crowds irked Newsom, who has said California’s 40 million residents should try to stay home as much as possible.

“This virus doesn’t take the weekends off, this virus doesn’t go home because it’s a beautiful sunny day around our coasts,” he said Monday.

The same day, beaches across San Diego County reopened. A day later, Newport Beach officials rejected a plan to close the city beaches

for three consecutive weekends.

California is approaching 50,000 confirmed coronavirus cases and nearly 2,000 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University, although the number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested.

However, virus hospitalizations have been virtually flat for several weeks in California and the state has dodged the dreaded massive surge of patients experienced by New York and several other states.

Newsom has praised Californians for helping “flatten the curve” of the outbreak through social distancing but he also is reluctant to follow the examples of Georgia, Florida and several other states that are moving more rapidly to restart their economies.

Newsom reiterated Wednesday it would be weeks before he makes the first significant modification to the state order, urging people to remain at home to prevent unintended outbreaks among the state’s most high-risk populations, including nursing homes.

ACROSS

- 1 Worry
- 5 Kim of “Vertigo”
- 10 Labored
- 12 Team spirit
- 13 Where protons are
- 14 Not right or wrong
- 15 Robin’s perch
- 16 Do embroidery
- 18 Pet shop sound
- 19 Rival
- 23 Ernst & Young staffer
- 26 Thai language
- 27 Use absorbent paper
- 30 Kind of survey
- 32 Keen
- 34 Zeppelin
- 35 Copyright kin
- 36 Touches lightly
- 37 Zodiac beast
- 38 Hot time in Paris
- 39 Not generous
- 42 Son of Val and Aleta
- 45 Append
- 46 Rock band needs
- 50 Like Steve Austin
- 53 Fictitious
- 55 Very tired
- 56 Not wholly
- 57 Dog complaints
- 58 Tournament passes

DOWN

- 1 Two couples
- 2 Kitchen staple
- 3 Barkin or DeGeneres
- 4 Golf ball stand

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Gold, in Peru
- 7 Change
- 8 Kyrgyzstan range
- 9 Leafy algae
- 10 Rubble-maker
- 11 Gloomy
- 12 Gulleys
- 17 Fair-hiring letters
- 20 Roll by
- 21 Girders (hyph.)
- 22 Thin board
- 23 Hack’s vehicle
- 24 Throw snowballs
- 25 Prima donna’s tune
- 28 Ess molding
- 29 Big Top
- 31 Mischief-makers
- 33 Country addr.
- 35 Made good on a debt (2 wds.)
- 37 Country addr.
- 40 Delicate
- 41 Ike’s predecessor
- 42 Popular columnist
- 43 Vex
- 44 Caroler’s tune
- 47 Dole out
- 48 Soulmates
- 49 Furtive
- 51 Fabric surface
- 52 1040 agcy.
- 54 Snatch

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Biden faces sexual assault allegation from 1990s

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sexual assault allegation is raising Joe Biden’s first big challenge as the Democrats’ presidential nominee, fueling Republican attacks and leaving many in his own party in an uncomfortable bind.

Biden’s campaign has denied the allegation from his former Senate staffer Tara Reade, who has said Biden assaulted her in the basement of a Capitol Hill office building in the 1990s. But the story garnered fresh attention this week after two of Reade’s associates said she previously told them about elements of her allegations.

Republicans who are worried about President Donald Trump’s increasingly precarious political standing are seizing on the allegation to portray Democrats as hypocrites who only defend women who allege wrongdoing against conservatives. They are digging in despite the fact that it could renew attention on the multiple sexual assault allegations lodged against Trump.

Democrats, meanwhile, are in an awkward position of vigorously validating women who come forward with their stories while defending the man who will be their standard-bearer in what many in the party consider the most important election of their lifetimes.

The tension is heightened because Biden himself is saying nothing about the allegation.

Like many Americans, he has spent the past several weeks at home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Biden has participated in a handful of local and national

interviews, during which he wasn’t asked about the allegation. But he hasn’t held a press briefing for the broader press corps that covers him since April 2, before multiple news organizations reported Reade’s story. The public appearances he has made, such as fundraisers or events alongside prominent Democrats, have been controlled.

Some Democrats say that approach isn’t working and are urging a more forceful response.

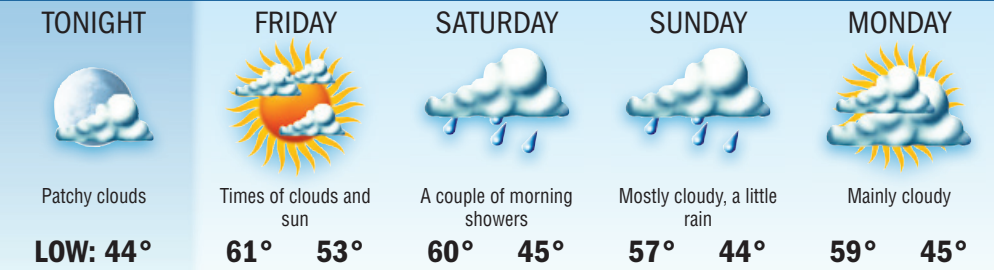
“The campaign has issued statements, but he hasn’t issued any statements in his own voice,” said former Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Donna Brazile. “It’s not helping, it’s just damaging — not only to the person who has come forward, but it’s also damaging the candidate.”

Lis Smith, who worked as a top strategist on Pete Buttigieg’s presidential campaign, also called on the Biden campaign to speak up.

“These accusations have not been found to be credible, so it’s in the Biden campaign’s interest to nip this in the bud directly and do it quickly,” she said.

The November contest between Biden and Trump will be the first presidential race of the #MeToo era, which has led numerous women to come forward with allegations of sexual assault. Trump himself has been accused of assault and unwanted touching by numerous women, allegations he denies. He was forced to apologize during the 2016 campaign after he was heard on a recording bragging about using his fame to assault women.

FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend yesterday	
TEMPERATURE	
High/low	65°/52°
Normal high/low	57°/45°
Record high	77° in 2014
Record low	34° in 1966
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.01"
Year to date	18.26"
Last year to date	36.78"
Normal year to date	30.93"

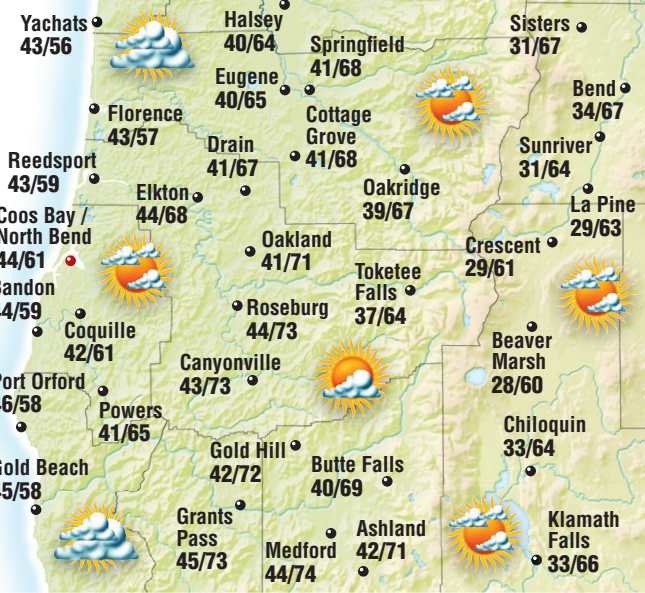
SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:18 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:09 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	1:22 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	3:22 a.m.



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



TIDES

Location	High	ft.	Friday		ft.	Saturday		ft.
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Bandon	6:32 a.m.	5.8	12:57 a.m.	3.4	7:55 a.m.	5.8	2:19 a.m.	2.8
	8:37 p.m.	5.6	1:43 p.m.	0.2	9:26 p.m.	6.1	2:45 p.m.	0.2
Charleston	6:37 a.m.	6.3	12:55 a.m.	3.6	8:00 a.m.	6.3	2:17 a.m.	3.0
	8:42 p.m.	6.1	1:41 p.m.	0.2	9:31 p.m.	6.7	2:43 p.m.	0.2
Coos Bay	8:03 a.m.	6.1	2:23 a.m.	3.2	9:26 a.m.	6.0	3:45 a.m.	2.7
	10:08 p.m.	5.9	3:09 p.m.	0.2	10:57 p.m.	6.4	4:11 p.m.	0.2
Florence	7:21 a.m.	5.4	1:53 a.m.	2.9	8:44 a.m.	5.4	3:15 a.m.	2.4
	9:26 p.m.	5.3	2:39 p.m.	0.2	10:15 p.m.	5.7	3:41 p.m.	0.2
Port Orford	6:08 a.m.	6.1	12:37 a.m.	3.8	7:33 a.m.	6.0	2:01 a.m.	3.2
	8:33 p.m.	5.9	1:28 p.m.	0.1	9:17 p.m.	6.4	2:27 p.m.	0.2
Reedsport	7:41 a.m.	6.3	2:10 a.m.	3.5	9:02 a.m.	6.2	3:25 a.m.	3.0
	9:35 p.m.	6.0	2:52 p.m.	0.5	10:27 p.m.	6.5	3:52 p.m.	0.6
Half Moon Bay	6:50 a.m.	5.9	1:08 a.m.	3.3	8:13 a.m.	5.9	2:28 a.m.	2.8
	8:52 p.m.	5.7	1:58 p.m.	0.2	9:40 p.m.	6.2	2:59 p.m.	0.2

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.
44°	58°	45°	58°	44°	74°	40°	65°	44°	66°	40°	59°	31°	69°

911

From A1

and citizens calling for help.”

“The failing 911 system supports 16 fire agencies, 3 ambulance services, 12 police agencies and the County Road Department,” the ballot summary reads.

“The levy is estimated to raise \$1,194,908.11 in 2020-2021, \$1,230,755.36 in 2021-2022, \$1,267,678.02 in 2022-2023, \$1,305,708.36 in 2023-2024, and \$1,344,879.61 in 2024-2025. Any collected funds will be dedicated to 911 communications and cannot be used for any other purpose....”

Should the measure pass, the only first responders who would not receive the new radio system would be the Oregon State Police and Bay Cities Ambulance.

“We talked about it as a committee and didn’t feel right sitting there with our hand out with people out of work ... but we’re desperate to get this fixed,” said Willy Burris, assistant chief of the Myrtle Point Fire Department.

Looking for solutions

Andrews, a retired captain and public information officer for the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, said he has grappled with the failing radio systems for years.

Two years ago, the 911 Radio Communications Advisory Group was formed. It consists of representatives of the sheriff’s office, the Myrtle Point and Bandon fire departments, and the Coos Forest Protective Association.

“I started with it when I was still working,” said Andrews, “and when I retired, I asked if I could stay on because this project has gone on for a while for us.”

He said the group identified a plan to replace the system and began looking for grants. However, the project never qualified for financial assistance.

“Every one of them said we needed a digital system, but we can’t do digital here because of the terrain,” Andrews said. “Even the federal government can’t always use digital with the Forest Service because of the terrain.”

The Federal Communications Commission requires agencies to have digital radios, a result of increased use of cell towers in the last 20 years. Older analog radios use a wider spectrum in the frequency, taking up space, which digital doesn’t.

“The mandate came from the federal government,” Andrews said. “They wanted to go digital, because it also offers clarity. But with an analog radio, when I’m getting into the outer areas, it’ll get scratchy but you can still hear people.

“With digital, it’s there or it’s not. Once you get to an area where digital doesn’t penetrate because of hills, you’re blocked off to all communication.”

Some of the more rural communities in Coos County include Fairview, Bridge and Dora-Sitkum. Andrews said those areas would have zero capability of using digital radios, while analog can still get through.

“So the radio system we’re hoping to put in is digital-capable,” Andrews said. “It meets the new standard, which is part of

the federal mandate.”

There is also a plan to add more radio towers to the county. Currently, there are five, but “we’re looking to update it to 13 towers by going with the Coos Forest Protective Association,” Andrews said.

Right now, the five towers provide “pretty good” coverage to the Coquille Valley and Bay Area, he said, but no radio communication in some of the outer areas.

“If you get up into the Elliott State Forest or in the Forest Service areas behind Powers, where we have a lot of search and rescue missions, there is zero coverage in some of those places,” Andrews said.

“This new system, because we’re partnering with Coos Forest Protective Association — whose primary job is fighting wildfires and are used to being in those spots — if we get on their towers, we’re extending our coverage...”

And, said Andrews, if the new radios can be acquired, then local departments will qualify to receive grants to purchase yet more equipment and

eventually move into digital use for some agencies.

Asked how the current radio system was financed in 2004, Andrews said that was during a time when the county still received timber payments from the federal government. Those payments stopped in 2007.

“This is the first time we’ve ever gone out for a public safety levy for radio units,” he said.

Nervous first responders

In Myrtle Point, Burris has been recording instances where the radios fail and emit static or indistinguishable sounds. “The radio transmissions from our dispatch to pagers, radios and mobile radios have been getting worse and worse,” he said.

“Many times, we’ve had personnel contacted by pagers but pagers didn’t go off, because radio transmission was so weak and scratchy it didn’t pick it up ...”

Burris said first responders are nervous because, “if there’s a house fire ... will we get the call?”

Just in the past few

weeks, he said, there have been “extreme difficulties” communicating among department personnel on the radio system, or when the system simply wasn’t functioning. “Luckily, it wasn’t a big incident (when that happened), but it made us nervous,” he said.

“The other thing is, we go on medical calls and if we need to call for assistance, we have to rely on (radios) to work.

“It’s always on the back of our minds — is it going to work when we need it?”

The radio system has gone down entirely, said Burris, forcing first responders to use their personal cell phones. But in more rural spots, cell phones aren’t always reliable.

“About eight months ago, the system was down for 36 hours and I talked to a sheriff’s office deputy who was super nervous and responding with their cell phones,” he said. “It’s nerve-racking for dispatchers, too, if they can’t get a hold of us.”

Ballots are being mailed to voters April 30 and must be returned by Election Day, May 19.

Released

From A1

had contact in the last two weeks with someone with the coronavirus. They are also educated on proper hygiene procedures and receive a mask if they are showing any symptoms.

Adults in custody who are about to be released are not tested for the coronavirus.

“(The Department of Corrections) Receiving and Discharge and Health Services employees at each DOC institution complete

the form, provide a copy to the releasing (adult in custody), and then work with the appropriate Release Counselor to ensure the county community corrections agency receives the form. We are screening all adults in custody who are releasing from DOC custody,” read an email from Jennifer Black at the Oregon Department of Corrections.

“Please know, we cannot continue to incarcerate anyone beyond their established release date.”

Coos Health and Wellness is attempting to stay in contact with individuals

who are being released and provide them with what they can.

“We have had some contact with individuals who have been released. Yesterday was a big day for conversations between our various agencies about ... making sure we’re doing everything we can for the local public health authority jurisdiction to have as much info as possible to make that communication better,” said Brian Leon, an epidemiologist with Coos Health and Wellness.

“That includes a much more advanced notice for

someone who is about to be released. Instead of just knowing about it within a few days, potentially within weeks. As we understand, they advise us that it’s often almost as soon as they come to the facility there is a tentative release plan for when they leave.”

The first positive case of coronavirus at Shutter Creek was reported on April 9 and shortly after, an adult in custody was being released from the institution.

“Because they were released fairly soon after we learned of the first case, it was essentially we’ve got

our first case, here’s his info, by the way, somebody is being released tomorrow,” said Leon.

“(The Department of Corrections) wouldn’t have had to provide that information if there had not been a positive case so that kind of forced a late notification in that instance. The other individual that was scheduled to be released later that week, we received their names and addresses that they were to be released to.”

Going forward, Coos Health and Wellness is hoping to have conversations with adults in custody prior

to them being released so they can help the situation as best they can.

“At least, ASAP connection with that individual as soon as they are released so we can set the tone and make sure they understand what they’re up against, make sure they’re educated, all those things they need to be looking out for,” said Leon.

“Make sure they are isolating. Make sure that any needs that they may have are taken care of so not to discourage isolation. Just trying to remove all the barriers to keep them safe and keep the community safe.”

Aid

From A1

sharpest quarterly drop since the 2008 financial crisis. Yet the picture is likely to grow far worse: The economy is expected to contract in the April-June quarter by as much as 40% at an annual rate. No previous quarter has been anywhere near as weak since the government began keeping such records

after World War II.

As businesses across the country have shut down and laid off tens of millions of workers, the economy has sunk into a near-paralysis in just a few weeks. Factories, hotels, restaurants, department stores, movie theaters and many small businesses are shuttered. Home sales are falling. Households are slashing spending. Consumer confidence is sinking.

With some signs that the

viral outbreak may have plateaued at least in certain areas of the country, a few governors have taken tentative steps to begin reopening their economies. But surveys show that a large majority of Americans remain wary of returning to shopping, traveling and other normal economic activity. That suggests that many industries will struggle with diminished revenue for weeks or months to come and might be unable

to rehire laid-off workers.

The Economic Policy Institute has calculated that about 70% of people who have filed for unemployment benefits since the virus struck have been approved. Applications from the rest may still be pending, or they might have been turned down. Some applicants may not have earned enough money in their previous jobs to qualify for unemployment benefits.

Gas

From A1

also saw a reduction in gas prices with employees noticing prices for regular unleaded gas dropping as much as 25 cents from last week.

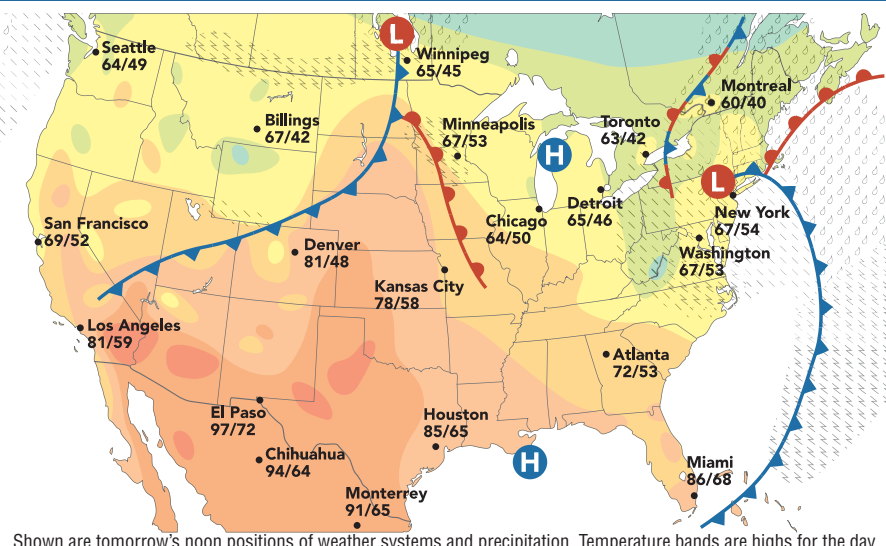
According to the AAA report, pump prices are expected to continue to decrease into the next month throughout Oregon with the state average

falling to possibly \$2.30 a gallon. It was also noted in its report that statewide drivers are paying less for gas than they did a year ago.

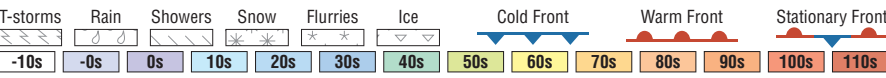
As of April 28, the average price for gas in Curry County is \$2.66 a gallon, in Douglas County its \$2.23 a gallon, in Lincoln County its \$2.50 a gallon, in Tillamook County its \$2.18 a gallon, and in Clatsop County its \$2.53 a gallon.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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



NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
National high: 111° at Death Valley, CA
National low: 20° at Angel Fire, NM

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	90/56/c	88/57/s	Fargo	73/48/pc	71/43/s	Pittsburgh	59/43/c	68/53/pc
Anchorage	50/35/pc	50/36/s	Flagstaff	75/39/s	72/39/s	Pocahontas	67/39/c	72/45/s
Atlanta	72/53/s	79/59/s	Fresno	84/57/s	85/56/s	Portland, ME	53/46/r	63/41/sh
Atlantic City	64/54/sh	67/53/pc	Green Bay	64/49/s	70/46/c	Providence	62/49/r	67/45/sh
Austin	90/63/s	89/67/pc	Hartford, CT	65/49/r	69/43/pc	Raleigh	66/47/pc	75/54/s
Baltimore	68/51/sh	70/52/pc	Helena	66/40/pc	71/42/pc	Rapid City	72/44/pc	65/44/sh
Billings	67/42/c	72/45/pc	Honolulu	83/74/s	83/72/pc	Redding	81/53/pc	76/54/s
Birmingham	76/52/s	83/59/s	Houston	85/65/s	87/70/pc	Reno	74/45/pc	73/43/c
Boise	70/48/pc	76/48/pc	Indianapolis	65/50/pc	76/58/pc	Richmond, VA	66/50/sh	74/53/s
Boston	58/49/r	63/47/sh	Kansas City	78/58/pc	82/58/pc	Sacramento	82/52/s	78/52/s
Buffalo	59/43/c	61/51/pc	Key West	81/72/s	82/77/s	St. Louis	75/61/pc	86/64/pc
Burlington, VT	66/44/sh	64/45/pc	Las Vegas	95/69/pc	93/66/s	Salt Lake City	73/54/pc	77/53/pc
Caribou, ME	55/43/r	57/33/sh	Lexington	62/46/pc	73/60/pc	San Angelo	96/65/pc	101/69/pc
Casper	69/40/c	66/42/c	Little Rock	82/60/pc	84/63/s	San Diego	76/63/pc	76/61/pc
Charleston, SC	74/50/s	78/59/pc	Los Angeles	81/59/pc	78/57/pc	San Francisco	69/52/pc	67/54/pc
Charleston, WV	59/46/c	70/55/pc	Louisville	70/53/pc	80/64/pc	San Jose	76/53/pc	72/55/pc
Charlotte, NC	67/45/pc	77/55/s	Madison	67/49/pc	74/49/c	Santa Fe	86/47/s	84/46/s
Cheyenne	74/46/pc	61/45/c	Memphis	78/63/pc	81/66/s	Seattle	64/49/pc	60/44/sh
Chicago	64/50/pc	74/54/pc	Miami	86/68/s	86/72/s	Sioux Falls	85/53/pc	72/46/c
Cincinnati	64/49/c	75/61/pc	Milwaukee	57/46/pc	69/49/c	Spokane	63/42/pc	67/40/c
Cleveland	58/42/pc	69/53/pc	Minneapolis	67/53/pc	73/47/pc	Springfield, IL	71/55/pc	80/58/pc
Colorado Spgs	83/52/pc	75/47/c	Missoula	66/37/c	72/43/c	Springfield, MA	64/49/r	68/41/pc
Columbus, OH	61/46/pc	69/55/pc	Nashville	75/51/c	84/62/s	Syracuse	62/43/sh	64/47/pc
Concord, NH	59/47/r	65/41/sh	New Orleans	81/60/s	83/65/pc	Tampa	79/61/c	84/65/s
Dallas	90/64/pc	90/68/pc	New York City	67/54/sh	70/54/pc	Toledo	66/46/pc	72/55/pc
Dayton	64/49/pc	72/57/pc	Norfolk, VA	66/53/pc	70/55/s	Trenton	67/51/sh	69/49/pc
Daytona Beach	80/54/s	82/61/s	Oklahoma City	88/65/s	90/68/pc	Tucson	99/82/pc	98/82/s
Denver	81/48/pc	70/49/t	Olympia, WA	65/46/c	58/39/r	Tulsa	86/65/pc	87/68/pc
Des Moines	75/56/pc	76/54/c	Omaha	82/58/pc	79/53/t	Washington, DC	67/53/sh	71/56/pc
Detroit	65/46/pc	68/53/c	Orlando	80/58/s	86/64/s	W. Palm Beach	82/64/s	84/68/s
El Paso	97/72/pc	96/66/s	Philadelphia	69/54/sh	71/52/pc	Wichita	86/59/pc	88/62/pc
Fairbanks	52/25/s	52/29/s	Phoenix	102/71/s	98/71/s	Wilmington, DE	69/51/sh	70/52/pc

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NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:		
Stock	Close	8:30
Intel	61.80	60.46
Kroger	31.52	31.96
Microsoft	177.43	179.37
Nike	88.07	87.28

NW Natural	66.34	65.37
Skywest	31.80	31.02
Starbucks	76.86	76.19
Umpqua Hlds	12.86	12.38
Weyerhaeuser	22.36	21.87
Xerox	19.29	18.54

Levi Strauss	13.36	12.97
Dow Jones closed at 24,633.86		
Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		

LOTTERY

MegaMillions	Powerball
April 28	April 29
13-19-53-54-63	2-20-49-61-67
Megaball: 17	Powerball: 20
Multiplier: x3	Multiplier: x2
Jackpot: \$200 million	Jackpot: \$51 million

Megabucks
April 29
13-15-18-28-44-46
Jackpot: \$3.8 Million

Win For Life
April 29
15-24-36-55
Pick 4
April 29
0-0-8-5

Baseball cancels Hall of Fame ceremony

Jeter and Walker now will be honored with 2021 class

JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press

Derek Jeter, Larry Walker and the rest of this year's Baseball Hall of Fame class will have to wait another year for their big moment at Cooperstown.

The Hall of Fame announced Wednesday that it has canceled the July 26 induction ceremony because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the class will be included at next year's induction festivities - along with any additional new choices - on July 25, 2021.

A record crowd of over 70,000 had been expected this summer in an outdoor field at the small town in upstate New York to honor Jeter, the former New York Yankees captain who came within one vote of unanimous election by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in January.

Jeter and Walker were to be inducted with catcher Ted Simmons and the late Marvin Miller, the pioneering players' union head who negotiated free agency and transformed the sport.

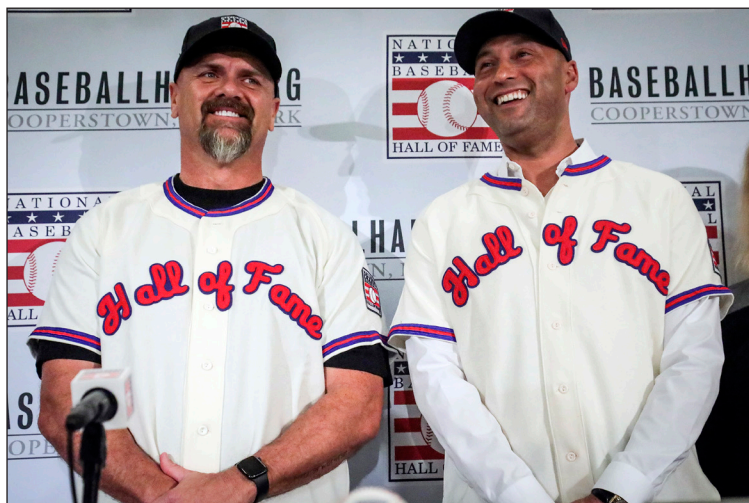
"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be an incredible honor, but the health and safety of everyone involved are paramount," Jeter said in a statement released by the Hall.

"I respect and support the decision to postpone this year's enshrinement and am looking forward to joining current Hall of Famers, fans, staff and my family and friends in Cooperstown in 2021," he said.

This will be the first year without an induction ceremony since 1960.

"It was a very difficult decision, but with so many unknowns facing the world, the board felt strongly that this was the right decision," said Hall member Joe Morgan, vice chairman of the shrine's board.

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The Associated Press

Former New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, right, and former Colorado Rockies outfielder Larry Walker pose after receiving their Baseball Hall of Fame jerseys during a Jan. 22 news conference in New York.

NFC West appears to be strong again

JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

A year ago, the Los Angeles Rams were fresh off a Super Bowl trip and back-to-back NFC West titles, feeling good about where they stood in the division.

Now they seem to be looking up at the competition in the NFL's toughest division. While the Rams got rid of cornerstone players Todd Gurley and Brandin Cooks because of bloated contracts and dwindling production, their counterparts got stronger.

Arizona got promising second-year quarterback Kyler Murray one of the game's most talented receivers, acquiring DeAndre Hopkins from Houston. It then landed a top defensive player in the draft in do-everything Isaiah Simmons.

Seattle has added complementary pieces and will always be a threat with Russell Wilson at quarterback.

The defending NFC champion 49ers filled two big holes in the first round when they drafted defensive tackle Jevon Kinlaw and receiver Brandon Aiyuk. Then coach Kyle Shanahan was able to replace retiring six-time Pro Bowl left tackle Joe Staley with seven-time Pro Bowler Trent Williams — at a cost of only a pair of mid-round picks.

That didn't exactly make Rams coach Sean McVay excited for his good friend.

"Oh yeah, I couldn't be happier about one of the better players at that position going to a division opponent," he said sarcastically. "So fired up for the 49ers. You know, it's really great for them. I'm really happy for the Cardinals to get DeAndre Hopkins. But other than that, thanks for reminding me I need to go drink a couple more beers."

The NFL's best division has gotten better after posting a .602 combined winning percentage, tied for sixth highest for any division in the current eight-sector format that began in 2002. That's nothing new for the NFC West, which has had the best record of any division over the past nine seasons, with five of the past eight NFC champions.

FILLING HOLES

The 49ers wanted to keep as many of the pieces from last year's NFC champions as possible. The three main players lost were big ones: star DT DeForest Buckner traded to Indianapolis, receiver Emmanuel Sanders leaving in free agency for New Orleans, and Staley retiring.

They believe they found capable replacements in Kinlaw, Aiyuk and Williams.

"We feel we should've won the Super Bowl last year and we want to have an opportunity to win it again," Shanahan said. "So, every decision we made was also with how do we help this organization for the future? But it still feels like we're in a position to be the same team, if not better this year than we

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Contributed Photo

North Bend's marching band takes the field before a football game at Vic Adams Field. The North Bend band was OSAA's team of the month for Class 5A in April.

North Bend, Reedsport squads honored

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

The North Bend band and Reedsport baseball teams both had aspirations of winning state titles this spring before in-school learning was stopped for the rest of the year and the Oregon School Activities Association canceled all spring championships.

The two programs will each have one trophy to add to their collection from the seasons they never got after each was named the Les Schwab Team of the Month for their respective classifications by OSAA this week.

North Bend's band was honored for Class 5A and Reedsport's baseball team for Class 2A. The other teams of the month for April were South Salem's baseball team for Class 6A, Klamath Union's choir for Class 4A, South Umpqua's girls basketball team for Class 3A and Prairie City's boys basketball team for Class 1A.

North Bend's band was state champion in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 and was second in 2018. The Bulldogs were fifth last year in their first year in Class 5A.

The band had been preparing hard for its district and state



Contributed Photo

Reedsport's baseball team poses for its official picture in the 2019 season. The Brave were the April team of the month for Class 2A.

competitions and also was planning a trip to Southern California to play at several venues before everything was canceled.

The nomination for the band noted the efforts of longtime instructor Amber Yester and how the band performs at not just football and basketball games, but also at other sporting events.

Yester passed credit for the award to the community and North Bend High School.

"I feel like it's a great testament to our school and community that our band would get recognized," she said. "I have always felt so supported here, and it's wonderful that even

during these uncertain times we continue to be supported.

"Our students and staff work hard and we're so proud of all the efforts our students have put forth this year, and years previous. This program is a testament to many years of hard work and support from our wonderful community and school."

Reedsport's baseball team, meanwhile, had eyes on a state title after winning the past five league titles.

The squad had seven seniors, a group that never lost a league game.

The teacher who nominated the team noted, "As a group they

are respectful, polite and kind in the classroom and in general. They are very good students. The team has spent many hours working on community service and fundraising this year."

The seniors on the team were Ethan Logo, Chris McCloskey, Tyler Thornton, Austin Manicke, Jacob Chaney, Dallas McGill and Javier Analco.

The selections of North Bend's band and Reedsport's baseball team make three South Coast squads picked in the past two months, to go with Bandon's girls basketball team, the Class 2A team of the month in March.

Goodell eliminates salary, others take pay cuts

BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

Commissioner Roger Goodell has reduced his salary to \$0 and other NFL employees will be taking pay cuts or furloughs due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Goodell, who makes upward of \$30 million a year from salaries and bonuses, voluntarily had his salary reduced this month, a person familiar with the move tells The Associated Press on Wednesday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the NFL has not announced the move publicly.

The league also is implementing tiered reductions in base salary, beginning with the pay period ending May 22. The reduction will be 5% for workers up to the manager's level, 7% for directors, 10% for vice presidents, 12% for senior vice presidents, and 15% for executive vice presidents.

In a memo sent to league office staffers, Goodell also said no employee earning a base salary of less than \$100,000 will

be affected by these reductions, and no employee's salary will be reduced below \$100,000 by the reductions.

"We hope that business conditions will improve and permit salaries to be returned to their current levels, although we do not know when that will be possible," Goodell said.

While the NFL has gone about business as usual with free agency and the draft — and currently is planning to play a full season beginning in September — it clearly is feeling the same economic pinch as other sports. Even as it extended its streaming deal with Amazon Prime for Thursday night games for another three years on Wednesday, the league was making in-house financial adjustments.

That means furloughs and adjustments to pension plans.

The furlough program "for individuals in our workforce who are unable to substantially perform their duties from home and/or whose current workload has been significantly reduced,"

Goodell wrote, will become effective May 8.

Those being furloughed will be alerted in the next few days, and they will keep medical, dental and vision benefits, with the league paying the full cost of maintaining those benefits.

"It is important to remember that a furlough is not a termination," Goodell told league staffers. "We do not know how long a furlough will last, but we are hopeful that we will be able to return furloughed employees back to work within a few months."

Pension plan and other contributions will be reduced from 15% to 10% of eligible compensation and is a permanent change which takes effect on July 1.

"The NFL is not immune to the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and it is our obligation to take responsible steps to protect the business and manage through this crisis as effectively as possible," Goodell wrote.

"These decisions were difficult and we know these measures will cause hardship for those impact-

ed. I encourage everyone to continue to identify ways of operating more efficiently and reducing costs. If we do that, I believe that furloughs and compensation reductions can be limited, or in time even reversed.

"I assure you that we will continue to monitor economic conditions, communicate with you promptly and openly — whether the news is good or bad — and have your interests in mind as decisions are made going forward."

The NFL plans to release its regular-season schedule around the second week in May, and currently is allowing virtual workouts coordinated by teams. It has an owners meeting scheduled for the Los Angeles area in late May that likely will become a video conference instead.

Training camps wouldn't open before the end of July. The first major event of the summer would be the Pro Football Hall of Fame game on Aug. 6 and inductions on Aug. 8. All of those, of course, must be considered tentative at this time.



The Associated Press

Oregon guard Sabrina Ionescu, front, drives to the basket past Colorado guard Lesila Finau during the first half of a Feb. 1 game in Boulder, Colo.

Ionescu receives another honor

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon women’s basketball star Sabrina Ionescu and Iowa wrestler Spencer Lee shared the Sullivan Award on Wednesday night as the country’s top amateur athlete.

They are the third co-winners in the 90-year history of the Amateur Athletic Union award, following Coco Miller and Kelly Miller in 1999 and Keenan Reynolds and Breanna Stewart in 2005.

The ceremony was done remotely and streamed on Facebook. The scheduled program at the New York Athletic Club was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ionescu, from Walnut Creek, California, swept every major women’s basketball award, including being a unanimous choice as the AP player

of the year. She had an NCAA-record 26 career triple-doubles and was the first NCAA player -- men’s or women’s -- to reach 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists.

She was drafted first overall by the WNBA’s New York Liberty this month after guiding Oregon to a 31-2 mark in the season that ended prematurely with the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament.

“This is truly an honor,” Ionescu said. “I’m blessed to be in this position and blessed to be among such great athletes and people, and to follow in the footsteps of the past AAU Sullivan Award winners.

“I just want to say thank you to the University of Oregon and anyone that has been a part of my journey in the past and now in the future. Congrats

to everyone that was up for this award. It’s really inspirational to be in a pool with these athletes.”

Lee, from Murrys ville, Pennsylvania, was 18-0 for the Hawkeyes this year as a junior before the season was stopped. The 125-pounder won NCAA titles his first two seasons.

“I am incredibly humbled,” Lee said. “It was an honor to be nominated and reach the finals, so to be selected among this incredible group of individuals is pretty special. ... It is really special to be able to represent the University of Iowa. I am happy to share this award with Sabrina. All of the finalists are deserving. I am very surprised and very thankful.”

Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence also was a finalist with UCLA gymnast Kyla Ross, California swimmer Abbey

Weitzel, Florida hurdler Grant Holloway, Marquette basketball player Markus Howard, Wisconsin volleyball player Dana Rettke, Maryland lacrosse player Megan Taylor and rhythmic gymnast Evita Griskenas.

The award honors AAU founder James E. Sullivan.

“We want to thank everyone for their participation and dedication to the presentation of this award. These are unprecedented times, but we as an organization wanted to celebrate the hard work these athletes put out there on the floor throughout this 2019-20 season,” AAU President and CEO Dr. Roger J. Goudy said. “I could not be more proud of both our recipients this year. They are quintessence of what this award represents – character, leadership and citizenship.”

Hall

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Record attendance for an induction ceremony was set in 2007, exceeding 70,000 when Cal Ripken Jr. and the late Tony Gwynn were enshrined. Cooperstown is within easy driving distance of the New York metro area, and loads of Yankees fans had already made their plans to see Jeter on the Hall stage.

The Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum closed at the end of the day on March 15 due to the virus outbreak.

Jeter, now the CEO of the Miami Marlins, and Walker were elected by member of the BBWAA. Simmons and Miller were chosen in December by the Hall’s Modern Era Committee.

“I fully understand and agree with the board’s decision,” Walker said in a statement from the Hall. “It is most important to do the right thing for everybody involved, and that means not putting any

NFC West

From B1

were last year. ... It was a challenge, but when it’s all said and done, it was fun and I like the decisions we’ve made.”

PROTECTING RUSSELL

Seattle’s priority in free agency and the draft largely centered on the offensive line. At one point, after drafting Damien Lewis in the third-round, Seattle had 19 O-linemen on its roster. Then veterans D.J. Fluker and Justin Britt were released, clearing \$12 million in salary cap space. But the overhaul will mean Seattle has three or four new starters on its line.

The Seahawks also landed a presumptive new starter in the secondary, trading for Quinton Dunbar with Washington, and believe they could have a starting linebacker in first-round pick Jordyn Brooks. They could still use another edge rusher even after signing veterans Benson Mayowa and Bruce Irvin, and drafting Darrell Taylor and Alton Robinson. They could bring back Jadeveon Clowney or sign Everson Griffen.

CAP CASUALTIES

The Rams’ push for a title came with a price. They have significant

participants in jeopardy.”

Simmons echoed that view.

“I commend the board for making this decision under these difficult circumstances, particularly in New York, a state severely hit by the pandemic. This was the wisest and smartest thing to do, given the existing environment and the danger that this pandemic presents,” he said.

Also to be honored during next year’s Hall induction weekend: 2020 Ford C. Frick Award winner Hawk Harrelson, 2020 J.G. Taylor Spink Award winner Nick Cafardo and the winner of the 2020 Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, David Montgomery.

Next year’s first-time eligible players have no odds-on favorites: Torii Hunter and Mark Buehrle are among the players who will be on the BBWAA ballot for the first time.

Holdovers include Curt Schilling, who fell 20 votes short this year, and steroids-tainted stars Roger Clemens (56 shy) and Barry Bonds (57).

dead money cap tied up in Cooks, traded to Houston, and Gurley, cut and now in Atlanta. Throw in the first-round pick they gave up last season to acquire cornerback Jalen Ramsey and the Rams had little ability to make significant improvements on a roster that went from the Super Bowl in the 2018 season to out of the playoffs last season.

CARDINALS FLY

Few teams have had as successful an offseason on paper as the Cardinals, 5-10-1 in the debut season for coach Kliff Kingsbury and Murray. Arizona added a dynamic receiver in Hopkins, which should help unleash the passing game. Running back Kenyan Drake stayed and will team with intriguing seventh-rounder Eno Benjamin. Offensive Rookie of the Year Murray should have more time to throw thanks to LT D.J. Humphries and rookie Josh Jones, surprisingly still available in the third round.

Arizona added three potential defensive starters in free agents LBs Devon Kennard and De’Vondre Campbell and DL Jordan Phillips. The biggest boost could come from Simmons, the Clemson standout who has shown the ability to shine in coverage, as a blitzter and against the run.

Professional volleyball league planned

JAMIE MCCAULEY

Associated Press

The top women’s indoor volleyball players in the U.S. will now have their own professional league at home, giving more players an opportunity to prolong their careers past college without having to go overseas.

They will get to help govern the league themselves, too.

Athletes Unlimited, in partnership with USA Volleyball, announced plans Wednesday for a six-week league to begin next February in an as-yet undetermined city in the Southeast. It won’t conflict with Olympic preparations ahead of next summer’s games in Tokyo for those players on the U.S. squad.

“I’ve been a professional volleyball athlete for a decade now and every time we want to make a living and go play professionally we have to leave the country to do it, so to have Athletes Unlimited, not only having a shorter season, getting to play at home for the first time, it’s so special,” U.S. star Foluke Akinradewo, who has signed on to play, said

during a telephone interview Wednesday.

“They’re empowering the athletes. We get to kind of determine the rules and we have a big say in things. It’s really the opposite of the life we’re living overseas.”

Some, like Akinradewo, still plan to play overseas. Fellow American Olympic teammate Jordan Larson will be part of the new league and she also plays professionally in China, while Akinradewo competes in Japan.

Molly McCage is another player who has committed. The three women will determine which 48 players are invited and set rules for the league, which will feature an innovative format without general managers or owners. Four captains will choose their teams one week then a points system from that week will determine the captains for the next week of competition.

“This is a sport that has a huge following around the world, close to a billion people play volleyball around the world. It has huge pro leagues in many countries, both on the women’s and men’s side,” said Jon Patricof,



The Associated Press

American players Foluke Akinradewo, left, and Jordan Larson celebrate during a women’s preliminary volleyball match against Puerto Rico at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The top women’s players in the United States will now have their own pro league.

Athletes Unlimited CEO and co-founder. “For this to be the first pro indoor women’s league in the U.S. is tremendous and a huge moment for the sport.”

Athletes Unlimited has also launched a pro softball league.

Akinradewo is a new mom with a 5-month-old son, so the flexibility to be home more in the U.S. will mean a lot. She expects the new league will keep more players involved and grow the game domestically.

Akinradewo and the No. 1 Americans earned bronze at the Rio Olympics four years ago.

Sports Briefs

HOCKEY

NHL ponders chance for return to ice

Get used to the concept of pods and pucks if the NHL is going to have any chance of completing its season, with the most likely scenarios calling for games in empty, air-conditioned arenas during the dog days of summer.

What is emerging as the leading plan involves bringing teams back in a few empty NHL buildings to complete some, if not all, of the remaining regular-season games before opening the playoffs and awarding the Stanley Cup for the 125th time in the past 127 years.

The most aggressive timetable would have players returning to their home rinks as early as May 15, followed by a training camp and possible exhibition games in June, a person familiar with discussions told The Associated Press.

The regular season would then resume in July, with the Cup awarded in September, the person said Tuesday, speaking on the condition of anonymity because plans haven’t been finalized.

BASKETBALL

Utah guard will test NBA draft stock

SALT LAKE CITY —

Utah sophomore guard Timmy Allen is testing the NBA waters.

The do-everything guard from Mesa, Arizona, joined teammate Both Gach among the 205 players on the league’s most recent early-entry draft list.

Players have until June 3 to withdraw from the June 25 draft.

The 6-foot-6 Allen earned second-team All-Pac-12 honors from The Associated Press after averaging 17.3 points, 7.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists for the Utes in 2019-20. He was twice named Pac-12 player of the week and he shot 58% from the floor, including 57% from 3-point range.

Transactions

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed undrafted rookie free agent OL Justin Gooseberry.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Exercised the fifth-year option on CB Marlon Humphrey. Agreed to term with OL D.J. Fluker. Signed undrafted undrafted rookie free agents K Nick Vogel.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed undrafted undrafted rookie free agents; CB Isaiah Brown, OL Brandon Walton. Signed DE Bryan Cox Jr. to a one-year contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed undrafted rookie free agent DL Myles Adams.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed DL John Jenkins. Agreed to terms with undrafted rookie free agents; DL, Lee Autry, OL, Dieter Eiselen, LB, Keandre Jones, LB, LaCale London, LB, Ledarius Mack, RB, Napoleon Maxwell DL, Trevon McSwain, RB, Artavis Pierce, LB, Rashad Smith, OL, Badara Traore, WR, Ahmad Wagner. Signed CB Daryl Worley to a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Claimed RB Samaje Perine off waivers from Miami and LB Austin Calitro off waivers from Jacksonville. Agreed to terms with undrafted rookie free agents; DT Tyler Clark, G Clay Cordasco, DT Trey Dishon, DE Kendall Futrell, OT Josh Knipfel, LB Michael Spears, CB Isaiah Swann, WR Scotty Washington, RB Devwah Whaley and TE Mitchell Wilcox.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Agreed to terms with WR Rashad Higgins on a one-year contract. Signed free agents RB Benny LeMay, CB Jovante Moffatt, OL Drake Dorbeck.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed undrafted rookie free agents DE LaDarius Hamilton, DT Garrett Marino.

DENVER BRONCOS — Signed 1 year contract with DL Christian Covington.

DETROIT LIONS — Agreed to terms with undrafted undrafted rookie free agents; TE Hunter Bryant, S Jeremiah Dinson, S Jalen

Elliott, S Bobby Price, FB Luke Sellers, P Arryn Siposs, LS Steven Wirtel.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Agreed to terms with undrafted free agents; LB’s Krys Barnes, Tipa Galeai and Delontae Scott, S’s Henry Black and Frankie Griffin, T Travis Bruffy, CB’s Marc-Antoine Dequoy, Stanford Samuels, and Will Sunderland, G Zack Johnson, FB Jordan Jones, QB Jalen Morton, DT Willington Previlon, WR Darrell Stewart and RB Patrick Taylor.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Released S Tashaun Gipson Sr. Signed undrafted rookie free agent OL Elex Woodworth.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed undrafted rookie free agents RB/WR De’Michael Harris, K Rodrigo Blankenship, DT Kameron Cline, DE Kendall Coleman, TE Farrod Green, WR De’Michael Harris, T Carter O’Donnell, CB Travis Reed, S Donald Rutledge, LB Brandon Wellington and DT Chris Williams.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Released P Dustin Colquitt, signed undrafted rookie free agent LB Omar Cobb.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed undrafted rookie free agent FB Bobby Holly, OL Josh Dunlop.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed undrafted rookie free agent DL Eric Banks.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed undrafted rookie free agents DE Tyshun Render, WR’s Matt Cole and Kirk Merritt, T’s Jonathan Hubbard and Nick Kaltmayer, LB Kylan Johnson, DT’s Benito Jones and Ray Lima, DE Tyshun Render, C Donnell Stanley and TE Bryce Sterk.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed S Monte Hartage. Waived TE C.J. Cooper, C Tanner Volson, DB Derrick Baity, P Sean Smith, LS Colin Holba and LS Drew Scott. Signed undrafted rookie free agents QB Case Cookins, WR Derrick Dillon, WR Bijmimen Victor, TE Kyle Markway OT Tyler Haycraft, DE Oluwole Jr., DE Niko Lalos, LB Dominique Ross, DB Christian Angulo and DB Malcolm Elmore. Exercised the fifth-year options on TE Evan Engram and S Jabrill Peppers.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed undrafted rookie free

agents QB J’Mar Smith, DT Courtney Wallace.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Agreed to terms with QB James Winston on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Claimed T Casey Tucker off waivers from the Detroit Lions.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed undrafted rookie free agents DB James Pierre, DB Trajan Bandy and LB John Houston.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed undrafted undrafted rookie free agents QB Broc Rutter, RB Salvon Ahmed, RB JaMycal Hasty, FB Josh Hokit, WR Chris Finke, DL Darriion Daniels, LB Jonas Griffith, LB/S Ronnell Perkins, S Jared Mayden and CB DeMarkus Acy, TE Chase Harrell and FB Josh Hokit.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Claimed CB Jayson Stanley off waivers from Jacksonville. Signed undrafted rookie free agent RB Anthony Jones.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed undrafted rookie free agent OL Nick Leverett. Exercised the fifth-year option on TE O.J. Howard.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed undrafted rookie free agents DL Teair Tart.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Agreed to terms with undrafted undrafted rookie free agent QB Steven Montez, WR Johnathon Johnson, Isaiah Wright and TE Thaddeus Moss. Agreed to terms with G Zac Kerin on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA G League — Signed G Daishen Nix.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Matias Maccelli to a three-year entry-level contract.

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed D Johannes Kinnvall to a two-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Released President and CEO John McDonough. Vice President Daniel Wirtz will serve as President.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed G Victor Brattstrom to a two-year contract.

Golf aims for return without galleries

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Rory McIlroy contemplated what golf would be like without fans. This was five days before there was no golf at all.

"I'd be OK with it," he said at the Arnold Palmer Invitational, unaware the new coronavirus was about to shut down golf for at least three months. "It would be just like having an early tee time on the PGA Tour."

And then he added with a laugh, "I guess for a few guys, it wouldn't be that much different."

McIlroy had one of those early times when he was a 20-year-old rookie on the PGA Tour. He teed off in the second round of the Honda Classic at 6:59 a.m.

So this will be going back in time for McIlroy, along with the rest of the sport.

The PGA Tour set a target of June 8-14 at Colonial in Texas to resume its schedule, with no fans for at least a month. Even if the Charles Schwab Challenge doesn't prove to be the return, golf will be without spectators whenever it starts.

Will it matter?

Low score still wins, no matter who's there to see it.

But it will be a new arena.

"I could play without fans, but I don't think I'd play as well," McIlroy said Tuesday on his GolfPass podcast with Carson Daly and Stephen Curry. "Especially on a Sunday, back nine, you feed off that energy. You hear roars on other parts of the golf course and you sort of know what's going on. All those dynamics are in play when you have people there."

The dynamics go be-



Tiger Woods walks off the first green after making birdie during the third round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on June 30, 2012.

yond noise, of course.

Nathan Grube, the tournament director of the Travelers Championship in Connecticut, is preparing it to be the third tournament, the last weekend in June, if golf resumes on schedule. There is hope. There is excitement.

There are no grandstands being erected.

That wouldn't be a big problem at the TPC River Highlands, which features a stadium design and allows for good viewing, especially over the closing holes.

But imagine other courses without stands, without hospitality suites, with nothing but green grass, white sand in the bunkers, the occasional water hazard.

Think about Mackenzie Hughes trying to play a cut into the 18th green at the Honda Classic, only to pull it into the middle of the bleachers. He was given a free drop. Years ago, the safe play on the 18th at Doral was to put it into the grandstands beyond the green to take water out of the equation, knowing there would be a free drop.

"They're not going to catch errant shots on some holes," said Mark Russell, a senior rules official on the PGA Tour.

They are temporary immovable obstructions, and they are a big part of modern golf.

That's why the USGA, and then the R&A, created a number of drop zones (white circles) in front of the grandstands around the 18th hole, starting with Winged Foot in 2006, to avoid taking too much time figuring out where to drop for shots into or behind the stands. In a few cases, it allowed for a player to advance his ball closer to the hole without hitting it.

Speaking of Winged Foot, consider that no fans on the course means the rough will remain just that. Phil Mickelson, as an example, has been known to hit tee shots so far off line that the ball comes to rest in an area where gallery traffic has trampled thick grass and led to a reasonable lie.

(Maybe if there were no fans at Winged Foot, he would have had to play toward the 18th fairway instead of hitting 3-iron, which led to double bogey and a runner-up finish in the 2006 U.S. Open.)

Fans were Arnold Palmer's best friends — literally, in so many cases, but also keeping some of his wild shots from straying too far off line.

Tiger Woods once came to the 18th hole at Bay Hill tied for the lead when he pulled his tee shot. It was headed out of bounds but instead struck one of the thousands of spectators in the neck. From grass that

had been flattened by the gallery, he hit 5-iron to 15 feet and made birdie to beat Mickelson by one shot.

No gallery? It's happened before, most recently in Japan because of flooding. Before that, Congressional had no fans for the third round of the AT&T National because of trees downed by a wind storm. Woods, the biggest draw in golf, won both tournaments.

Sound is underrated in golf, especially at scenic Augusta National. Woods spoke to studying every leaderboard so when he heard a roar, he would have a better idea of who did what.

Max Homa recalled his first PGA Tour victory, a year ago this week at the Wells Fargo Championship, and how electric it was walking up the 18th fairway.

The next tournament he plays will be different.

"It will be weird," Homa said Tuesday. "I imagine the first person to win, it probably will be the strangest of their lives. It sounds very selfish of us to not want to play in front of fans because it won't be electric. But people are craving sports, craving entertainment. I'd carry my bag in front of nobody if needed."

Without fans, without noise and excitement, it won't be the same.

But it will be golf. And for the time being, that will do.

LPGA takes patient schedule approach

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

The LPGA Tour bought itself an extra month to make sure it's safe to resume playing, releasing a new schedule that could end with two of its biggest events and finish five days before Christmas.

The LPGA hopes to restart on July 15-18 at a team event in Michigan and play every week except for the week of the Masters (Nov. 12-15) and Thanksgiving until the season ends in blockbuster fashion — the U.S. Women's Open followed by the CME Group Tour Championship, with a combined \$10.5 million in prize money.

LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan said he was more interested in being safe than being first to resume.

"As long as we can pull off the schedule now we put in front of us, the season can be really busy," he said Wednesday. "There's still over \$56 million up for grabs, and we're going to play for almost \$2.7 million every time we tee it up. ... Despite an awful lot of cat herding in the last eight weeks, I feel like we're at a place now where we can still provide opportunity."

The mid-July start, however, means there's nowhere to put tournaments if there's another delay. The UL International Crown was among five tournaments canceled for the year — the International Crown will stick to its biennial schedule and resume in 2022 — but the tour has lost only nine tournaments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any more delays likely would mean a hybrid season that ends in 2021.

In an unusual show of cooperation, Whan said, title sponsors who will not have tournaments this year

have offered to boost prize money at tournaments still on the schedule, leading to the increase in prize money.

The LPGA Tour had planned to resume June 19-21 with the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship. That was pushed back to the end of August. The PGA of America announced Wednesday that the KPMG Women's PGA Championship will move from the last week in June to Oct. 8-11 at Aronimink outside Philadelphia.

That means the first major would be Aug. 9-12 — the same week as the PGA Championship in San Francisco — with the Evian Championship in France, and then the Women's British Open two weeks later.

The PGA Tour hopes to resume June 11-14 at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas. Whan sees that as an advantage because the LPGA might be able to learn what it takes to get going again.

"I realize that maybe there was a more aggressive path that we could have taken," he said. "But in our world, I feel like this was the right path. If it turns out that we're a little late to the party — but being late to the party enables us to benefit from some of the learning from others — that would be even a lucky strike extra."

Still to be determined is what the LPGA events will look like. The PGA Tour is going without spectators for at least a month. The LPGA has not decided on fans, instead having contingency plans and waiting until the tournament gets closer to decide whether that makes sense.

As for virus testing, Whan said it would be a seven-figure cost to the LPGA, though he remains optimistic that enough tests will be available by then.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HAUSER RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Hauser Rural Fire Protection District, County of Coos, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be held in the Hauser Fire Hall, 93622 Viking Lane, North Bend, OR 97459. The meeting will take place on May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 10, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., weekdays, by contacting Billi J. Grimes, CPA, at Wheeler & Grimes, CPAs, LLC, 817 Roseburg Rd., Myrtle Point, OR, telephone (541) 572-0290. The May 18, 2020 meeting is a public meeting where deliberations of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting to discuss the proposed budget with the Budget Committee. Published: April 30 & May 7, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 282557)

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Bridge

Mark Twain said, "I was born modest; not all over, but in spots."

Do you know someone who keeps her -- or his -- house absolutely spotless? If so, suggest that she -- or he -- take up bridge. You have an expert in the making. It can be so important to keep a careful track of the spot cards -- as in today's deal.

South was in three no-trump after the most straightforward sequence. West led fourth-highest from his longest and strongest. What should have happened after that?

East was in a quandary at trick one. If West had the spade ace, East wanted to win the first trick with the king and continue with the queen to show that he

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started with only those two spades. But if South took the first trick with the spade ace, West would automatically place the queen with declarer as well.

Not taking that risk, East won the queen and continued with the king. After winning that trick too, East shifted to a diamond. But declarer won and drove out the club ace to make his contract.

West did not look closely enough at the spade spots. When South followed to trick two, West had seen every spade except the jack and six. Since he had the nine and seven, he should have overtaken East's king with his ace and used the nine to drive out declarer's jack. Then, when West got in with the club ace, he could have cashed the spade seven and three to defeat the contract.

This would have been wrong only if East had a third spade, and South could have cashed eight winners in the red suits, which was unlikely.

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		♥ K 6 3	
		♦ Q J 7 2	
		♣ K J 8 2	
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	♦ 10 8 4		♦ 9 5 3
	♣ A 6 3		♣ 10 7 5
		South	
		♠ J 6 5 2	
		♥ A Q 2	
		♦ A K 6	
		♣ Q 9 4	
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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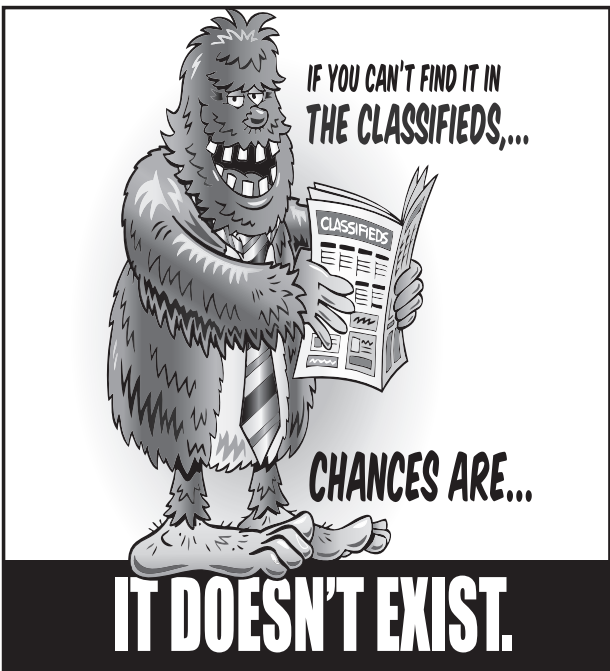
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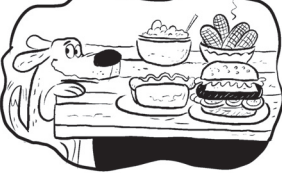
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5	8	2	6	4	3	7	1	9
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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.



KidSpot By Dan Thompson 4-30

The cookout




Caden and his dad went shopping for a family cookout. They purchased the following items:

1 package of hot dogs for \$3.25
1 packages of hamburgers for \$5.50
2 packages of rolls for \$2.00 each
1 container of potato salad for \$4.25
12 ears of corn for .25 cents each

How much did they spend on food?

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Take charge. Stay in control and do what's necessary to get what you want. Look over your options and strive for a better quality of life. Spending less will give you greater peace of mind. Take the plunge and do what's practical and right for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Gather information and move in a positive direction. Refuse to let an emotional problem turn into an argument that will stifle your ability to get things done. Search for common ground.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Added responsibilities will lead to new opportunities if you are patient and productive. How you handle people and situations will help you gain respect and support. Romance is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Look for ways to bring in more cash and clear up unfinished business. A positive attitude will lead to good results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Keep a low profile, do your own thing and don't get dragged into someone else's drama. Gravitate toward people and events that bring out the best in you. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Listen, learn and go about your business. Travel and learning will lead to personal growth, new ideas and a plan that will help you advance. Don't leave anything to chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Personal improvement, fitness or whatever eases your stress is encouraged. If you overreact, you could be left doing all the work yourself. Strive for balance and equality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Assess your situation at home and your relationships with friends, relatives and peers, and make adjustments. An emotional incident will leave you in a vulnerable position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Promote what you want to do. Your track record will encourage others to get involved in your plans. Handpick your team. Love is encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Finish what you start and move on to a new and exciting project. Home improvements will lead to a change of attitude and newly available options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Let go of the past. Take a giant leap forward and make plans that will improve your personal life. Added discipline will help you say no to anyone who pressures you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Do your own thing, bring about change and refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Spending less will be necessary if you want to ease stress.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Physical activity will be rejuvenating. Use your skills and knowledge to improve your surroundings. Take pride in your appearance and share your time and intentions with a loved one.