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Progress with virus testing

CHW still looking for more testing to be done in county

ZACH SILVA The World

COOS COUNTY — While Coos Health and Wellness is seeing progress in current testing for the novel coronavirus, more

"robust testing" is the goal. "There will always, until we don't have to worry about COVID-19, be a need for robust testing," said Eric Gleason of Coos Health and Wellness on Friday afternoon. "But as far

as just testing in general, I feel like we've made strides in the last week to keep moving us in the right direction. Are we there yet? I don't believe so, but we're making progress."

As of Thursday afternoon, Coos Health and Wellness reported 658 coronavirus tests throughout the county. Currently there are 594 negatives tests, 43 pending and 21 positive cases. All 21 positive cases have been associated with Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.

Nineteen adults in custody have tested positive at the local facility in addition to two employees. Last week, two of the

individuals who tested positive were released from Shutter Creek upon the completion of their sentences. One of the adults was released into Coos County and one to Douglas County according to the Department of Corrections.

Coos Health and Wellness stated that they have been in contact with all individuals that have tested positive for the coronavirus.

"We have a great relationship

with them, a two-way line of communication. I actually just called one this morning to check in on her and things are going good," said Liz Vinyard of Coos Health and Wellness.

On Friday morning, Oregon Governor Kate Brown introduced a plan for more testing and contact tracing around the state, all in an effort to reopen the state safely.

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Local Coos County Reopen Rally



A man holds a sign supporting President Donald Trump on Saturday as Coos County's Reopen Rally continued in the rain over the weekend, urging the economy to reopen amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Some vehicles driving by honked for the rally, while others honked in support of a group of rally protestors across the street.

Hundreds demonstrate against order

SALEM (AP) — Hundreds of people opposed to Oregon's stay-at-home order demonstrated at the state Capitol on Saturday as health officials announced dozens more cases and five additional deaths from COVID-19.

Most of the protesters did not wear face masks, but they waved American flags and Trump campaign signs in the rain. Other signs read "Reopen Oregon" and "Let me earn a living."

A group of healthcare workers demonstrated at the top of the

Capitol steps, urging a phased plan to ease the state's social distancing requirements. Most of the other protesters ignored

Public health officials say stay-at-home orders are essential for slowing the transmission of the novel coronavirus. But protest organizers told The Oregonian/OregonLive that they view the social distancing mandates issued by Gov. Kate Brown as

government overreach.

ders have closed many businesses, put some parks and campgrounds off limits, and required public schools to adopt distance

learning programs. "You can't just place citizens under house arrest and enforce those orders," event organizer Adam Ellifritt said.

Nods to conspiracy theories and fringe websites peppered the crowd, with one attendee accusing the U.S. government and pharmaceutical companies of preparing a "mass vaccination

Though governors generally have broad powers during declared emergencies, speakers claimed Brown lacked the authority to issue orders she laid out in mid-March banning groups of 25 or more from gathering if they could not keep six feet apart at all times and, later, shuttering public schools across the state.

Oregon Health Authority officials reported 57 new confirmed

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Since mid-March, Brown's or-COVID-19 briefs: County passes resolution

AMANDA LINARES The World

COOS COUNTY — The Coos County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution Wednesday, April 29 to discourage people from discriminating against individuals based on their perceived COVID-19 status.

Commissioners reviewed the resolution, which was drafted by Coos Health and Wellness, this week after local health officials shared their concerns of community members possibly being discriminated against over the past few weeks.

CHW's public information officer Eric Gleason told commissioners at Wednesday's meeting that the local health department received information from various community members, some

of which include staff from the Shutter Creek Correctional Institution and their family members, concerned about the way they were being treated within the community.

Daycare services being refused and entry into certain grocery stores were among some of the things discussed Wednesday.

"It's important to note that these are our community

members that work in a very difficult situation that are just trying to manage what they've been given," said Gleason at the meeting. "It is not their fault that they are exposed to the possibility of COVID-19 based on their employer.

"We should try to do something as a community to ensure or at least back up that they

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Virtual town hall airs twin measures

Ballot sponsor says North Bend public safety fee is too costly

JILLIAN WARD The World

NORTH BEND — In a push to pass two related measures on this month's ballot, North Bend Citizens for Good Faith Government recently held a virtual town hall to answer questions.

"It was originally intended to be a town hall in every sense of the word, possibly at the North Bend Community Center with a circular stage and people seated around the outside of it," said Jim Rose, secretary treasurer of the organization.

"(T)hat was tossed a month and a half ago when it was realized there was no way we could accommodate that during COVID-19. ... We needed a new format."

The virtual town hall, held Thursday evening in a Facebook live session, wasn't able to stream as Rose and the group had hoped. "Our provider had technical issues," he said, "but it was recorded."

The full video can be viewed on North Bend Citizens for Good Faith Government's Facebook

"Did we get our points across? I think so," Rose said. "Overall, the government you need, or want, isn't the government you can afford."

The two measures discussed during the town hall included Measure 6-176, which asks voters, "Shall the power to add or increase fees be removed from the city council to the citizens by popular vote?"

And Measure 6-177, which asks, "Shall the Public Safety fee be reduced from \$30 to no more than \$15, with voter approval for future increases?"

Rose described these issues as "sister measures," because "Oregon has the single-subject law on ballots, where even though both (measures) regard public safety,

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- Photo gallery: Marshfield Junior High School construction
- Photo gallery: Camp Creek Restoration in Reedport

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Staff members from Above Dental in North Bend is taking a number of safety precautions to ensure the The Above Dental offices in North Bend. well-being of its patients as its offices reopen.

Local dentists reopen their offices for non-urgent care

AMANDA LINARES The World

COOS COUNTY — Following Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's recent announcement, a number of local dental offices have reopened their doors to assist non-urgent,

non-emergency patients. Last month, Brown lifted an order calling on medical providers to delay all non-urgent procedures in order to help to stop and slow down the spread of COVID-19 across the state.

On Friday, May 1, hospitals, medical and dental offices as well as other healthcare facilities were allowed to resume non-emergency care

as long as they were able to still meet a number of coronavirus-related safety guidelines.

Dani Crockett, a frontdesk staff member at Above Dental in North Bend, said its team is excited and looking forward to assisting their non-urgent patients again, many of which they consider to be like family.

"We have a lot of patients that we've been seeing for a lot of years," said Crockett. "A lot our patients are like family so it's just really good to be able to see everyone and help everyone again."

According to Crockett, staff is equipped with

adequate personal protective equipment such as face masks and gloves. Social distancing guidelines will continue to be practiced by limiting the number of patients into the office as well as heighten cleaning practices and disinfection.

Patients will also be screened before coming in for symptoms consistent with the novel coronavirus and temperatures will also be taken at the front door, Crockett added. As of May 1, Above Dental, which has provided emergency care throughout the state's COVID-19 restrictions, resumed its hygiene procedures and other routine care.

Other dental offices including South Coast Family Dentistry in Coos Bay has also reopened their offices for non-urgent care.

Office

According to its website, staff at South Coast Family Dentistry is committed to the health and well-being of its patients as it will continue to following infection control polices and guidelines outlined by the Centers for Disease Control during its reopening.

This includes disinfecting every room with hospital-grade products after every patient visit, read a statement on its website.

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Myrtle Point extends local emergency declaration



AMANDA LINARES

The World

MYRTLE POINT — The City of Myrtle Point announced Friday it's extending its state of emergency declaration, which was passed in March, to allow for city officials to continue to seek aid related to the COVID-19

According to Myrtle Point City Manager Darin Nicholson, the declaration had a termination date of May 1. The extension will allow the city to continue to implement a number of temporary rules and policies needed to combat the novel coronavirus.

As previously reported in The World, Myrtle Point Mayor Bill Schaefer said the declaration was signed to keep the city's citizens safe as the virus is known to cause serious illness and/or loss of life for individuals especially people with underlying health conditions.

The declaration was also approved locally as a way to remain compliant with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's statewide executive order and to receive resources from state and federal governments.

The City of Myrtle Point's full emergency declaration can be viewed on its website at www.ci.myrtlepoint.or.us. According to the declaration, the state of emergency

will remain in effect until terminated by the city manager.

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Answers to puzzle on A6.

On this day in Coos County history

100 YEARS - May 4, 1920 **FALLS FORTY FEET; NOT BADLY HURT**

Fred Almgren of North Bend Has a Narrow Escape

Losing His Balance While on Mill Roof Strikes the Ground Below and Breaks His Thumb

Although he fell forty feet from the roof of the Buehner mill, Fred Almgren of North Bend, a painter was not seriously hurt. Almgren was doing some work at the mill when he lost his balance and fell from the roof.

It was fully forty feet to the ground below. Mr. Almgren was badly bruised from the fall but the only broken bone was a fractured thumb and he was not seriously

He was taken to Mercy hospital where he will stay until he has recovered somewhat from the bruises and shaking up that he got.

NORTH BEND TO HAVE BASEBALL Meetings Will Be Held To Organize a Local Team

Expect to Secure Tract Between Two Cities and Fit It Up As a **Baseball Park for the Season** North Bend baseball fans are

preparing to have some games this year. A meeting will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the North Bend Chamber of Commerce rooms for the purpose of discussing plans for the organization of a local team.

Reedsport has a team and wants to play North Bend and it is expected that there will be other ball teams in the county. It is planned to secure a piece of ground between North Bend and Marshfield for a ball grounds. Henry Buehner has promised to donate some lumber to help the cause and others have offered donations to help make the undertaking a success.

Coquille Auto Stage Line Runs Service for three or six weeks planned

One car makes three round trips daily - paving will interfere later

The Coquille-Coos Bay auto stage service was started today by Lowetlon & Bryant. The service will be temporary owing to the road having to be closer later for the hard surfacing work. However they have been assured that they will have at least three weeks and

One car makes three round trips daily. The car leaves Marshfield at

possibly six weeks without being

7:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and returning leaves Coquille at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

It takes about an hour for the trip. The charge now is \$1 each way. The Libby Road is used from beyond Millington to Marshfield owing to the Bunker Hill part being closed for paving.

75 YEARS - May 4, 1945 Council Chooses Carrie Larson To Be President

Members of the All-Community council last night elected Mrs. Carrie Larson, president; C.C. Farr, vice-president, and Mrs. P. P. Gray, Jr., secretary-treasurer. The new officers will direct the council's activities in 1945-46.

Mrs. Albert Powers, retiring president, conducted last night's well attended session at which several topics of local interest were discussed.

After a thorough discussion of the recommendation of the city planning commission that the present caretaker at the Boy Scout cabin in the city park be replaced, the All-Community council members voted to recommend to the city council that this action be taken immediately.

50 YEARS - May 4, 1970 **North Bend**

3 Narrowly Miss Death

Three North Bend residents narrowly missed death Sunday afternoon when a neighbor rescued them from a flaming house.

Ronald Gile, 1368 Washington St., is credited with saving the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walberg and Donna Perkins, a visitor, after a fire broke out in the Walberg basement, according to North Bend Fire Chief Clyde Centers. Walberg is in good condition at Keizer Memorial Hospital, said a hospital spokesman. He suffered superficial burns and smoke inhalation, according to a member of his family.

His wife and Mrs. Perkins were not hospitalized. Mrs. Walberg, who is convalescing, was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Loren Sherrill, where she is doing well.

15 YEARS - May 4, 2005 Relay for Life captains plan to meet Thursday

The Coos Bay-North Bend Relay for Life is less than two months away and team captains will hold their next meeting on

Thursday night in North Bend. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be held at the Church of Christ, 2761 Broadway Ave.

All team captains, and anyone interested in becoming a team captain or being a member of a team, is encouraged to attend.

Man arrested on CB, Reedsport

A 53-year-old man was arrested this morning on warrants issued in Coos Bay and Reedsport.

According to a Coos Bay Police log, at 4:29 a.m., Springfield Police officers arrested Armando Hinojos Martinez, no address listed, outside a Motel 6 located at 3752 International Court.

Martinez faced Reedsport warrants charging him with not paying court fines for charges of illegally purchasing a weapon, giving false information to police officers, driving without insurance and driving with a suspended license. Coos Bay warrants charged him with missing a court appearance on a schedule 2 drug possession charge.

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.

ACLU seeking information on **COVID-19 outbreaks at prison**

The World

On Wednesday the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, in partnership with the ACLU and 34 ACLU affiliates, filed public record requests in an attempt to learn both locally and nationally what was known about the possible dangers that the novel coronavirus would have on prisons and the communitys surround them.

Public records were requested from the Oregon Department of Corrections, Governor Kate Brown and President Donald Trump.

Public health experts have rung multiple alarm bells about the spread of

COVID-19 in our prison system," said Kelly Simon, interim legal director at the ACLU of Oregon in a quote in the press release. "Despite those warnings, Governor Brown refuses to effectuate safe population reductions in Oregon prisons. Our public records requests will show what Oregon officials ignored about the impacts of COVID-19 on our prison system ahead of its spread and what they failed to discover by relying on faulty models."

As of Friday morning there had been 36 confirmed cases — 21 adults in custody and 15 employees — of coronavirus in Oregon Department of Corrections facilities. Shutter Creek Correctional Facility has reported 21

The ACLU of Oregon is looking to get information on a variety of topics including predictive models used by the Department of Corrections and the Governor; complaints made by adults in custody during this time; and a look at coronavirus infections and possible deaths in these facilities.

Information was also requested on movement of adults in custody during

"Regarding the risk of spreading COVID-19 to the communities surround-

ing Oregon Department of Corrections facilities via movement of staff and incarcerated people in and out of, and between, facilities," wrote the ACLU in the records request.

At the national level, the organization is looking for similar answers from the Trump administration.

"The ACLU is now filing these FOIA requests to find out what the administration knew and when it knew it, as COVID-19 has begun to infect and kill people incarcerated in and working in federal and state prisons and jails as well as the surrounding communities," stated the ACLU.







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Friday, May 1

Probation Violation

At 12:50 a.m. on Myrtle Street and Wall Street, officers seized the container for destruction and subject will be referred for possession of meth.

Suspicious Vehicle

At 2:38 a.m. on 16th Street, a subject was

warned for curfew and trespass.

Criminal Trespass

At 6:55 p.m. on Virginia Avenue, it was requested that a transient be trespassed if located. An officer checked the area but was unable to locate.

At 11:09 p.m. on Broadway Avenue, an officer was out with subject at location and the subject left upon

request.

At 11:16 p.m. in Boynton Park, an officer was out with suspicious vehicle at location. Subject was warned for trespass.

Abandoned Vehicle

At 8:38 p.m. on Ferry Road, it was reported that a trailer was left abandoned in front of his house. The vehicle was parked legally. No crime and not there

long enough to be added to abandoned vehicle log.

Hit and Run

At 9:17 p.m. on Pacific Avenue, a caller reported a female backed over hood of caller's car and then left the scene. Officer contacted both parties. Suspicious driver was warned for failure to perform duties of driver.

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 Johan-

nesen Avenue, a mental subject was reported. At 7:46 a.m. on Ventana Court, a theft was reported

sister stole her car keys. At 8:25 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, criminal

from a caller who said her

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 Southwest 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 was requested. 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 At 2:40 p.m. on New-

mark Avenue, a request for criminal trespass was made.

At 3:52 p.m. on South Seventh Street, David Miles, 33, was cited in lieu of custody on theft charges.

At 10:35 p.m. on Lakeshore and Stillwater, an illegal camp was reported.

At 11:23 p.m. on Sixth Avenue and D Street, a suspicious subject was reported.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On the Simpson Park trees

The massive redwood tree standing by itself in the middle of Simpson Park came down Thursday. A tree ring count dates the tree at over 80 years of age. The base measured 8 feet north-south and 7 feet east-west at a height of 2-1/2 feet. There were no signs of disease in the stump, all that was left of a tree that was over 100 feet tall. It was north of the playground, so it wasn't casting shade. There are taller redwoods in the park, but none of this size. Someone just didn't like this tree, and got City Council's permission to remove it.

The average redwood tree lives to be between 500 and 800 years old. The oldest living specimens are between 2,000 and 2,500 years old. People drive cars through living redwoods in California.

It is worth commenting that Professor Emeritus of Forestry Bill Lemoine found no fault with this tree. Jim Gregory, the certified arborist who accompanied him on a 2016 evaluation of Simpson trees, thought the tree should be removed. The arborist owns Blue Sky Tree Service, the company that won contracts for both the 2016 removal of over 20 trees, and the one ongoing. To get an independent assessment, the City should have disqualified any consulting arborist from submitting a bid. That is standard operating procedure anywhere else!

I looked at five other fresh stumps. Judging by the rings, all were over 60 years of age. Stumps from trees cut earlier this week have already been ground

All it takes it is one determined Parks Superintendent, one unethical Parks Board Chairman/Mayor, one rubber-stamp Parks Advisory Board, one unscrupulous City administrator, one disinterested City Council with a herd mentality, and over eighty years of City heritage are lost. I have yet to speak with one person visiting that park who was in favor of the tree removal plan. Up to nine trees had problems such as being planted in the shade of another tree, but not nineteen, and that's down from the twenty-eight that had orange crosses before anyone noticed!

Not to worry. As noted in his April 14th memo to Council, the Parks Superintendent will plant "park appropriate trees".

Susanna Noordhoff North Bend

Jordan Cove still moving in the midst of pandemic

In the midst of a world wide pandemic, it is easy to be distracted from the fact that the proposed Jordan Cove project is still moving through various state and federal processes.

On Monday, April 20, the Klamath Tribes, dozens of impacted landowners, and over 25 organizations including the Coos Bay Surfrider and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, submitted a joint request for rehearing to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on its March decision to conditionally approve the proposed

Jordan Cove LNG export terminal and Pacific Connector fracked gas pipeline. The rehearing request filed by this coalition joined others, including the State of Oregon, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

Together, we told FERC that they wrongly approved the proposed Jordan Cove LNG

export terminal and fracked gas pipeline. We asked them to reconsider their decision.

This rehearing request is an important first step towards challenging the federal approval of the proposed Jordan Cove LNG project in court.

This request asks FERC to withdraw its approval of Jordan Cove LNG and redo its environmental, public convenience and necessity, and public interest anal-

yses of the project. The rehearing request makes in-depth arguments that the project is not in the public interest because of significant adverse effects to public health and safety, Tribal resources, private property rights, the fishing and crabbing industries, and the climate.

Even with FERC's approval, the proposed Jordan Cove LNG project cannot move forward without approval from Oregon's agencies, which have already denied two critical permits for this project. However, the FERC conditional approval does allow Pembina, the Canadian fossil fuel corporation behind Jordan Cove LNG, to start the process of seizing private property of Oregon landowners against their wishes through eminent domain.

The Coos Bay Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to protecting our local beaches, waters and engaging the next generation of coastal defenders.

Todd Buchholz Coos Bay

Discuss how to get our vote back

The comments in The World from North Bend City Manager Terence O'Connor in the April 28 article "Vote has consequences" are factual on Measure 5.

*Measure 5, led by an unelected activist, in a "tax revolt" passed in November 1990. It passed because our property taxes would be lower, and they did go down.

*Measure 5 amended Oregon's Constitution: It took away our right to vote yearly on every city, county and public school's normal operating budget in the State of Oregon.

*Measure 5 transferred responsibility to fund schools from school districts in every county, to the State of Oregon.

*Measure 5 allowed the State of Oregon to set an arbitrary 3% cap on property values; allowing the value to rise only 3% yearly. This maneuver cut and continues to cut funding for all services to citizens in our cities and county; their employees provide those services to us.

*Measure 5 was designed to starve city and county's taxing ability that strictly served local citizens in every county in the State.

Measure 5 was also designed to have funding picked up by an Oregon sales tax which never happened and is like beating a

dead horse in Oregon.

The 'costs' mount locally as our cities and county governments grapple with ever-shrinking funding for services provided by local public works, police, and fire. Those employees who provide direct services to every city and county resident; but now faced to do-with-out vital tools and enough employees to deliver the services we need, especially police protection.

At the same time Salem thrives by being in full control of the money needed on our local front line to provide every-day services that every family needs. What are those services? You may have forgotten since Measure 5 took away our valuable right vote on them.

our valuable right vote on them. Think about needing an ambulance or facing a robbery in progress with Coos County Sheriff Department's radio tower now in failing mode and seldom can serve Deputies and EMTs in our rural areas! Think of the condition of Coquille's city streets, a maze of broken pavement patching's! Think of Myrtle Point's high school cracking and in danger of falling and taking structurally sound areas with it. Think of the number of police North Bend is faced with losing, even though that city tried to solve the problem by tapping into CBNB Water Board money.

All local taxing districts were cut off at the ankle by Measure 5, now the cuts are up to our knees, you know where it bites us next. Because we couldn't vote, looming problems were not discussed or fought for in the used-to-be very public budgeting process



50 year ago, America heard the drumming in Ohio

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE BY DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

Four dead in Ohio.

It was a newspaper headline before it was a Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young lyric. Ripped from the headlines about an event 50 years ago Monday, the song and the moment it commemorated were seared into the memory of a generation, much the way Picasso's 1937 antiwar painting "Guernica" came to symbolize the Spanish Civil War.

"What if you knew her," the musicians sang, "and found her dead on the ground?"

And before long the whole world knew them all, dead on the ground after the firing of more than five dozen rounds of ammunition in only about a dozen seconds: two protesters, Allison Krause and Jeffrey Miller, and two passersby on the way to class at Kent State University, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder. They were slain by gunfire from National Guard units sent by Gov. Jim Rhodes to break up a demonstration conducted by what he called "the worst type of people that we harbor in America" participating in "the most vicious form of campus-oriented violence yet perpetrated by dissident groups.'

The protests that occurred a half-century ago were prompted by President Richard Nixon's announcement, five days earlier, expanding the Vietnam War into Cambodia. Students across the country exploded in rage. Much of the broad range of Americans whom Nixon had characterized in a landmark speech almost exactly six months earlier as the "silent majority" seethed in resentment at the students. The immediate analysis portrayed the clash at Kent State as a classic class confrontation, between college students and National Guardsmen, two groups generally possessing clashing outlooks.

But like everything else in that fraught period, it was more complicated than that.

"It has always struck me that Kent State is a public institution with mostly working-class students," said Eric Foner, the distinguished Columbia University historian who was scheduled to speak at this week's commemoration, now canceled because of the coronavirus threat. "The fact that the National Guard had to be deployed there shows how the youth rebellion of the '60s had

spread far beyond the 'elite' places with which it is often associated."

The antagonisms that took their form in the Kent State episode had been boiling for years, reaching back into the Lyndon Johnson years. But the Nixon administration repeatedly belittled antiwar protesters, who in turn accused the president of being a war criminal. Four days before the shooting, Nixon spoke at the Pentagon, where he sought a briefing on the incursion into Cambodia, and said:

"You see these bums, you know, blowing up the campuses. Listen, the boys that are on the college campuses today are the luckiest people in the world, going to the greatest universities, and here they are burning up the books, storming around about this issue. You name it. Get rid of the war there will be another one."

And so the president's announcement on Cambodia begat the Kent State protest, which begat the student killings (plus two more students dead at Jackson State College in Mississippi 11 days later), which begat the largest student strike in American history. On many campuses, classes were curtailed or entirely shut down, a phenomenon curiously and eerily replicated 50 years later after COVID-19 swept across the globe. (Kent State is offering classes remotely because of the coronavirus threat.)

ly because of the coronavirus threat.) "You had student protesters on an open campus with a military trained to protect lives instead taking lives," said John Cleary, 68, a retired Pittsburgh architect who was wounded in the shooting and portrayed in a chilling LIFE magazine cover on the ground, surrounded by horrified students. "The killing of four students and the wounding of nine might have chilled protests briefly, but eventually they gained momentum when people realized what happened at Kent. It galvanized the protests at other campuses across the nation."

Nixon hoped the incident would hurt the antiwar movement. Here are the notes for a statement that he dictated to chief of staff H.R. Haldeman:

"This should give added impetus to the efforts of resp. ldrs in coll and U fac & stud. to stand firmly for princip & right of peaceful dissent & just as firmly against the resort to violence. Violence can only result in tragedy." The eventual statement released by press secretary Ron Ziegler was moderated only slightly.

News reporters stormed into Kent. Newsweek magazine produced its most poignant cover ever, a portrait of 14-year-old Mary Ann Vecchio in front of the body of Miller. She is forever portrayed on her left knee, her arms open in shock, screaming into the lens. The photograph won a Pulitzer Prize.

But this was a local story for the Akron Beacon Journal newspaper, whose editor at the time, Robert Giles, examined the incident in a new book, "When Truth Mattered," and concluded that the Kent State incident underlined the fallibility of government at all levels.

"The war and its consequence bred cynicism," wrote Giles, who later became editor of, among other titles, The Detroit News, and was for nearly a dozen years the curator of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard. "Citizens mistrusted their institutions. Adults lost the will to act when change was needed after school shootings and other tragic events. The spirit of young people speaking out for what they believed began to make a difference. Youthful activism replacing adult complacency continues today."

One other vital consequence: Four years after Kent State, the Supreme Court ruled, in Scheuer v. Rhodes -- the first name represents the family of a victim, the second the governor of Ohio -- that public officials could be brought to trial for their actions. That would make government authorities more responsive and responsible.

In the aftermath of Kent State, the conflict in Southeast Asia continued losing popularity. But so did the antiwar protesters.

"Kent State made lots of college students against the war feel as if the country was making war on them," said Michael Kazin, a Georgetown University professor and self-described "freelance radical" after being forced to leave Harvard for organizing a demonstration. "But in some ways it backfired on the antiwar movement. The whole country wasn't as outraged as we were. It was a turning point, but it may have turned in Nixon's direction. He was able to appeal to middle Americans who were outraged at the angry privileged kids who went on strike, even though this happened at Kent State, not at Berkeley."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR-cont.

with yearly elections. That lack also brings the loss of community spirit, lack of pulling together. Problems mounted and were ignored because ever-tighting budgets could not fund problems.

Without the right to vote, maybe some forgot the vital services citizens need every day?

Local taxing districts provide hundreds of employees to deliver services of police, fire, ambulance, planning and public works to citizens living in cities and in the county. Generally underfunded they work to keep city streets and county roads in good repair; deliver clean water to city homes and businesses; flow city citizen's bodily wastes into treatment plants; respond to uncountable dangerous duties when we call the Police 24-7; also Firemen or EMTs with trucks and ambulance standing by; they will transport city and county residents to city hospitals, maybe multiple times over a resident's life-span - and will eventually take each one of us directly to the morgue. If you call for Firemen, they will put out a fire in your home, barn, business or your dog-house, if in the city or a county fire district. All this happens locally for us, while the State of Oregon funds the needs of our school system.

Salem controls the money while

our local services starve for lack of funding. Communities don't pull together unless they vote together to fund their services.

Discuss how to get our vote back and not raise taxes!

Patti Strain

Myrtle Point (Former 1980s Coquille City Manager)

Thank you all

It's a strange new world out there. In a matter of days, we went from a thriving economy and looking forward to getting out of the house to greet the springtime to.... Quarantine. Isolation. Anxiety. Depression. And of course, the threat of running out of necessary hygiene products.

For those of you who have lost your jobs or have lost the prospect of stating a job, I'm sorry. It may be hard to see now, but I promise it will get better. For those of you out there in lockdown, thank you. Thank you for being careful and thank you for being flexible. Thank you to the teachers and the parents-as-teachers and the office workers now doing their jobs on the kitchen table and the social services workers and pastors and my tax preparer Alisha, and all the others of you out there, keeping the community, state and country moving while in your

PJ's. And a BIG thank you to my boss, Dave Kronsteiner, for allowing us at work to be flexible and giving us the tools and ability to work from home as needed.

But especially, thank you to those of you who still get up and put on your pants and go to work – Our police and fire fighters. The mail carriers and delivery drivers and truck drivers. The bankers. The construction workers. The peeps at the food banks. The helpful folks down at Ace hardware.

Communications workers who bring us phone service, internet and the Netflix. The skeleton crews holding down the office while others work in their PJ's. The employees at our local stores, mechanics and coffee shack workers and my garbage man and the sanitation workers (especially the sanitation workers) and everyone who I didn't mention. Thank you. You all are the ones making it possible for the rest of to do what we need to do from our kitchen tables and couches and spare bedrooms. And thank you to my wife and dog who are putting up with me more than normal.

Thank you all.
The world will get back to normal again. I promise.

Ron Kutch North Bend

Edith Margaret Wenzinger

November 28, 1932 - April 8, 2020



Services have been kept private within the four remaining children, and Margaret will rest peacefully in a beautiful memorial urn.

Margaret was born November 28, 1932 In Douglas, Wyo., to Lawrence and Amalie Wenzinger, longtime residents of the area. She passed away under doctor's care early Wednesday morning, April 8, 2020 at the Coos Bay Community Hospital.

Margaret graduated from Casper's Natrona County High in June 1950, and to show her devotion to her birthplace - returned for all class reunions.

Margaret married John Orr in 1951. Following John, who was in the USAF, she got used to establishing a new home all around the west. Rochelle was born February 1, 1953 in San Francisco, Calif., Craig was born at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Arvada, Colo., Michael was born in August 1960, James was born on August 30, 1962, both in San Francisco, Calif., her last son Christopher was born July 14, 1965 at Scripps Memorial. Margaret worked as an accountant on Camp Pendleton settling in Fallbrook, Calif., around 1967 where she stayed until 1977 when she took an assignment to the Azores as a civil servant. After enjoying travel to the European mainland, she then transferred to Kaiserslautern, Germany. Margaret was able to meet a number of relatives who presided in East Germany. She believed her father Lawrence was of Austrian descent. Returning to the United States in 1980, she took further assignments working as a civil servant

including in Ohio and a naval base in San Diego. Margaret moved back to Casper to be near her sister Kaye, moving on to Clear Lake, Calif. for a few years, finally settling in Coos Bay, around 2007 to be near her daughter Rochelle, for her final years. Margaret enjoyed extensive traveling - a cruise around the continent of Africa, as well as an extensive cruise around South America. She also enjoyed time with friends, playing cards (Bridge and Canasta) and other games.

Margaret is survived by 4 sons Craig, Michael, James, Christopher; 9 grandchildren Guinevere, Jon, Holly, Ryan, Travis, Jeffrey, Kelly, Michelle, Ryan, Katherine; 8 great-grandchildren Joshua Edward, Ronald Scott Robert, Jon, Catha, Nicole, Chloe, Fallon, Breanna and Kitana; great-great-grandchild, Storm Allen.

Arrangements have been made by Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Friends and family are encouraged to leave a loving comment at www.theworldlink.com.

Supreme Court holds arguments by phone

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a morning of firsts for the Supreme Court, the first time audio of the court's arguments will be heard live by the world and the first arguments by telephone.

The changes are a result of the coronavirus pandemic, which has made holding courtroom sessions unsafe, especially with six justices aged 65 or older and at risk of getting seriously sick from the virus.

The experiment beginning Monday could propel the court to routinely livestream its arguments. Or the 10 cases over six days could just be extraordinary exceptions to the court's sustained opposition to broadening the audience that can hear, if not see, its work live.

Cases that will be heard over the next two weeks include President Donald Trump's effort to shield tax and other financial records and whether presidential electors have to cast their Electoral College ballots for the candidate who wins the popular vote in their state.

The session is set to begin Monday at the usual time of 10 a.m. EDT, when Marshal Pamela Talkin will call the court to order and Chief Justice John Roberts will announce the day's case. Arguments are scheduled to last an hour as they would generally in the courtroom.

The court chose a somewhat obscure case about whether the travel website Booking.com can trademark its name for its first foray into remote arguments. The lawyers on both sides are well known to the justices and experienced in arguing before the nation's highest court.

Justice Department lawyer Erica Ross, who once served as a law clerk to Justice Elena Kagan, will be first up. She last argued at the court in late February. She's planning to deliver this Supreme Court argument, her sixth, from a Justice Department conference room.

She will be followed by Lisa Blatt, a onetime government lawyer who will be arguing her 40th Supreme Court case. Blatt will be at her Washington-area home, she told The Washington Post.

She is known for her colorful writing and speaking style and for her ability to engage in a healthy give and take with the justices. She was also a prominent liberal supporter of Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his contentious Senate confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court.

Each lawyer will get two uninterrupted minutes to make an opening statement, after which Roberts will kick off the questioning. After that, the justices will ask questions in order of seniority, although the longest-serving justice, Clarence Thomas, almost never questions lawyers. Kavanaugh, who joined the court in 2018, will go last.

The court sometimes issues opinions at the start of argument sessions, with the justice who wrote for the majority reading a summary of the opinion and, more rarely, a second justice summarizing a dissent. But in another change wrought by the virus outbreak, opinions are being posted online without any statements from justices. The court will next issue opinions

J.Crew files for bankruptcy protection

NEW YORK (AP) — The owner of J.Crew is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy just over three months after the first person in the U.S. tested positive for

More bankruptcies across the retail sector are expected in coming weeks with most stores still closed, though states have begun a staggered restart to their econo-

Sales at stores and restaurants plunged in March by the largest amount on records that date back to 1992. That threatens the overall health of the U.S. because consumers drive 70% of economic activity in the country.

Parts of the retail sector were already under duress before the arrival of COVID-19 due to seismic changes in what is bought and how. The most vulnerable are losing the ability to pay bills.

J.Crew, already in trouble before the pandemic and laden with debt, and was acquired by TPG Capital and Leonard Green & Partners for \$3 billion in 2011.

Retail veteran Mickey Drexler led J.Crew for more than a decade when it become a coveted fashion brand. But the chain appeared to lose its way at some point and Drexler severed his last ties with the company in January 2019.

Operations at J.Crew will continue throughout a restructuring and clothing will still be available to purchase online.

The company said Monday that it anticipates its stores will reopen when it's safe to do so.

In its last full year of operations, J.Crew generated \$2.5 billion in sales, a 2% increase from the year before.

J.Crew had aimed to spin off its successful Madewell division as a public company and use the proceeds to pay down its debt. The company said Monday that Madewell will remain part of J.Crew Group Inc.

There were 193 J.Crew stores, 172 J.Crew Factory outlets and 132 Madewell locations as of Feb. 1.

Washington will reopen many parks, but not beaches

ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than 100 state parks, trails and boating sites across Washington state will re-open Tuesday as some coronavirus restrictions are eased, but many popular sites remain closed indefinitely, according to officials.

Parks that open will be limited to daytime use only and the number of parking spaces will be reduced at some urban parks to discourage crowding. Public lands managed by the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Fish and Wildlife also will reopen Tuesday.

All ocean beach parks and parks along the Columbia River Gorge on

the Washington-Oregon border will remain closed to reduce impacts on rural communities and prevent crowds, according to Washington State Parks.

Discussions on when those sites could open are ongoing and involve park administrators, local community leaders and Oregon officials, state parks officials said.

The parks have been closed more than a month and are being re-opened under the first phase of the Gov. Jay Inslee's plan to ease rules imposed to prevent the spread of the virus. Beaches and campgrounds would re-open under the second phase of the plan, although large gatherings would still be

State officials plan to wait at least three weeks between each phase to see how the changes affect infection rates.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission posted a list of which parks will be open and which remain closed on its website.

Some farmers' markets are already open, including one in West Seattle where on Sunday people bought things like asparagus, radishes and onions. Chalk arrows pointed to the market entrance, including the words "Yes farms, yes food," with smiley faces every six feet to designated distance to wait between customers.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Weight loss frees woman from mind-numbing drugs

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery a year ago. I'm now off all medications (high blood pressure, antidepressants, etc.) and take only one multivitamin daily. I feel like I'm 25 again. However, I have also changed mentally. After many years of being a zombie on antidepressants, I feel like I have finally "awakened."

I come from a dysfunctional, abusive childhood. My father abused my mother. I was diagnosed with dysthymia years ago, and I feel the diagnosis was correct. I now feel my dysthymia has turned more into anxiety than depression. I'm no longer afraid of speaking up and, after 20 years, I actually have opinions of my own.

Needless to say, my family (husband, grown children and in-laws) are not used to this side of me. I find myself feeling resentful, anxious and envious of certain immediate family and in-law family dynamics now. I don't want to upset my family by being so vocal and opinionated, but I don't want to get back on mind-altering prescriptions either. I also have little faith that counseling will do much good. I'm afraid I'll be pushed into taking meds again. I feel like I'm between a rock and a hard place right now. Any advice? -- A TOUGH SPOT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TOUGH SPOT: Keeping in mind that no one can force you back on medications if you don't want them, I do think you could benefit from talking with a licensed mental health professional about this. You have made major changes in your life, and are no longer the person you were when you were prescribed the medications that made you feel like a zombie. A mental health professional can help you to sort out whether you have a problem or whether your family members do in dealing with the new you.

DEAR ABBY: In the future when I am able, I would like to travel with a mix of single and married ladies. I'm in a committed relationship, and when I discussed this with my partner, we had a difference of opinion.

She believes that happy individuals in committed relationships do not travel with other people. She believes happy couples should travel together and not independently. Is that controlling? I have traveled independently in prior committed relationships, and this has never been an issue.

Should I honor her request or deny it? She is pushing me to respect this rule and says it applies to her as well because she believes "females" let loose when they are away from their significant others. I get the distinct feeling that if I travel independently, there will be an emotional price to pay, or she will do something in my absence that will change the dynamics of our relationship. -- LOVE OR CONTROL

DEAR LOVE: There are already issues that will change the dynamics of your relationship -- your partner's insecurity and need to control, and your need for some freedom. Unless you are laying down "rules" for her to follow as she is trying to do to you, step back and take a second look at this relationship. Healthy people who love each other want their partner to be happy and fulfilled whether they are together or apart. This takes trust, self-confidence and courage. Rather than the wind beneath your wings, it appears your partner may be more of an anchor.

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Powers Police Log

Tuesday, April 28

At 2:04 p.m. on West Birch Street, assistance from an outside agency was requested.

At 3:14 p.m. on U.S. Highway 242 near Milepost 9, public assistance was requested.

Wednesday, April 29

At 11:06 a.m. on Oak Drive, a suspicious subject was reported.

Thursday, April 30

At 9:52 a.m. on High School Hill Road, criminal mischief was reported which involved a break-in to a concession stand and tractor shed at location. The incident was classified as vandalism for damage to the structures. No items were missing.

At 10:26 p.m. on South Third Avenue, a suspicious subject was reported.

Coquille Police Log

Wednesday, April 29

Suspicious vehicle

At 2:23 a.m. on Hemlock and West 17Street, a suspicious vehicle was reported.

At 2:27 a.m. on West Central Boulevard, a suspicious vehicle was reported.

Driving Complaint

At 8:42 a.m. on U.S. Highway 42 and Quiet Valley Lane, an officer was flagged over by a citizen who relayed a driving complaint that occurred in Coquille.

At 3:25 p.m. on West 15 Street, a driving complaint was reported of an ongoing issue of a vehicle speeding and driving reckless through the area.

Burn Complaint

At 3:10 p.m. on West Central and U.S. Highway 42, a burn complaint was reported.

Dog Bite

At 4:09 p.m. on East Third Road, Wendy Groshong, 63, was ticketed following a report of a dog bite.

Thursday, April 30

Traffic Stop

At 8:45 a.m. on U.S. Highway 42 and Lee Valley Road, a traffic stop was conducted.

At 12:02 p.m. on U.S. Highway 42 and South Fourth Court, a traffic stop was conducted.

Assault

At 12:56 p.m. on North

Dean Street, Bryan Tucker, 46, was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail on assault, domestic charges.

Prowler

At 6:30 p.m. on North Gould Street, a prowler was reported.

Disabled Vehicle

At 4:21 p.m. on West Central Boulevard, a disabled vehicle was reported.

Animal At Large

At 4:25 p.m. on West Central Boulevard, an animal at large was reported.

Welfare Check

At 4:35 p.m. on West Fifth Street, a welfare check was conducted.



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EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE BY MARY HUNT

Drive-Thru, Takeout, Food Delivery: Are They Safe?

The news is constantly changing as experts learn more about the wicked virus that has invaded our world. Good, reliable information about food safety is absolutely crucial right now.

Restaurants have mostly moved into "to-go only" mode, closing their dining rooms but continuing to offer some combination of takeout, drive-thru and home delivery. Can we rely on any of these options to keep us safe? Should we?

Yes, we can stay safe, according to the Food and Drug Administration's current position, provided we take precautionary measures. Just keep this in mind: Ordering prepared food is not quite as safe as preparing your own food at home. But it is definitely a safer option than eating in a restaurant dining room. where the major risk is touching a table or another surface that has been touched by someone who is

Here are some things that experts are recommending we keep in mind when ordering food during this breakout:

WASH YOUR HANDS

We've heard it a million times already, but it bears repeating because it is pretty much the most important thing you can do, second only to, "Stop touching your face!"

Wash your hands (or use hand sanitizer) both before and after you receive your delivery. And, as

always, wash your hands before you eat, even if you made the food yourself.

MINIMIZE HUMAN CONTACT

Contactless delivery is the new term, and it is defined as receiving your food without coming faceto-face with someone else. Bear in mind that your delivery itself will have made contact with at least one other person.

DISCARD ALL PACKAGING

Make it your standard practice to discard the packaging materials -- paper or plastic bag, receipts, menus -- that came into the house with the food. Researchers have found that the virus can survive on surfaces for a few hours to a few days, depending on the surface material. Then wash your hands. Again. DISINFECT SURFACES

Clean your eating surface with soap and water or a disinfectant approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, like Sniper or Clorox wipes. And while you're at it, clean the surface where you set down the bags, boxes and any other things that have come in from the outside world.

DON'T EAT WITH YOUR HANDS

Even though you have just washed your hands prior to eating, using utensils can further decrease the possibility of contamination. Those little packets of sauce and condiments? Make certain to clean and disinfect them prior to opening. Or make it even

easier on yourselves, and toss them out in favor of your own items from the fridge. **OPT FOR COOKED ITEMS**

According to Stephen Morse, an epidemiologist at Columbia University, as cited in the March 14 issue of The Atlantic, "Cooked foods are unlikely to be a concern unless they get contaminated after cooking," That's why he suggests not ordering raw items from takeout. Make your own salad at home, following good hygiene practices for cleaning fresh fruits and vegetables.

NO SHARING FOR NOW

It's never wise to share drinks or eating utensils, but we've all done that from time to time. And that needs to stop -- for now. In general, according to Amy Sapkota, a professor of applied environmental health at the University of Maryland School of Public Health, if you want to split a shared takeout order, divide up the food onto separate plates before eating with your own utensils.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Ordering takeout is not 100% foolproof (show me anything in life that is), but it is a way that we can support the businesses in our local communities, provided we are diligently following the best precautionary practices. These are tough times! And we want to come through as whole as possible, with the restaurants and grocery stores we love whole as well.

THE WORLD

Tip more than you would normally, if you can. Bear in mind contactless delivery for that person's personal safety and peace of mind. Place the tip in an envelope, and label it clearly. Then leave it where the driver will see it.

Restaurant workers are putting their own personal safety at risk to make our lives easier --as are all of our leaders, health care workers, law enforcement officers and truck drivers.

From the bottom of our hearts -- thank you!

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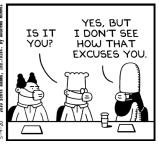
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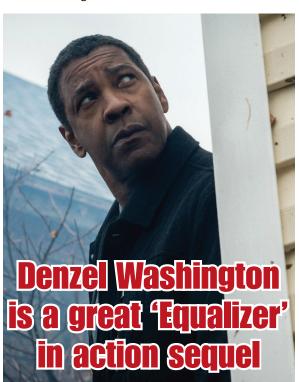
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movie review

For all the movies he's made, Denzel Washington agreed to do a sequel only once.

In fairness, projects on the order of "Another Training Day" or "The Next Flight" might have been difficult if not impossible for him, but one of the two-time Oscar winner's vehicles very obviously lent itself to a follow-up if he so chose. Inspired by the 1980s television series, "The Equalizer" was action-adventure fare that expectedly became one of Washington's biggest hits.

Thus, it was something of a no-brainer that he would reteam several years later with director Antoine Fuqua – who also directed the first picture, as well as Washington's "Training Day" - for 2018's "The Equalizer 2," currently playing on Starz. Though British actor Edward Woodward made his own mark as ex-government agent turned troubleshooter Robert McCall in the TV version, Washington brought something extra to the role ... his cooler-than-cool persona, which worked extremely well for his portrayal of an enigmatic man very good (and sometimes very lethal) at what he does.

"The Equalizer 2" ups the personal odds for McCall, since a former associate and friend is murdered, naturally putting him on the trail of those responsible. Though the tragedy initially is deemed the result of a robbery gone wrong, McCall finds evidence to suspect there's more to it, and he applies his expertise in intelligence work to the case. When he's almost taken out himself while working as a Boston ride-share driver, he's certain that he's onto something much bigger than was thought originally.

While that plot alone might be enough to sustain "The Equalizer 2," returning screenwriter Richard Wienk is smart to let Washington display various facets by giving him several subplots. One involves his attempt to help a Holocaust survivor (Orson Bean, who died tragically in a car-pedestrian accident earlier this year) recover a painting of the latter's sister, while another makes McCall the mentor of an aspiring artist (Ashton Sanders) who lives in the same apartment complex.

Those stories give Washington solid opportunities to show his more tender side, but make no mistake, he still gets ample opportunity to bring on the tough stuff ... particularly in the climactic sequence that pits McCall against several well-armed foes, and throws in an approaching hurricane for good measure.

It's possible that "The Equalizer 3" could still happen – Fuqua, at least, has indicated that he'd be game for it - but if it doesn't, "The Equalizer 2" will stand as a respectable closing chapter of a franchise that has served its star quite nicely.

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day, May 5th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

at Coquille Valley Hospital, 940

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E. Fifth Street, Coquille, OR, in the Board Room for the purpose of hearing the budget message, receiving the budget document and for taking questions and comments from the public regarding the proposed budget for the Hospital District for fiscal year July 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2021. This proposed budget shall also be subsequently presented in a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hospital. The proposed budget will also be presented to the Hospital District Board for review and approval at a Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 28th, 2020 at 7:00am. A copy of the proposed budget may be inspected or obtained from the Finance Department at Coquille Valley Hospital website at: www.cvhospital.org, along with a schedule of these meetings and general hospital events. Please direct any questions to Michelle Reyna, . CFO. at 541-396-3101.

COQUILLE VALLEY HOS-PITAL DISTRICT SECOND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING ON BUDGET\cs0

A public hearing on the proposed budget for the Coquille Valley Hospital District, Coos County, State of Oregon, for the fiscal year July 1st, 2020 through June 30th, 2021, will be held at Coquille Valley Hospital, 940 E. Fifth Street, Coquille, OR, in the South Fork Conference Room. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget and receive comments on with/from interested persons. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Coquille Valley Hospital during normal business hours beginning on April 30th, 2020. Please direct any questions to Michelle Reyna, CFO, at 541-396-3101. Published: May 4, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 283667)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COOS COUNTY CASE NO. 04PB0140

NOTICE TO INTERESTED **PERSONS** in the matter of the Estate of JAMES E. CART-WRIGHT, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has qualified and has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 420 S.E. Jackson Street. P.O. Box 1146, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, or the claims may be

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

Dated and first published this 20th day of April, 2020. Personal Representative:

Levi Cartwright 327 Easy Street Sutherlin, OR 97479 Telephone: (541) 784-6494 Attorney for Personal Repre-

sentative:

Christopher W. Peterman, OSB #034212 Attorney at Law,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF **OREGON** FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate

of: YVONNE WILSON, Decedent. Case No.: 20PB01171 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED**

PERSONS \cs0 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Johnathan Wilson has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned attorney at 5285 Meadows Road, Suite 377, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be

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All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and first published May 4, 2020. Johnathan Wilson, Personal Representative Alana J. Hawkins, OSBN 181746 Pixton Law Group

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

In the Matter of the Estate of **ROBIN MICHELLE PRUITT,** Deceased.

No. 20PB02165 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED**

PERSONS\cs0 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Hernandez and Associates, LLC, P.O. Box 979, Bandon, OR 97411, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawver for the personal representative, Manuel C. Hernandez, Hernandez and Associates, LLC.

Dated and first published on April 27, 2020. PERSONAL REPRESENTA-TIVE: Juanita F. Batson

P.O. Box 1132 Bandon, OR 97411 LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Manuel C. Hernandez.

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PROBATE DEPARTMENT\ cs0 In the Matter of the Estate of

CARL TROUT, JR. Deceased.

Case No. 20PB02031 **NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has filed a small estate affidavit as successor in interest to the Estate of Carl Trout. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 47076 Hwy. 101, Langlois, Oreogn 97450, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court or the personal representative, DATED this 15 day of

Margaret Nicholls Published: April 27 and May 4 & 11, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 282805)

April, 2020

NOTICE OF BUDGET **COMMITTEE MEETING** Coos Bay-North Bend Visitor Convention Bureau\cs0 A public meeting of the Budget

Committee of the Coos Bay-North Bend Visitor Convention Bureau (VCB) will be held to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on May 14, 2020 at 8:30 am. This meeting will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom platform and can be attended by registering at the following link http://us02web.zoom. us/webinar/register/WN_Lb-E8rfJTHWh2T-G44zZuA. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and

deliberate on the proposed budget. Public comments can

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be made during the Zoom virtual meeting by submitting via the Q&A box or may be submitted in advance by 12:00 pm on May 13, 2020 via email to the info@oregonsadventurecoast. com which will then be shared during the virtual meeting. Copies of the proposed budget and meeting notice can also be requested at this same email address.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET **COMMITTEE MEETING CITY** OF COOS BAY\cs0

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Coos Bay will be held to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on May 14, 2020 at 6:15 pm, or as soon as possible thereafter following the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams platform and can be attended by following the link available on the City's website at www.coosbay.org. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and deliberate on the proposed budget. Public comments can be made in writing and submitted via email to jmickelson@ coosbay.org, via fax at 541-267-5912, ,or left in the drop box at City Hall front doors at 500 Central Avenue, until May 14, 2020 at 10:00 am, and will be shared during the virtual meeting. Copies of the proposed budget and meeting notice are available on the city's website at www.coosbay. org and electronic copies can be requested by contacting the finance department 541-269-8915 or finance@coosbay.org. Only if needed, another virtual meeting will be held on May 21, 2020 6:00 pm.

Rodger Craddock, Budget Officer

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COM-**MITTEE MEETING URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE**

CITY OF COOS BAY \cs0 A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Coos Bay will be held to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on May 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams platform and can be attended by following the link available on the City's website at www. coosbay.org. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and deliberate on the proposed budget. Public comments can be made in writing and submitted via email to imickelson@coosbay. org, via fax at 541-267-5912, or left in the drop box at City Hall front doors at 500 Central Avenue, until May 14, 2020 at 10:00 am, and will be shared during the virtual meeting. Copies of the proposed budget and meeting notice are available on the city's website at www.coosbay.org and electronic copies can be requested by contacting the finance department 541-269-8915 or finance@coosbay.org.

Rodger Craddock, Budget Of-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING STATE REVENUE SHARING CITY OF COOS BAY BUDGET MEETING\cs0

A public hearing will be held before the Budget Committee of the City of Coos Bay. Coos County, Oregon giving citizens the opportunity to comment on the use of State Revenue Sharing for fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 on May 14, 2020 at 6:15 pm, or as soon as possible thereafter following the City of Coos Bay Urban Renewal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be a virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams platform and can be attended by following the link available on the City's website at <u>www.coosbay.org</u>. Public comments can be made in writing and submitted via email

imickelson@coosbay. org, via fax at 541-267-5912, or left in the drop box at City Hall front doors at 500 Central Avenue, until May 14, 2020 at 10:00 am, and will be shared during the virtual meeting. Rodger Craddock, Budget Of-

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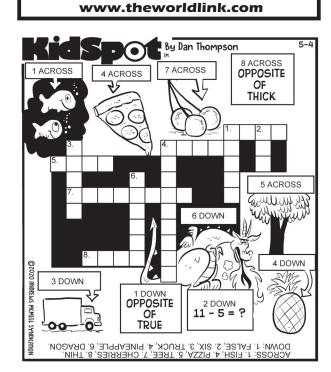
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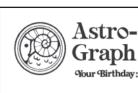
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do what feels right. If that means enhancing your appearance or checking out someone who interests you personally or professionally, do so confidently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Take control and avoid upsetting situations. Use your intelligence, perception and persuasive powers to get what you want. A financial opportunity, contract or settlement will require finesse and patience. LEO (July 23-Aug.

22) -- Listen and observe, but don't share your opinions until you reassess where you stand and what you might lose or gain by divulging your plans. If you listen to complaints, you will find

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Move in a profitable direction. If you have a good idea that could potentially make you some extra cash, get it up and running. A positive change is heading your way.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23) -- Avoid conflict. Peace of mind comes with patience, the ability to see all sides of a situation and compromise. Weigh the pros and cons before you proceed. Personal improvement is favored.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you appreciate others, you will avoid unnecessary criticism and complaints. Channel your energy into tying up loose ends, making investments and choosing a healthier lifestyle. Be well informed and prepared.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Get back to basics and stick to the facts. Focus on personal fitness, health, diet and maintaining functional relationships. Honesty will be essential when dealing with partnership

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- A change is doable, as long as you keep everyone affected by your decisions in the loop. Simple solutions, a willingness to listen and compromise will pay off.

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PISCES (Feb.

20-March 20) -- Linger over fond memories, reconnect with someone from your past and revisit ideas that can help you bring in extra cash. An unexpected gift or cash injection is heading your

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Stop

worrying and start doing. Be willing to make peace and put negativity behind you. If you are ready to compromise, you will find a way to please

everyone.

Trump pushes for economic reopening

WASHINGTON (AP) - Anxious to spur an economic recovery without risking lives, President Donald Trump on Sunday insisted that "you can satisfy both" - see states gradually lift lockdowns while also protecting people from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed more than 60,000 Americans.

The president, fielding questions from Americans in a virtual town hall from the Lincoln Memorial, acknowledged valid fears on both sides of the issue. Some people are worried about getting sick; others are reeling from lost jobs and livelihoods.

But while Trump increased his projection for the total U.S. death total to 80,000 or 90,000 — up by more than 20,000 fatalities from what he had suggested just a few weeks ago — he struck a note of urgency to restart the nation's economy, declaring "we have to reopen our country."

"We have to get it back open safely but as quickly as possible," Trump said.

After more than a month of being cooped up at the White House, Trump returned from a weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland for the virtual town hall hosted by Fox News Channel.

The president said of his monumental backdrop: "We never had a more beautiful

As concerns mount about his reelection bid, Trump stuck to his relentlessly optimistic view of the nation's ability to rebound soon.

"It is all working out," Trump said. "It is horrible to go through, but it is working out."

Many public health experts believe the nation cannot safely reopen fully until a vaccine is developed. Trump declared Sunday that he believed one could be available by year's end.

U.S. public health officials have said a vaccine is probably a year to 18 months away. But Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading expert on infectious diseases and member of the White House coronavirus

task force, said in late April that it is conceivable, if a vaccine is soon developed, that it could be in wide distribution as early as

Though the administration's handling of the pandemic, particularly its ability to conduct widespread testing, has come under fierce scrutiny, the president tried to shift the blame to China and said the U.S. was ready to begin reopening.

"I'll tell you one thing. We did the right thing and I really believe we saved a million and a half lives," the president said. But he also broke with the assessment of his senior adviser and son-in-law, Jared

Kushner, saying it was "too soon to say" the federal government had overseen a "success story."

Trump's impatience also flashed. While noting that states would go at their own pace in returning to normal, with ones harder hit by the coronavirus going slower, he said that "some states, frankly, I think aren't going fast enough." He singled out Virginia, which has a Democratic governor and legislature. And he urged the nation's schools and universities to return to classes this fall.

Federal guidelines that encouraged people to stay at home and practice social distancing expired late last

Debate continued over moves by governors to start reopening state economies that tanked after shopping malls, salons and other nonessential businesses were ordered closed in attempt to slow a virus that has killed more than 66,000 Americans, according to a tally of reported deaths by Johns Hopkins University.

The U.S. economy has suffered, shrinking at a 4.8% annual rate from January through March, the government estimated last week. And roughly 30.3 million people have filed for unemployment aid in the six weeks since the outbreak forced employers to shut down and slash their workforces.

Key element of Obamacare is critical during virus pandemic

WASHINGTON (AP) COVID-19 could have stamped a person "uninsurable" if not for the Affordable Care Act. The ban on insurers using preexisting conditions to deny coverage is a key part of the Obama-era law that the Trump administration still seeks to overturn.

Without the law, people who recovered from COVID-19 and tried to purchase an individual health insurance policy could be turned down, charged higher premiums or have follow-up care excluded from coverage. Those considered vulnerable because of conditions such as respiratory problems or early-stage diabetes would have run into a wall of insurer suspicion.

Yet as defenders of the ACA submit written arguments to the Supreme Court next week countering the latest challenge to its existence, the Trump administration remains adamant that former President Barack Obama's health law, known as "Obamacare," must go.

"A global pandemic does not change what Americans know: Obamacare has been an unlawful failure and further illustrates the need to focus on patient care," White House spokesman Judd Deere said in a statement.

Deere asserted that the law limits patient choice, has premiums that are too expensive and restricts patients with high-risk conditions from going to the doctors and hospitals they need. Trump has said he would protect people with preexisting conditions, as have other Republicans, but he hasn't spelled out a plan.

Some GOP lawmakers in contested races this fall are unnerved by the prospect of Trump administration lawyers asking the Supreme Court during the coronavirus outbreak to toss out a law that provides coverage to at least 20 million Americans.

"The ACA remains the law of the land, and it is

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the Department of Justice's duty to defend it," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine. "That is especially true during the current public health crisis our country is facing due to COVID-19."

She is among those urging the administration not to get rid of the law but instead make broader use of it to cover uninsured people during the pandemic. Collins is considered among the most endangered incumbents as Republicans try to keep their Senate majority.

It's unclear whether the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments before the November election. A group of GOP-led states contends that because Congress repealed an ACA tax penalty, the law's requirement for individuals to carry health insurance is unconstitutional. If the insurance mandate is unconstitutional, their argument goes, then the rest of the law must collapse like a house of cards.

The administration agrees, but has also suggested that federal judges could decide to keep some parts of the law. The Supreme Court took the case after a federal appeals court in New Orleans said the ACA's insurance mandate is unconstitutional, but did not rule on the rest of the law.

From nearly 12 million people to 35 million could lose their workplace coverage due to layoffs in the coronavirus shutdown, according to an estimate by the consulting firm Health Management Associates. They have more options because of the Obama-era law.

They are entitled to a special sign-up opportunity for coverage through HealthCare.gov or their state insurance market, and may qualify for financial assistance with premiums and other costs. They cannot be asked about health problems. In states that expanded Medicaid, some may qualify for that program, usually at little or no cost.

60 Minutes' Stahl fought coronavirus

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS News "60 Minutes" correspondent Lesley Stahl said Sunday that she's finally feeling well after a battle with COVID-19 that left her hospitalized for a week.

Stahl said she was "really scared" after fighting pneumonia caused by the coronavirus for two weeks at home before going to the hospital.

"One of the rules of journalism is 'don't become part of the story,"" Stahl said at the end of Sunday's broadcast. "But instead of covering the pandemic, I was one of the more-than-one-million Americans who did become part of it."

Stahl, 78, is the dean of correspondents at television's best-known newsmagazine. She joined "60 Minutes" in March 1991, and before that was moderator of the Sunday talk show "Face the Nation" and a Washington correspondent.

She landed the first television interview with Donald Trump after he

was elected president, and the first with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi when she become speaker — both in 2007 and again in 2019.

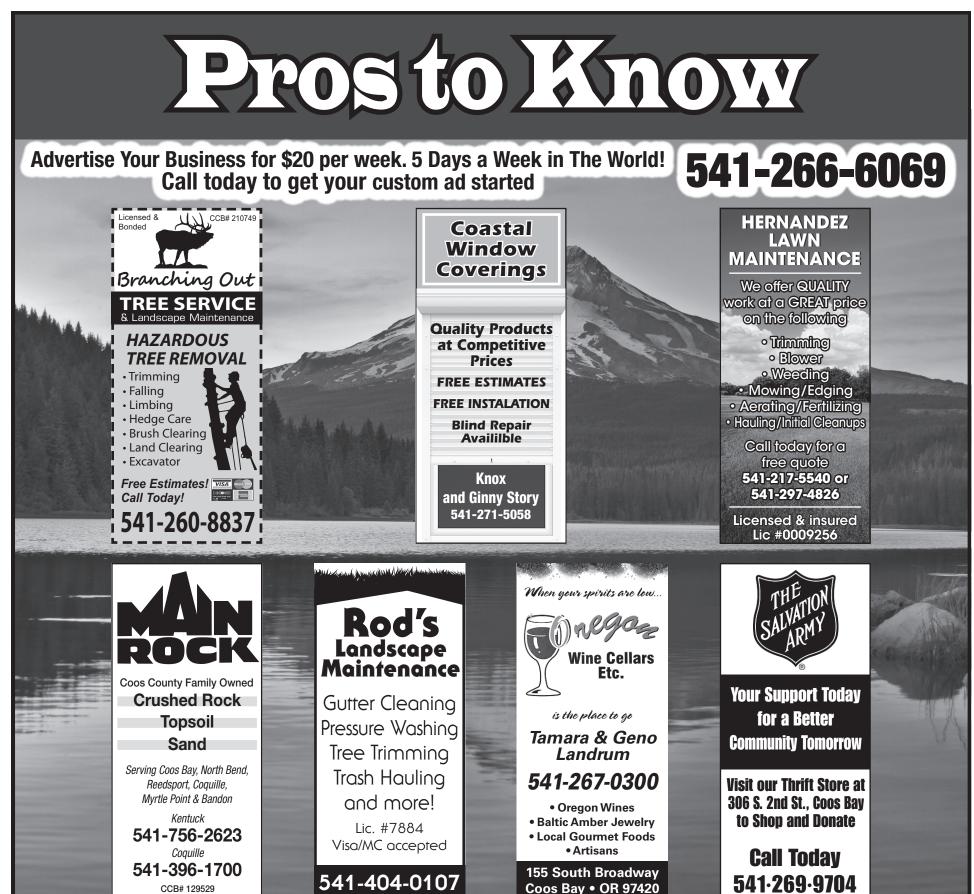
Stahl said there was a cluster of "60 Minutes" employees with the virus. One "had almost no symptoms while others had almost every symptom you can imagine," she said. "Each case is different."

Stahl said she found an overworked and nearly overwhelmed staff when she was hospitalized but paid tribute to their care, and said she was wheeled out through a gauntlet of cheering medical workers when discharged.

"In the face of so much death, they celebrate their triumphs," she said.

60 Minutes declined to name the hospital involved.

"Thanks to them, like so many other patients, I am well now," she said. "Tonight, we all owe them our gratitude, our admiration and, in some cases, our lives."

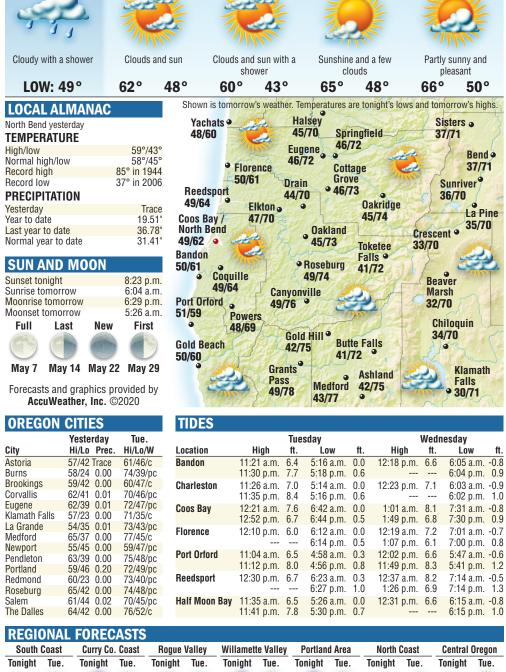


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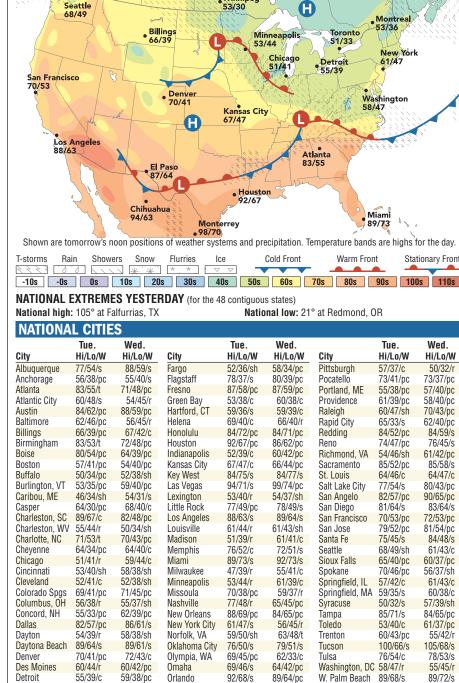
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From A1

"As we look to reopen Oregon, it's critical we understand the prevalence of COVID-19 across the state and use science and data to ensure we can safely take steps forward," said Governor Brown in a press release. "A strategy of testing and tracing helps us identify who has the disease and who may be at risk of infection — knowledge that is incredibly powerful as we look to reopen."

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Later in the day, it was unclear what those changes will mean to testing in Coos County. "It's kind of like standing on a beach and watching a surfer," said Gleason on Governor Brown's statement. "You see the surf start and you see the ride begin and you just kind of wait for it to get to you. I mean, honestly, we hear the things from Salem and based on the guidance and then we play ball for how it works in the community and how it's going to evolve. It's a process and it's going to take us a little bit to understand the implications of that statement ... for rural areas like ours."

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What Gleason was clear on was the same points the Governor had stressed, which were key benchmarks going forward. This included declining growth rate of active cases, sufficient personal protective equipment, hospital surge capacity, robust testing, tracing and isolation strategies, and strategies that work for the hardest hit and most vulnerable populations.

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"I think we have pretty significant progress as far as our testing goes within the community," said Gleason. "North Bend Medical (Center) has been spearheading some things. We've all been in contact and coordinating what the next steps look like and we're all trying to look ahead."

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Briefs

From A1

shouldn't be discriminated upon based on the fact that they work at Shutter Creek."

Coos County Counsel Nathaniel Johnson told commissioners, if passed, the resolution would be saying that the board is discouraging people from discriminating based perceived COVID-19 status and that people should have access to essential services regardless of who they are.

The board voted to unanimously pass the resolution.

County request governor's office to consider local healthcare facilities to be small, rural hospitals

COOS COUNTY — A request to state officials to recognize hospitals in

Coos County as small, rural hospitals was approved by Coos County Commissioners Wednesday.

The board voted to approve sending a letter to Gov. Kate Brown's office and/or the Oregon Health Authority to allow local hospitals to be considered small, rural healthcare facilities.

The status change would give hospitals in Coos County flexibility in meeting some of the state's COVID-19 testing requirements in particular the amount of time it's allotted to turn test results around.

According to commissioners, looking at phase one of the governor's plans to reopen Oregon, hospitals considered to be small, rural facilities would have four days to turn around test results whereas other hospitals would have approximately two days.

Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins

explained to the board, the change in status would allow hospitals in Coos County more time to meet the state's testing deadlines which with being further away from state labs and in area that is more isolated would help local health officials in shipping tests and meeting the state's requirements.

The board voted 3-0 to send the letter to the governor's office.

Talks of reopening county parks continue

COOS COUNTY

— Commissioners continued on discussions regarding the reopening of county parks Wednesday which revealed local officials are still unsure as to when exactly that will happen.

Coos County Commissioner John Sweet spoke of his unsuccessful attempts to reach officials from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for further guidance and clarity on how the county can reopen its parks.

According to the Oregon State Parks website, state parks in Oregon will remain closed through Monday, May 25, which is Memorial Day, as it continues to follow state, federal guidelines to stop and slow down the spread of COVID-19.

"The state park closure will be extended past May 8," read an announcement on the Oregon State Parks website. "There is no date for opening day-use at any state park. State park camping and day-use reservations have been cancelled from May 8 through and including May 25. We'll share the status of future reservations before May 25, but more cancellations are likely."

The county previously discussed a multi-phase

reopening action plan for parks that would incorporate continued compliance with social distancing guidelines, heighten sanitation and monitoring of the local COVID-19 cases.

Sweet also shared a recent call he received from a local physician regarding concerns with the board's decision to let its short-term rental ban order expire on Thursday, April 30.

Dr. Tom Holt, of the Bay Area Hospital Ethics Committee, who attended Wednesday's meeting via telephone conference, expressed to commissioners his concerns with reopening and urged officials to refrain from reopening the county at this time.

A few local reactions from the community was shared Wednesday which included both those in favor and those against the county's reopening efforts amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Protest

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cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, bringing the state's total to 2,635, with five additional deaths, bringing the total toll to

The new deaths were a 64-year-old man from Polk County, two men ages 70 and 75 from Multnomah County, a 91-year-old woman from Marion County and a 76-year-old woman from Umatilla County. Each had underlying medical conditions.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough, that clear up in two to three weeks. But it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, for some people, especially older adults and people with existing health problems.

Town Hall

From A

you couldn't have one that limits the city council as well as lower the safety fee, because they are two separate subjects."

Both measures were put on the ballot by the North Bend Citizens of Good Faith Government. The group said that was done after the public voted down an increase to the public safety fee in 2018, but then the city council increased the fee anyway the following year.

"It started out as a \$5 per month assessment on our water bills with its initial imposition back in April of 2017," Rose said

during the town hall. "The fee was quickly raised by 200 percent, to \$15 a month, in June of 2018 and citizens were told the monthly fee, combined with existing property tax revenues, would fully fund the city's police and fire services.

"Then, in the late summer of 2018, the city told citizens that \$15 was not enough and ... the public safety fee needed to be raised to \$25 a month in order to provide public safety services without any cuts."

That was when the public voted on a \$15 public safety fee, in what Rose said showed "no doubt ... on how voters felt about the increase in the public safety fee."

Early on in the digital town hall, the organization's chairman, John Briggs, said, "(O)ur group is not anti-public safety. If we were, we would have suggested elimination of the fee in its entirety."

He challenged North Bend City Manager Terence O'Connor's position that cuts would have to be made to police and fire if the public safety fee is decreased. In a previous interview with The World, O'Connor cited the increased public safety fee as a way to keep up with inflation and the city's growing needs.

"The (city) council has to make hard choices and this is a situation where they have to make hard choices," Briggs said, suggesting that public safety departments be funded before other city operations. "We support public safety. (The city council) supports public safety. So the first thing they should do is to provide for public safety at appropriate levels."

During the town hall,
Rose and Briggs also
talked about difficulties
North Bend residents face
in paying all of their bills
on top of the increased
public safety fee. "How
many people are truly
affected in how they eat
and (the prescription)
drugs they need...?"
Briggs asked.

Rose answered: "Over one-third is on a fixed income, and another third is working part time at Oregon minimum wage, and the other population is working full time

"The situation was bad four months ago and it is worse today. (The public safety fee) is unaffordable at \$30.

"It was possibly affordable at \$15, which is why (Measure 6-177) rolls back the fee to where the city said public safety was fully funded."

Rose added that Measure 6-176 "puts power into the hands of the people to decide if they want revenue raised."

"Fees in lieu of taxes are a problem because people can't vote on those," he said. "By constitutional law in Oregon, if you want to raise a tax it has to go to the vote of the people, but a fee is a way around the actual laws regarding taxes and that's what Measure 176 prevents."

Rose told The World following the town hall that if Measure 6-176 doesn't pass, "There is nothing stopping (the city council) from making (the fee) \$60.

"People will get priced out of their houses. For a lot of these retirees, it will make it a lot more unaffordable. You could essentially have people not want to come here."

Should both ballot measures fail, Rose said, the next step would be to recruit and promote candidates to run for city council in November to "change the dynamic."

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 Intel
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LOTTERY

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May 2
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Powerball: 24
Multiplier: x5

Jackpot: \$59 millior

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Duplantis, Lavillenie tie in pole vault event

PAT GRAHAM

Associated Press

French pole vaulter Renaud Lavillenie hardly treated this like a garden-variety competition.

It was for backyard bragging rights. So he raised his intensity.

Lavillenie and Mondo Duplantis of Sweden shared the gold medal Sunday during a men's pole vault competition held in their own yards. Advertised as the "Ultimate Garden Clash," it was a rare sporting event contested during the coronavirus pandemic.

Duplantis, a world record-holder, and Lavillenie, the 2012 Olympic champion, each cleared

a height of 16 feet (4.9 meters) 36 Kendricks of the United States got the bronze by clearing the bar 26 times in a competition featuring three of the event's biggest names.

view of the Tokyo Games, which Lavillenie certainly took his con-

"It's crazy, but even doing this in my garden, I get the same feeling I'd get at a major championships," Lavillenie said. "It was to be a part of it."

They tried to figure out a tiebreaker before electing to share the gold. The 20-year-old Duplantis initially pushed for a three-minute playoffs format that was on the table, while the 33-year-old Lavillenie nixed the

Lavillenie did vault over his 36th successful bar just ahead of Duplantis. The event was split into two 15-minute sessions with a short halftime.

Mondo," he playfully said at the

The backyard idea was brought forth by Lavillenie, and the trio collaborated on the unique competition format because adjusting the bar wasn't practical without officials in

Duplantis competed from his base in Lafayette, Louisiana, with his setup next to a garden wall. Kendricks was at his farm in Oxford, Mississippi, with his landing mat nestled between trees and near a fence where a the video feed.

Then there was Lavillenie, who took part from Clermont-Ferrand, France. The famiside and there was a swingset in

the background.

Don't expect this to be a new pole-vaulting format, though. This was only for show.

"I want to jump high," said Duplantis, the American-born vaulter who represents Sweden and broke Lavillenie's world record in February. "I want to jump a little higher."

Still, it made for entertaining

"The general sense of this competition was just supposed to be fun," said Kendricks, the two-time world champion. "A way to eat up time on a Sunday and give a chance for everybody to watch."

Sports Briefs

PRO FOOTBALL

Cowboys sign Dalton to back up Prescott

Andy Dalton is coming home to Texas as Dak Prescott's backup with the Dallas Cowboys.

Dalton and the Cowboys agreed Saturday to a one-year deal that guarantees the former Cincinnati starter \$3 million and could be worth up to \$7 million. The agreement was first reported by ESPN.

The Cowboys reached a deal with Dalton two days after he was released by the Bengals. That moved cleared the way for No. 1 overall draft pick Joe Burrow, who led LSU to the national championship.

Dalton, born and raised in the Houston area, led TCU to an undefeated season that included a Rose Bowl victory over Wisconsin during the 2010 season before the Bengals drafted him in the second round. Dalton started 133 games for the Bengals and led the franchise's best stretch of playoff appearances five straight from 2011-15 — but couldn't get that elusive win.

Bears decline fifth-year option for Trubisky

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears have declined their fifth-year option for quarterback Mitchell Trubisky for the 2021 season, a person familiar with the situation said Saturday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the move has not been announced. The NFL Network first reported the decision.

The move is hardly a surprise considering the way Trubisky struggled in his third season since the Bears drafted him with the No. 2 overall pick. His yards (3,138), completion rate (63.2%), touchdowns (17) and rating (83) all dropped from the previous year.

The Bears acquired 2018 Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles from Jacksonville in March and plan to hold an open competition for the starting job.

Chiefs agree to deal with defensive end Charlton

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs have agreed to a contract with defensive end Taco Charlton, adding a former first-round pick who flamed out in Dallas and Miami but whose athleticism is a perfect match for Steve Spagnuolo's defense.

The 25-year-old Charlton was the 28th overall selection in the 2017 draft. He made seven starts for the Cowboys before sustaining a shoulder injury, and he was waived just two weeks into last season. The Dolphins signed Charlton and he made five starts and appeared in 10 games, but he was a healthy scratch the last four games of the regular season. Miami waived him Thursday.

BASEBALL

Former Oakland pitcher Matt Keough dies

OAKLAND, Calif. Keough, the former Oakland Athletics pitcher and special assistant, has died. He was 64.

The Athletics announced the death Saturday night without providing details.

Keough was an American League All-Star as a rookie in 1978 and was selected AL Comeback Player of the Year in 1980. He was 58-84 with a 4.17 ERA with Oakland (1977-83), the New York Yankees (1983), St. Louis (1985), Chicago Cubs (1986) and Houston (1986), then went 45-44 with a 3/73 ERA in Japan with Hanshin (1987-90).

times over a span of 30 minutes that was broadcast by World Athletics on its social media channels. Both had one miss. Sam

It just might have been a prehave been postponed to 2021. centration to another level.

very exciting and I'm very happy

plan. He was exhausted.

"I will give you a rematch,

theater. horse occasionally was caught on ly's trampoline was pushed to the

McLaughlin wins virtual race at Indy

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Scott McLaughlin was supposed to leave Australia for Indianapolis this month to make his IndyCar debut on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

With sports on hold because of the coronavirus pandemic, the two-time V8 SuperCars champion saw his IndyCar plans postponed.

McLaughlin instead settled for a virtual victory Saturday on the oval at Indianapolis Motor Speedway — his second win of IndyCar's iRacing six-race series — after a wild finish in which most of the leaders crashed as they rushed toward the checkered flag.

"Unbelievable," McLaughlin said. "I was literally just hoping there was going to be a wreck at the end. I thought we were going to be third, and then the three wrecked and we won."

McLaughlin celebrated in the seat of his simulator in Australia with a glass of cold milk, a nod to the traditional victory celebration at the Indianapolis 500. He declined to pour it over his head while sitting in his expensive rig.

Formula One driver Lando Norris, winner of last week's IndyCar virtual race, was headed for what appeared a 1-2-3 podium sweep for the Arrow McLaren SP entries on the final lap. But Norris ran into the back of Simon Pagenaud, a two-time iRacing winner and the defending Indy 500 champion, to take himself out of contention.

Then Oliver Askew and Pato O'Ward crashed, cars were sailing airborne and McLaughlin slid through the carnage to give Team Penske drivers their fourth win in the six-race series. McLaughlin and Pagenaud won twice, and Norris and Sage Karam were the other winners of this series created for content while IndyCar is on hold.

Conor Daly finished second and was followed by Santino Ferrucci, who figured there would be a lot of angry drivers after the 175-mile race.



William Byron celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the second of two Daytona 500 qualifying auto races at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., on Feb. 13. Byron has won three of NASCAR's four virtual races.

Byron races to third virtual win

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — William Byron showed he's the sharpest gamer in NASCAR's iRacing Series with his third victory in four events.

Byron passed Timmy Hill with seven laps remaining at virtual Dover International Speedway, where NASCAR was scheduled to actually race Sunday, to win yet again on the iRacing platform. The Hendrick Motorsports driver has consistently been the best of the NASCAR profession-

als in simulated racing. Alex Bowman won last week at virtual Talladega Superspeedway, so Hendrick drivers have now won four consecutive iRacing events.

"I've enjoyed this iRacing Series, but I'm definitely ready to get going in my real car," Byron said. "Racing anything, whether it's a box car or anything with an engine, is going to give you

confidence if you are winning." He said that in all his years using iRacing, he's never been in such competitive events since NASCAR launched the invitational esports series after the stock car series was suspended March 13.

Denny Hamlin earned the pole in qualifying, but NASCAR successfully applied an invert a glitch last week prevented the top 10 from flipping before the race began - so Ross Chastain cycled into the top starting spot.

Hamlin had his race ruined last week when his daughter accidentally turned his simulator screen off with a remote control she was holding as he was competing. He made sure to hide all remotes before Sunday's race, but after an incident with John Hunter Nemechek, he seemed to be deliberately wrecked by Nemechek later in retaliation.

It brought out a late caution and a restart with nine laps remaining and Hill leading Byron at the green flag.

Byron didn't need to use a bump-and-run — the move Hill used on Byron to win the virtual race at Texas Motor Speedway — and easily passed him on the inside with seven laps remaining.

Hill finished second and was shown at times racing with his cat on his steering wheel.

"William has done a great

job through this iRacing invitational," Hill said. "I just wish I could get another win. I've had such tremendous support from everyone in the racing community through this; this has been a blast and really brought us all together. We've really had a lot of fun racing all these races, but I can't wait to get back and see everyone's faces."

NASCAR will complete its iRacing Series next Saturday at North Carolina's deserted North Wilkesboro Speedway, a track last raced by the national series in 1996. Overgrown with weeds and clearly neglected, Dale Earnhardt Jr. last year led a group of volunteers in cleaning the speedway so it could be mapped for use in iRacing.

Although the simulated version of North Wilkesboro is not yet available to the public on the iRacing platform, it will be the virtual host for NASCAR's finale. Then it's back to the real thing for the stock car series, which plans to resume competition without spectators starting May 17 at Darlington Raceway in South Carolina.

Secretariat is best in virtual Kentucky Derby

BETH HARRIS Associated Press

Secretariat won a virtual Kentucky Derby against 12 fellow Triple Crown winners, 47 years after the chestnut colt won the

real race at Churchill Downs. The 1 1/4-mile race featuring computer-generated imagery was held Saturday, the same day the 146th Derby had been scheduled until it was postponed by the coronavirus pandemic. The Derby has been re-set for Sept. 5.

Secretariat was the 7-2 favorite, although there was no wagering. Instead, fans selecting the winning horse online were entered to win a VIP experience at the Derby this fall. Churchill Downs pledged to match \$1 million in fan donations to COVID-19 relief.

The virtual Derby was part of NBC's three-hour telecast that re-showed portions of the 2015 coverage in which American Pharoah won on his way to becoming racing's first Triple Crown champion in 37 years.

The show opened with Churchill Downs bugler Steve Buttleman playing "Call to the Post" from the front steps of his Louisville home. It moved to the track,



In this image taken from video provided by NBC Sports, Secretariat, right, crosses the finish line to win a computer-simulated version of the Kentucky Derby horse race between the 13 winners of the Triple Crown, Saturday in Louisville, Ky. The race was part of NBC's substitute programming after the Kentucky Derby was postponed by the coronavirus pandemic.

with shots of empty stands, betting windows and the jockeys' room.

The track's stable area is set to re-open May 11, with live racing expected to resume May 16.

"It's weird not being there," Bob Baffert, who trained American Pharoah, said in an interview from his California home.

Larry Collmus, who calls the Triple Crown races for NBC, provided a live call for the virtual Derby, seeing it unfold for the first time just as he would have been doing on the first Saturday in May.

"That was fun "calling" Secretariat and the other Triple Crown winners," he tweeted.

A virtual Seattle Slew, who won the 1977 Triple Crown, led much of the way until being overtaken in the stretch.

Secretariat surged to the lead in deep stretch in the middle of the track. No margins were provided.

The computer imagery failed to capture the dirt from the track that sticks to the horses running in the back, and there was no noise from the usual Derby day

crowd of 150,000 or more. The race lacked the cavalry charge to the first turn that is typical of the usual 20-horse Derby field.

Secretariat was a two-time Horse of the Year and swept the Derby, Preakness and Belmont, winning the last race by a record 31 lengths, in 1973.

Citation, the 1948 Triple Crown champion, finished second. Seattle Slew was third. Affirmed, the 1978 champion, was fourth, followed by American Pharoah.

NBC showed the real American Pharoah at Ashford Stud, where a flat-screen TV was set up in front of his stall to show the race. Now 8-years-old, he is a successful stallion with a stud fee of \$200,000.

Churchill Downs analyzed the historical past performance of each Triple Crown winner and incorporated the opinions of horse racing experts who evaluated each contender's achievements and put them into historical perspective.

That information, known as the fundamental probabilities, was fed into Inspire Entertainment's computer models, which determined the final result by using those probabilities along with random number generation.