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Job losses in Coos County

AMANDA LINARES
The World

COOS COUNTY — Over the last four weeks, more than 2,600 people from Coos County have filed for unemployment benefits.

Like so many people throughout the country, local workers from a wide range of industries have been impacted by the novel coronavirus and the limitations set by the state to

stop and slow down its spread.

Regional economist Guy Tauer, of the Oregon Employment Department, talked to The World on Tuesday to provide a quick glance of the unemployment data currently available for Coos County.

It's important to note that the information provided isn't an exact representation of the impact on employment, said Tauer. The department has data on a share of the total claims

filed by industry and county on a portion of those claims that were filed in each week in Oregon, he added.

With nearly 300,000 initial claims for unemployment benefits filed statewide, detail information on all of those claims are still being discovered and gathered.

The total initial claims for unemployment filed in Coos County since March 15 is approximately 2,677.

Over the four weeks ending April 11, the hardest hit sectors in the county include accommodation and food services with about 905 jobs lost, health care and social assistance with about 427 jobs lost and retail trade with about 271 jobs lost.

Reviewing the preliminary numbers, Tauer said there were a few quick things that stood out to him and that he noticed. One of those includes the effect on the health care and social as-

sistance sector as those jobs are typically more resistant to the up-and-down business cycles, he said.

Hospitals and healthcare facilities stopping their non-emergency, elective procedures and limiting services in order to follow safety precautions related to COVID-19 has contributed to decrease patient volumes and healthcare officials losing their jobs. This sort of effect on

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Heron takes flight



A blue heron takes flight in Charleston on a recent sunny afternoon.

Zach Silva, The World

Timeline reset: CDC confirms early deaths

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Health officials say two people died with the coronavirus in California weeks before the first reported death from the disease.

Santa Clara County officials said Tuesday the people died at home Feb. 6 and Feb. 17. Before this, the first U.S. death from the virus had been reported on Feb. 29 in Kirkland, Washington. The Medical Examiner-Coroner received confirmation Tuesday that tissue samples sent to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tested positive for the virus, officials said.

The announcement came after California Gov. Gavin Newsom promised a "deep dive" update Wednesday of the state's ability to test for the coronavirus and to track and isolate people who have it, one of the six indicators he says is key to lifting a "stay-at-home" order that has slowed the spread of the disease while forcing millions of people to file for unemployment benefits.

"This will go to the obvious questions and queries that all of us are asking: When? ... When do you see a little bit of a release in the valve so that we can let out a little of this pressure," Newsom said Tuesday, teasing what he says will be the first of regular weekly updates on the state's progress toward reopening.

Newsom says the state is testing an average of 14,500 people per day, up from just 2,000 tests per day at the beginning of April. Still, in a state of nearly 40 million people, that's not enough for public health officials to know for sure the reach of the highly contagious virus that is still causing outbreaks across the state in nursing homes and homeless shelters.

Newsom said he wants the state to test at least 25,000 people per day by the end of April.

Over the weekend, the California Department of Public Health issued new testing guidance that, for the first time, recommends testing for people in high-risk settings even if they do not have symptoms. The new advice is aimed at hospitals, jails and homeless shelters — three places where physical distancing is difficult.

California has more than 35,600 confirmed coronavirus cases and 1,300 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with

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Old City Hall renovations underway

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

COOS BAY — Bridge Street Commercial, LLC is hard at work doing construction on the old Marshfield City Hall and fire station building.

The construction includes the repair and replacement of windows with materials and designs fitting with the building's original look. All the doors will be restored with wood covering entrances and exits being removed, rehabilitated and rebuilt. The entrance built by the Lions in the 1960s will also be cleaned, painted and the steps resurfaced. Awnings, signs, doors and windows will also be replaced to match the specifications of the 1920s.

The current metal window frames will also be removed, and the 12 foot bay doors from the fire station will be put back in on Fourth Street.

"It'll be a little different, but they'll be period oriented and look appropriate for what the building once was," said Michael Covalt, CEO of BSC.

The City of Coos Bay is also doing sidewalk improvements near the building. Covalt said they would be expanding the walkway from two feet to about 8 feet.

Covalt also said they're looking into operating the building with a cooperative mentality.



New owners of the Old City Hall building, Bridge Street Commercial, have plans to renovate the building, opening new office spaces, and reopen the coffee shop and restaurant/bar.

Nicholas Johnson, The World

There will be office spaces available for lease and a small retail space. They also plan to reopen the existing coffee shop with "some modifications from what it currently was." Further down the road, BSC hopes to reopen the upstairs bar.

They also plan to revitalize areas for public display, like the old jail.

"By the time it's all said and

done, we really hope to have the kind of building that is welcoming to the public," said Covalt. "We don't want it shut off where it's only office people ... we want public traffic coming through."

Timetables of the project are somewhat in question due to the current health crisis. Covalt said there have been delays, but that they are looking to have

the initial phases of renovation done by July and possibly have businesses start moving in by mid May, if things go well with the coronavirus.

"In reality, we actually are ahead of schedule," he said. "Originally we had hoped that we would be completed with the core exterior and initial interior

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Photo gallery: Marshfield Junior High School construction

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Dairy farmers uncertain on future

ZACH SILVA
The World

COQUILLE — While the coronavirus has disrupted all facets of life, cows — and local dairy farms — have yet to feel an impact.

“Our production hasn’t changed but for the dairy farm. If you have 300 animals or you have 200 animals or 40 or 50 animals, you can’t turn them off like a switch. If they’re putting milk out you can’t turn them off,” said Thomas Brown of Myrtle Lane Dairy, LLC. “It’s a daily

grind there just as much as any time.”

Aside from general precautions for workers, for Brown and other local dairy farmers, the coronavirus has not greatly altered any day-to-day operations. Brown has about 280 cows and each day there are still the tasks of milking, feeding and other maintenance operations that need to be completed.

While things are fine in the present, the greater question is what will things look like in the next weeks and months to come.

“I think that’s the big

unknown and we don’t know. I don’t even think the experts know. And are we going to have a market for our milk? If we don’t have a market for our milk I think they would call and say you’re done and we would have to find a way to shut our cows off which is no small thing. You would have to slaughter them or — there’s no place for them to go,” said Brown.

Predicting the uncertain future of the milk industry has been on the mind of farmers far before COVID-19 came into the

consciousness.

The fear of milk being left behind as popular alternatives such as soy milk, oat milk and rice milk gain a foothold is a fear that permeates throughout the dairy industry.

“What is it, the almond milk and all this other generic crap. Everybody is drinking it. It’s cheaper or whatever, everybody thinks it’s healthier,” said John Mast at Mast Farms Inc. “We’re not a very big dairy so, like the logging, they’re slowly running us out of business. This has been happening.”

Over at Lee Valley Dairy, where there are 300 cows, it is more of the same. The concerns are rooted in what the future holds.

“If we had thousands of cases in Coos County we would probably be a lot more concerned, of course. So we feel fortunate it hasn’t affected us too much. But it’s probably going to affect the bottom line here soon with the economics,” said Bob Ross.

“Especially with how we’re producing a product, an organic product, that’s

a little higher value. When people can’t afford the higher value it’s going to hit us harder than some.”

But as Ross lines up what is to come and prepares as best he can, he is happy that the cows are still healthy.

“I mean, the cows don’t know any different. We do run the cows through a foot bath but it has nothing to do with coronavirus,” said Ross with a laugh. “They’re not washing their hands extra special or anything like that. But as the caregivers are trying to be a little more careful.”

Car Crash in North Bend



Zachary Silva, The World

The North Bend Police Department responds to a car crash on Newmark and Broadway on Tuesday afternoon.

Free online course

The World

COOS BAY — The Small Business Development Center at Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering a free online course for businesses in need of assistance amid the COVID-19 crisis.

The four-part course, “Navigating a Crisis,” is designed to help businesses prepare for and survive a crisis, according to a press release from SWOCC.

“This course is appropriate now more than ever and will be offered in an online format to accommodate social distancing,” said the release. “Get help with crucial cash management, pricing and cost containment, supply chain management, and market-

ing!”

With the state’s restrictive mandates regarding social distancing and limiting large gatherings, the SBDC has implemented a number of ways to reach business owners and community members in need of its services.

“The SBDC has been making use of online technology to continue to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs,” said the release. “Meetings are being held through videoconferencing. Classes are being offered through both videoconferencing and Facebook Live.”

For additional information, please contact Dr. John Bacon at 541-888-7182 or by email at john.bacon@socc.edu.

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Senators advocate for funding

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dozens of senators including Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden have joined forces this month to advocate for state, local and tribal government to

receive dedicated, flexible funding in the next COVID-19 emergency funding package.

Last week, Merkley and Wyden along with 31 of their colleagues wrote a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin.

According to a press release from Merkley’s office, the letter comes amid uncertainty among tribal, state and local government officials in Ore-

gon and across America regarding their financial stability as they work to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“On behalf of our state, local, and tribal governments, it is essential that you include robust, dedicated, and flexible funding to all units of state and local government in the next interim emergency coronavirus package to support their ongoing efforts in the fight against this pandem-

ic,” the senators wrote in a letter to McConnell and Mnuchin. “Not only are these public servants on the front line of the immediate response effort, they are also major employers navigating unprecedented declines in revenue just as the need for their services hits an all-time high. We can and we must work together to get this essential funding to our local partners as quickly as possible.

“We stand with our country’s governors, mayors, county officials, and tribal leaders in asking you to put politics aside and support our local partners. They cannot afford to wait any longer,” the senators continued.

Merkley and Wyden were joined in the letter by U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Doug Jones (D-AL), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Edward Markey (D-MA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Tom Carper (D-DE), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Patty Murray (D-WA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Mark Warner (D-VA), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Jack Reed (D-RI), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI).

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MILK THISTLE *Silybum marianum*
Bloom: April - July
• Thick spikey leaves have a white marble look
• Leaves can grow up to 20" long
• One large spikey purple flower head at the end of each stem
• Each spike on the flower head is 1-2" long

POLICEMAN'S HELMET *Impatiens glandulifera*
Bloom: Summer
• Typically found near a water source
• Flower resembles the look of an old English policeman's helmet
• Long leaves have serrated edges
• Reddish nodes on stem
• Hollow stems resemble the look of bamboo
• Plant can grow up to 8' tall

YELLOW FLAG IRIS *Iris pseudacorus*
Bloom: April - June
• Typically found in or near a water source
• Looks similar to cattail when dormant
• Iris leaves are darker in color
• Iris leaves have a flatter/wide base
• Cattail leaves have a round base

PINE ECHIUM *Echium pininana*
Bloom: May - August
• Biennial (rosette 1st year, flowers 2nd year)
• Purple "spike" can grow up to 20' tall
• 2' - 3' wide rosettes
• Small 5-petal purple flowers

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Coquille Tribe donates masks to Coos Health and Wellness



Adam Robertson, The World

Derek Mollier and Phillip Nel prepare to unload 5,000 N95 masks the Coquille Tribe is donating to Coos Health and Wellness. According to Nel and Mollier, the masks came from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The tribe had an excess of masks for everything they do and decided to send some around Coos County. Masks will be distributed to county hospitals, law enforcement agencies and other organizations.

Oregon COVID-19 daily update

THE WORLD

PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed three more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 78, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday.

Oregon Health Authority also reported 46 new cases of COVID-19 as of 8 a.m. Tuesday, bringing the state total to 2,002. The new COVID-19 cases reported Tuesday are in the following counties: Clackamas (2), Coos (1), Klamath (2), Linn (1), Marion (10), Multnomah (22), Umatilla (2), Wasco (1), and Washington (7).

The Coos County case was at Shutter Creek Correctional Institute. There have been no positive cases in Coos County apart from Shutter Creek, which has had two.

After receiving updated residency information, Benton and Yamhill Counties both transferred cases to other Oregon counties yesterday. This led to an overall increase of 46 new cases statewide, and an increase of 48 new cases for the counties.

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

Oregon's 76th COVID-19 death is a 47-year-old man in Washington County, who tested positive on March 16 and died on April 17 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. He had underlying medical conditions.

Oregon's 77th COVID-19 death is a 61-year-old woman in Washington County, who tested positive on March 24 and died on April 18 at Providence St.

Vincent Medical Center. She had underlying medical conditions.

Oregon's 78th COVID-19 death is a 65-year-old man in Multnomah County, who tested positive and died on April 20 at Adventist Medical Center. He had underlying medical conditions.

OHA launches tobacco prevention campaign

As evidence mounts that people who smoke and vape are at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, OHA is launching a new media campaign and website that focuses on actions real people in Oregon are taking to protect the next generation of youth from nicotine addiction.

The Smokefree Oregon campaign and website, www.smokefreeoregon.com, are part of Gov. Kate Brown's Executive Order 19-09 issued Oct. 4, 2019, which directed state agencies to take strong action to address the vaping public health crisis. It is also relevant in the fight against COVID-19: Initial research shows that people who smoke are twice as likely to develop serious complications from COVID-19 than people who don't smoke.

Nearly all people who smoke started when they were under 18, underscoring the importance of anti-tobacco media campaigns and other evidence-based prevention programs.

Nicotine addiction among youth is on the rise. Vaping among Oregon 11th-graders increased 80% in just two years, from 13% in 2017 to 23% in 2019, according to the 2019 Oregon Healthy

Teens survey. Among Oregon high school students who use e-cigarettes exclusively, the survey also found, nearly 90% use flavored e-cigarette products. OHA's 2019 Tobacco and Alcohol Retail Assessment Report found that about 20% of tobacco retailers in Oregon display tobacco products within a foot of candy or toys. What's more, one in five Oregon tobacco retailers illegally sold e-cigarettes to an individual younger than 21 in 2019.

The campaign focuses on revealing tobacco industry marketing to youth and how the industry targets communities that are already stressed or struggling. Widespread evidence shows that tobacco marketing causes youth tobacco use and makes it harder for people who are addicted to nicotine to quit. Smokefree Oregon's new campaign highlights the role of kid-friendly flavors and intentional tobacco industry advertising at children's eye level. It also calls out how uneven protections — for example, exempting menthol from the federal flavored cigarette ban — has perpetuated higher rates of tobacco-related disease among people of color. Ads from the campaign will run on billboards in downtown Portland and Salem, and across the state online and on social media from April 21-June 30, 2020. To join Smokefree Oregon's efforts to fight the tobacco industry, visit www.smokefreeoregon.com/take-action.

For those who need help quitting tobacco, free support and resources are available through the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW or in Spanish 1-855-DEJELO-YA.

Coos Health and Wellness cancels HIV drop-in clinic

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

SOUTH COAST — During the COVID-19 health crisis, Coos Health and Wellness's drop-in clinics with the HIV Alliance have been temporarily canceled. Instead, CHW and the Alliance are offering free home HIV test kits.

The take home test is orally administered. Dane Zahner, prevention and education manager with HIV Alliance, said it uses a simple cheek swab that's put in a testing solution for 20 minutes to get results. There are also quick blood tests that can be done, though they are mainly used in a clinic setting.

"They're really simple and easy to use and come with clear instructions on how to actually implement the test," said Zahner, of the tests.

A take home test can be ordered by visiting takehome.co or emailing dzahner@allianceor.org. The tests are free and all paperwork can be filled out at home.

Any questions can be emailed to covid19.questions@chw.coos.or.us or visit the CHW COVID-19 update page at cooshealthandwellness.org/

public-health/novel-coronavirus-2019-covid-19.

"It's a great resource for people, especially with COVID-19, that need to test," Zahner said, recalling how difficult it can be to get in to see a doctor. "At this point in time, it just really offers an opportunity for someone to know their status comfortably in their home."

Though Zahner said the tests are fairly self-explanatory, HIV Alliance is able to walk people through administering it.

The HIV Alliance's services are still available during the COVID-19 pandemic, most of which are free. Their staff is available to work with people to meet their needs and make sure they have access to tests, medication, counseling, and other services.

The Alliance is also able to help people get in touch with doctors, get insured, and get access to other programs to assist with staying healthy. Zahner said the best way to prevent exposing people to HIV, or getting infected, is being prepared and knowing status. Many methods of prevention, condoms, lubricant, etc. are available through HIV Alliance.

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Cal Mukumoto running for Oregon House District 9

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — Cal Mukumoto has entered the race to replace Rep. Caddy McKeown as state representative for Oregon's South Coast.

Mukumoto, a Coos Bay business and civic leader and forester, announced his candidacy March 6 for Oregon House of Representatives District 9, which includes communities along Oregon's South Coast, from Coos Bay to Yachats.

Mukumoto has been helping Oregon businesses grow and add local jobs for over three decades, according to a press release from his campaign. Thirty years ago, he helped to establish a log merchandising and sales program for an Oregon mill.

"Since then, Mukumoto has been helping businesses throughout Oregon thrive," the press release stated. "His extensive leadership career includes accomplishments in economic development, natural resource management and complex turnaround solutions for numerous companies throughout the Northwest."

"The South Coast deserves someone who understands our priorities and what our economy needs to be successful," said Mukumoto. "Whether it's fighting to reduce the cost of prescription drugs, improving access to veteran services, supporting our local schools, or investing in small businesses, I'll work tirelessly to make sure that South Coast families aren't being ignored by



Cal Mukumoto

politicians in Salem."

Mukumoto currently chairs the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission, where he represents rural Southern Oregon in helping to improve recreation trails, rivers, ocean shores and scenic byways. Previously, he served as a board member on the State Board of Forestry, implementing policies and programs for sustainable management of Oregon's

public and private forests. He's also the former CEO of the Coquille Economic Development Commission, which employs more than 500 people in Coos County.

"I cannot imagine a leader more well-equipped to help the South Coast take on new challenges," said Rep. McKeown, who has represented House District 9 since 2012. "I know we can count on Cal to give us a strong voice in Salem."

Democrats have held this district on the South Coast for two decades. McKeown announced her retirement in November. In 2018, she was re-elected by an 8.6% margin.

For more information about Mukumoto, visit CalMukumoto.com.

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Does a positive test mean I'm immune?

A positive serology result suggests that a person is less likely to get infected or re-infected compared with those who do not have any antibodies in their blood. However, we are still learning about the level and duration of protective immunity, and we can't definitively say how long protective immunity may last. Some individuals, especially those who are immunosuppressed, may not develop antibodies to the virus.

For more information, visit cvhospital.org/antibodytesting



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the sanity?

We learn what a person is really like when they are confronted with a serious challenge. In these trying times, when it's critical to accept the best medical advice, once pro-life Republicans from the President to state Governors and elected representatives across the nation propose sacrificing Americans with delusional pretense about COVID-19 and returning to normal even if it risks a blossoming of the epidemic and more American deaths.

If that weren't enough, they also try to defeat democracy by suppressing the vote at every opportunity. In this time of crisis, it's clear that we should jointly protect human health and democracy by making all elections ballot-by-mail.

In Oregon, deplorable anti-democratic Republican representative behavior was exhibited when Republicans were confronted not by an emergency or crisis but just by a bill they didn't like. Rather than debate the bill, Republicans imposed tyranny of the super-minority by leaving the Capitol — obstructing some 40 bills.

In 2016, candidate Clinton called potential Trump voters "The Deplorables." She should have confined that definition to Republican candidates and elected representatives; we can now see just how deplorable many are.

Even Oregon Republicans propose increasing deaths of Oregonians by re-opening Oregon. Where's the sanity?

Trisha Vigil
Medford



What Will Be the New American Cause?



PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

After the Great Pandemic has passed and we emerge from Great Depression II, what will be America's mission in the world?

What will be America's cause? We have been at such a turning point before.

After World War II, Americans wanted to come home. But we put aside our nation-building to face the challenge of a malevolent Stalinist empire dominant from the Elbe River to the Barents Sea.

And after persevering for four decades, we prevailed.

What, then, did we do with our epochal victory?

We alienated Russia by moving our NATO military alliance into the Baltic and Black Seas. We launched bloody, costly crusades for democracy in the Middle East that, invariably, failed. We exported a huge slice of our manufacturing capacity and economic independence to a coddled China.

Historically, blunders of such magnitude have undone great powers.

Even before COVID-19, Americans had begun to realize the folly of decades of mindless interventionism over matters irrelevant to our vital interests. "Unsustainable" was the word commonly associated with our foreign policy.

But if our foreign policy was unsustainable during President Trump's economic boom, with unemployment at record lows and a bull market to rival the Roaring '20s, can an interventionist foreign policy be sustained after the losses

of this major depression we have induced to kill the pandemic?

If the Democrats win in November, we know their priorities: national health insurance, carbon taxes, the Green New Deal, open borders, amnesty, reparations and wealth redistribution to reduce social and economic inequality -- an agenda costing trillions of dollars.

And Democrats will be looking at the defense budget as a slush fund to finance this new progressive era.

If the Republicans win, given the influence of hawks and neocons among the party elite, interventionism may get another run in the yard.

Having been exposed as naive beyond belief for their indulgence of China from the Bush I days to 2016, some Republicans are looking to make amends by casting China in the Soviet role in Cold War II.

There is talk on Capitol Hill of refusing to pay off U.S. bonds that Beijing holds and of suing China for the damages done by the coronavirus, as China failed to alert the world the pathogen was loose.

Americans should think long and hard before defaulting on U.S. government debt and consider the consequences if we open a door to claims against sovereign nations for past sins.

Iraq was invaded in 2003 to force it to give up illicit weapons of mass destruction it did not have. Baghdad could have a case in international court against America for the unprovoked war waged against that country.

While the U.S. appears determined to bring back manufacturing -- especially of products critical to the health, safety and defense of our nation -- there seems to be no stomach among the public for a war with China.

But again, with the democracy crusades now repudiated, what is America's cause, what is America's mission in the world?

Preventing climate change, say our liberal elites. Yet, even before the pandemic, global warming ranked near the bottom of national concerns.

The situation in which America will find herself after the virus passes and depression lifts will be almost unprecedented.

We will have the same treaty obligations to go to war on behalf of dozens of nations in Europe and Asia and at the same time, we will be running deficits on the order of \$3 trillion a year with a shrunken economic base.

If Trump wins, borders will be tightened. The U.S. withdrawal from the Mideast will continue. U.S. manufacturing will begin to be repatriated. Transnational institutions will be downgraded, ignored and superseded.

The watchword will be what it has lately been: "America First."

In a second Trump presidency, there would likely be even less concern for how other nations rule themselves.

Does it matter to us if Russia is led by an autocrat not unlike a Romanov czar, that Hindu nationalism wields the whip hand in India or that Hungarians have rejected Earl Warren's ideas about liberal democracy?

In recent decades, the U.N. General Assembly has seemed to resemble the bar scene in "Star Wars." But is how other nations choose to rule themselves any business of ours, if those nations do not threaten us?

In the 19th century, when the Hungarians had risen up against the Hapsburg Empire and sought U.S. intervention, Henry Clay opposed it:

"Far better is it for ourselves ... and for the cause of liberty ... that we should keep our lamp burning brightly on this western shore, as a light to all nations, than to hazard its utter extinction amid the ruins of falling or fallen republics in Europe."

Not only President Trump's preferences but also events seem to be driving us toward such a destiny.

To borrow from the title of historian Walter A. McDougall's classic work, *America's future is as a promised land, not a crusader state.*

Words for the Class of 2020

MARK SHIELDS

There will be no graduation festivities this spring at dozens of American colleges and universities, including Ohio State, Brigham Young, Howard, Swarthmore, Notre Dame, Duke, UCLA and Yale. That means this year's graduates and their closest relatives and friends will not have the benefit of sitting on hard chairs and listening to the commencement speaker.

As someone who has, on 15 different occasions, tested the patience as well as the attention span of graduation audiences, I semimodestly offer the proud but uncelebrated grads of 2020 the generic commencement speech they will not have to sit through.

The speaker should always remember the wise counsel of President Franklin Roosevelt, a man who knew how to give a successful speech: "Be sincere; be brief; be seated." My own favorite opener, to assure those present that they would not be subject to a filibuster was this: "As King Henry VIII said to each of his six wives, 'Don't worry; I won't keep you long.'" Believe me, in the long history of oratory, no listener has ever said to any speaker, "Boy, that was a really good speech, but it was too short."

The graduation speech includes some practical advice for the young graduates from the sage veteran on the stage. My personal favorite was the late Art Buchwald's timeless charge to a graduating class at his alma mater, the University of Southern California: "We, the older generation, have given you a perfect world. So don't screw it up."

Graduates have a civic responsibility to engage in public life, and, yes, that includes politics. They deserve to

know the inescapable political truth: "In every political campaign you're ever in, you will invariably encounter somebody on your side you wish devoutly was on the Other Side."

Graduating seniors deserve the unvarnished truth: "Yes, life is unfair. For example, no one really cares at all if a banker writes a bad poem. But pity the poor poet who writes a bad check."

Every graduate must be told the following: "Call your mother." We're not talking email or text messaging.

Because she knows you better than you know yourself and because she loves you, your mother wants to hear your voice to know how you really are doing.

Not all presidents have railed about and against "fake news." Franklin Roosevelt, the only American president ever elected four times, used to read and devour five newspapers every day. One evening, with a first edition of *The Washington Post*, President Roosevelt, who was under the weather read the front-page headline: "FDR in Bed With Co-Ed." Immediately, the president, laughing, called the *Post* and requested 100 copies of the paper. He wanted to distribute them to his friends. The embarrassed *Post* immediately corrected the headline to "FDR in Bed With Cold."

Finally, we should all be reminded of our responsibilities to one another and our debt to those who went before us: "Always remember that each of us has been warmed by fires we did not build; each of us has drunk from wells we did not dig. We owe no less to those who come after us, and, together, we can do even better." Happy graduation.

Four governors who are getting it right during COVID-19 pandemic

Calvin Coolidge's stance at the Boston Police Strike of 1919 catapulted him to national prominence, to his party's vice presidential nomination a year later, and eventually to the presidency. Herbert Hoover's achievement in feeding starving Europeans after World War I gave him the heroic status that led to the White House.

Wars, strikes, natural disasters, horrific spikes in deaths: They provide political leaders with immense challenges even as they display inherent character. So, too, has the COVID-19 virus that has become the greatest political challenge and revealer of political character of our time.

The 2020 pandemic has brought out remarkable strains of character from coast to coast. Gov. Jay Inslee of Washington State returned more than 400 ventilators his state received from the Strategic National Stockpile to the national inventory to assist states with fresh surges of the virus. Gov. Andy Beshear of Kentucky declared one of the earliest states of emergency and put aside partisan differences to work closely with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of his state. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan stood firm under attack from President Donald J. Trump.

But four American political figures stood apart from the rest -- and their life-saving and life-enhancing performances may eventually hold them in good standing, either in their own states or in eventual White House candidacies. Indeed, 17 of the nation's presidents, including four of the five presidents between 1977 and 2009, had been governors.

"Recently we lost track of the important roles governors play," said former Gov. Martin O'Malley of Maryland, a onetime Democratic presidential candidate. "They hold a unified command and get ahead of a

fast-moving crisis. These skills are not the scapegoating, stage buffoonery that excites the base. They are the leadership skills that save lives when a crisis hits."

Here are four standout governors among many who have done just that:

-- Gavin Newsom, Democrat of California. Newsom slowly but deliberately shut down a nation-state with a population larger than Canada, two major metropolitan areas, 72 cities with populations over 100,000, 1,000 school districts, 12,234 preschools and day care centers, 76,201 restaurants and nearly 40 entertainment companies.

He created a series of testing "hubs" in partnership with the University of California campuses in San Diego and Davis, beat back rivals who questioned the closing of schools, and developed creative initiatives to provide child care for vital health care workers.

"He's done a remarkable job," said Mike Madrid, a California Republican political strategist. "I've been critical of his policies and the way he has handled governance. But he has set himself as one of the most effective governors in the country."

-- Mike DeWine, Republican of Ohio. A veteran political figure seldom known for inspiration or innovation, DeWine has been calm, even courtly, in guiding his state through the virus crisis. He leaned heavily on state health director Amy Acton. The first governor to shut down schools, limit public gatherings and close bars and restaurants, he moved to postpone the state's presidential primary.

Before a single case was diagnosed in Ohio, DeWine took the dramatic step of winning a court order to shut down much of the Arnold Sports Festival, which was expected to draw 18,000 athletes from 80

nations and provide an infusion of \$53 million for the Columbus economy.

"He's done very well," said Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown, who unseated DeWine, then the incumbent, in a bitter Senate race 14 years ago. "He's got good character. He was smart, did things early, and listened to scientists and doctors. His actions saved lots of lives in Ohio."

-- Andrew Cuomo, Democrat of New York. Even Democrats regarded Cuomo as arrogant, overconfident, overweening, even heartless. In this crisis, he has shown the warm compassion of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one of his Albany predecessors, and the steely intelligence of Mario M. Cuomo, his father.

He has spoken with feeling about the heavy losses his state has suffered, with determination in his effort to bring testing kits and ventilators into his state, and with unvarnished emotion as he told his broadcaster brother, "I love you." His briefings became the kind of national television moments that politicians yearn for and yet they were delivered without self-consciousness and self-promotion.

"I've spent a lifetime on the other side of the Cuomos," said former Rep. Bill Paxton of New York, a top Capitol Hill Republican elected to the state assembly the year Mario Cuomo became governor. "I've never been in love with them politically. But Andrew Cuomo has done an outstanding job. His honest advice, admitting when he hasn't been right and publicly agonizing over difficult decisions have given the American people strength and encouragement through this crisis."

-- Larry Hogan, Republican of Maryland. He conducted a statewide "moment of prayer and reflections," displayed social distancing by showing Marylanders his

remote video meetings with his grandchildren, and created separate observation and isolation areas for residents of nursing homes as COVID-19 clusters emerged at more than five dozen senior care facilities.

Moreover, he put his characteristic bluntness in service, not only by invoking his position as chair of the National Governors Association to tell Trump that fellow state leaders were "not satisfied" with the federal response to the crisis. He also spoke frankly to state residents. "I want to be clear," he said. "We now have a widespread community transmission. This virus is everywhere and it is a threat to nearly everyone."

"He's been excellent in being quick to advocate social distancing and has ratcheted it up in a timely fashion," said O'Malley, who preceded Hogan in the governor's chair in Annapolis and who in the past described him as the most corrupt governor since Spiro Agnew, who resigned the vice presidency in 1973 in the wake of disclosures he received kickbacks from Maryland contractors. "He has not been a science-denying governor and he's done better than most."

Now a note from the columnist: In this exercise I sought to pair my description of each governor with a quote from a prominent figure in the opposite party. I worried it might be difficult to find such comments. I placed four initial calls, one in each state. Four out of the first four calls -- perhaps a national record for a columnist! -- responded. It was a comforting reminder that the American tradition of fair-mindedness is not dead today.

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ON THIS DAY in Coos County history

April 22, 1920

MARSHFIELD FLAG HAS A HISTORY

SENT BACK HOME AFTER GOING THROUGH THE GREAT WAR

O. C. Mintonye Gets Letter From Son Containing Keepsake He Gave His Boy On Entering Service

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An interesting history of a little flag which originally came from Marshfield is told in a letter which has been received here. When O. A. Mintonye joined the Marshfield lodge of Elks he was presented with a small American flag in accordance with a custom that is followed out. When Mr. Mintonye's son, C. J. Mintonye, went into the army to serve his country during the war, the father gave him the flag as a keepsake and the young man carried it with him through his service. The former soldier is now located at Granville, N. D., and he has written his father in Marshfield and sent him back the little flag, with the following interesting history:

"It has been three years since you sent this flag to me and perhaps you would like to have it back again. Since the time you gave it to me it has traveled in the neighborhood of twenty thousand miles. To have made this distance as a civilian and expended that much time in making the trip would have cost \$20,000.

April 22, 1970

Open Forum Caps Eventsg

An Earth Day open forum discussion at Marshfield High School tonight will cap day-long activities today in the Bay Area where high school and college students placed emphasis on need for environmental controls.

The forum will begin at 7:30 in the school's auditorium. Nathan Douthit, chairman of the Bay Area Environmental Committee, said purpose of the public meeting is to give all citizens an opportunity to express opinions on environmental issues. The Earth Day observance is a highlight in the National Teach-In throughout the United States this week.

Students started the day at Marshfield with a walk-in that failed to dampen enthusiasm despite a brief shower. Some students came by horse, others by bike, roller skates and on foot. One youth reportedly

came to school from Cape Arago with a pack on his back and others by canoe or boat part of the distance down Coos River.

Unions To Gather In North Bend

Over 100 unions with some 22,000 members are expected to be represented in North Bend Sunday for a political education meeting of the Oregon AFL-CIO, it was announced today by Lloyd B. Knudsen.

Knudsen, executive director of legislative and political education for the unions, said the sessions are under the direction of the AFL-CIO Fourth Congressional District Committee and follow earlier meetings held in Eugene.

Two Possible Dangers Claims Congressman

Congressman John Dellenback today warned against too narrow a target on environmental protection when he spoke by direct line to Coos Bay.

During the monthly question and answer session sponsored by the Coos Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the congressman said he saw two possible dangers in the present emphasis on environmental control. The issue goes beyond pollution of air and water, he noted, to include the impact a growing population has on recreation, land use, housing, education, economy, etc. The key question is people and where they're located, he said.

The second risk is that "We'll take a hard swing at it now" and then forget it when another important issue arises, he stressed.

April 22, 2010

Coquille hires Butte Falls super

The Coquille School District hired a new superintendent Thursday night.

Tim Sweeney of Butte Falls School District, in a small city situated between Medford and Eagle Point, will take over Diann Gillaspie's post when she retires at the end of June.

"He stood out from the beginning," school board Chairwoman JoAnne Beck said. "He's a very good fit for the district."

Sweeney has been the superintendent in Butte Falls, where the district is about the size of Powers School District, since 2007. But that's not all.

"Short of being a janitor, he did about everything," Beck said.

Malaria drug shows no benefit in study at veterans hospitals

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Associated Press

A malaria drug widely touted by President Donald Trump for treating the new coronavirus showed no benefit in a large analysis of its use in U.S. veterans hospitals. There were more deaths among those given hydroxychloroquine versus standard care, researchers reported.

The nationwide study was not a rigorous experiment. But with 368 patients, it's the largest look so far of hydroxychloroquine with or without the antibiotic azithromycin for COVID-19, which has killed more than 171,000 people as of Tuesday.

The study was posted on an online site for researchers and has not been reviewed by other scientists. Grants from the National Institutes of Health and the University of Virginia paid for the work.

Researchers analyzed medical records of 368 male veterans hospitalized with confirmed coronavirus infection at Veterans Health Administration medical centers who died or were discharged by April 11.

About 28% who were given hydroxychloroquine plus usual care died, versus 11% of those getting routine care alone. About 22% of those getting the drug plus azithromycin died too, but the difference between that group and usual care was not considered large enough to rule out other factors that could have affected survival.

Hydroxychloroquine made no difference in the need for a breathing machine, either.

Researchers did not track side effects, but noted a hint that hydroxychloroquine might have damaged other organs. The drug has long been known to have potentially serious side effects, including altering the heartbeat in a way that could lead to sudden death.

Earlier this month, scientists in Brazil stopped part of a study testing chloroquine, an older drug similar to hydroxychloroquine, after heart rhythm problems developed in one-quarter of people given the higher of two doses being tested.

On Tuesday, NIH issued new treatment guidelines from a panel of experts, saying there was not enough evidence to recommend for or against chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine for COVID-19. But it also advised against using hydroxychloroquine with azithromycin because of the potential side effects.

Many doctors have been leery of the drug.

At the University of Wisconsin, Madison, "I think we're all rather overwhelmed" at what's been seen among the few patients there who've tried it, said Dr. Nasia Safdar, medical director of infection control and prevention.

Patients asked about it soon after Trump started promoting its use, "but now I think that people have realized we don't know if it works or not" and needs more study, said Safdar, who had no role in the VA analysis.

The NIH and others have more rigorous tests underway.

Death toll rises to 22 in Canadian mass shooting

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian police said Tuesday they believe there are at least 22 victims after a gunman wearing a police uniform shot people in their homes and set fires in a rampage across rural communities in Nova Scotia over the weekend.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said they have recovered remains from some of the destroyed homes. Earlier, authorities had said at least 18 people were killed in the 12-hour attack.

Officials said the suspect, identified as 51-year-old Gabriel Wortman, was shot and later died on Sunday. Authorities did not provide further details or give a motive for the killings.

The dead include a 17-year-old as well as a police officer, a police news release said. All the other victims were adults and included both men and women. There were 16 crime scenes in five different communities in northern and central Nova Scotia, it said.

"Some of the victims were known to Gabriel Wortman and were targeted while others were not known to him," the police statement said.

Authorities also confirmed Wortman was wearing an authentic police uniform and one of the cars he used "was a very real look-alike RCMP vehicle."

"This is an unprecedented incident

that has resulted in incredible loss and heartbreak for countless families and loved ones. So many lives will be forever touched," the police statement said.

In an earlier news release authorities had said they believed there were 23 victims, but Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesman Daniel Brien later clarified the death toll included 22 victims and the gunman.

As fears mounted that more dead would be found in burned out homes, a young man said Tuesday that his grandparents were missing and believed dead after their log cabin was set ablaze during the attack.

Justin Zahl told The Associated Press he finally heard from police after frantic calls for information and seeing images of his grandparents' home in the rural town of Portapique burned to the ground, with their cars in the driveway.

It was not immediately clear, however, if they were among the remains police said were found.

Police teams were spread out across the 16 crime scenes including the neighborhood where the rampage began late Saturday on Portapique Beach Road, where the suspect lived.

Police have warned the death toll will almost certainly rise as investigators comb through homes destroyed by fire.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

Brain injury alters friend's personality in negative ways

DEAR ABBY: "Stella" and I have been close friends for 25 years. Two years ago, she was in a car accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. She has since recovered and returned to work.

Stella's personality has changed a lot since the accident. Her language and clothing are inappropriate. At 65 years old, her wardrobe now consists of miniskirts, spike heels, over-the-knee lace-up boots, halter tops, etc. She says suggestive things to my boyfriend in front of me. He no longer wants to be around her. Most of Stella's friends have distanced themselves, and her husband has moved out of their home.

I remember how close we once were, and I don't want to end the friendship, but I don't think I can tolerate being around her. How can I help her and keep my sanity? -- TOO MUCH CHANGE IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO MUCH: Be gentle with Stella because her change may be beyond her control. Help her by trying to talk frankly with her. Explain how much her personality and image have changed since the accident, and that some of her actions have made people so uneasy they have distanced themselves. Tell her that her comments to your boyfriend made him uncomfortable, and you need them to stop.

I can't predict how she will react, but you may get through to her. If not, she may end her friendship with you, and you can retain your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: My significant other, "Bob," and I have been together for 30 years (never married). The past 10 years of our relationship have not been so good in the bedroom.

Bob has ED and refuses to see a professional about it. He is well aware of how unfair it is to me because my sex drive is still in full swing. Would it be wrong to tell him that since he doesn't want to seek help for his problem, I am going to find a "friend with benefits"?

I have reached the point where I want to leave him. If he would get help for his

problem, our relationship would improve, and I would be willing to stay. -- DEPRIVED IN OHIO

DEAR DEPRIVED: Bob may be so embarrassed about his ED problem that he's afraid to have a frank talk with a doctor about it. It's a shame because in many cases there is help for it.

Because you have reached the end of your tether, discuss your feelings with him as openly as you have with me. If you do, it may jolt him into doing something for himself that he should have done a decade ago.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law passed away a year ago. Since then, my husband and his sister have been letting my father-in-law stay with each of us on different nights. He's with us every Friday and Tuesday and with my husband's sister Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

My father-in-law is healthy and capable of doing everything for himself. I am getting SO tired of this arrangement! It is cramping my life in a big way. What do I do? -- RUINING MY LIFE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR RUINING: Start making plans for yourself on Friday and Tuesday nights so you will feel less encroached-upon. And introduce your father-in-law to some ladies his age -- providing he is willing. (Men in his demographic are a hot commodity, and I'm betting that he will be willing.)

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Dead whale washes up on coast near Tillamook

TILLAMOOK (AP) — State park rangers and a contractor have buried a gray whale carcass that washed up on the beach at Sand Lake Recreation Area south of Tillamook.

The 40-foot (12-meter) dead whale washed up Saturday, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. Oregon state park officials determined it had died before washing ashore based on its deterioration.

Members of the

NOAA West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network took tissue samples from the whale before it was buried.

Last spring, some researches grew concerned following a large number of gray whale deaths along the Pacific coast, many of which appeared to be malnourished. Research studying the health and number of gray whales this spring has been temporarily shut down during the pandemic.

DEATH NOTICES

Kailan L. Carley Haga - 21, of North Bend, passed away April 17, 2020 at Tacoma, Washington. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

Sandra Kay Beaver Wilmot - 68, of Coos Bay, passed away April 17, 2020, at Coos Bay. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

James E. McCullah - 91, of Myrtle Point, passed away April 19, 2020, at Myrtle Point. Cremation rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

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EVERYDAY CHEAPSKATE BY MARY HUNT

Prep Steps for First-Time Homebuyers

Buying a home can be exciting and terrifying all at once. And for first-time buyers, you can probably multiply those feelings by 100.

According to Wendy Highfield of Distinct Real Estate in Denver, "Now is such a great time to purchase a home, especially with the low rates and personalized loan programs available to help families with unique financial backgrounds."

My best advice for any homeowners, but especially first-timers, is to take the time to prepare. When the time is right, you'll be not only ready but also more confident.

Tip No. 1: Boost your credit score. Your credit score(s) will play a key role in your mortgage approval and the interest rate you'll pay. Order your credit reports now from AnnualCreditReport.com, a free service authorized by federal law. Go over each report, and dispute any errors. Then pay off as much debt as possible. You want to create a big gap between your overall available credit and the amount you are using at any given time.

In the meantime, avoid big-ticket items like cars or furniture, and don't apply for new credit. Triggering an inquiry or acquiring more debt by buying something can have a dramatic effect on the mortgage application and approval process.

Tip No. 2: Pull together a down payment. Plan on needing between 20% and 30% down payment to qualify for the best mortgage rates. There are numerous programs available now through organizations like the Federal Housing Administration that allow a smaller down payment. Just beware that your interest rate will be higher and you will be required to carry private mortgage insurance, both of which will increase your monthly payment significantly.

Tip No. 3: Find the best real estate agent. "Look for a buyer's agent who specializes in working with buyers and who offers you referrals from recent happy clients," advises Wendy. "Call those referrals, and find out all you can about their experience with this agent." Your friends and family will be a great resource for finding a good realtor.

Tip No. 4: Get preapproved. Knowing what you can afford, what you qualify for and what type of loan you want can help you find the best deal when you're ready to apply for a mortgage. To get started, research the differences between conventional and unconventional loans, and use a mortgage term comparison calculator to get an idea of the cost. Find a great online mortgage calculator to get used to what monthly payments will look like. When you're ready to shop for mortgages, use an online calculator like the "get a mortgage quote" tool at Realtor.com. This will allow you to see current rates and get quotes from lenders in your area.

Tip No. 5: Find the right home. Start reading and researching as much as you can and as soon as you can. Use online resources like Redfin and Zillow. Don't wait until you're ready to shop to start looking at homes. Start early by researching neighborhoods in your target city and viewing homes online to get an idea of pricing. Once you're ready to shop, you'll have a much better idea of what you want, where you want to live and what you can afford.

Take your time, and prepare well. Don't let anyone talk you into anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. One thing worse than not owning a home is getting in over your head in a house you cannot afford.

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

ACROSS

- 1 Samurai's land
- 6 Hidden supply
- 11 Want
- 12 Gold Rush state
- 13 Draw out
- 14 Lethargic
- 15 Preferred strategy (2 wds.)
- 16 Edible root
- 17 Morrison or Braxton
- 18 Make taboo
- 19 Flu symptom
- 23 Like many dorms (hyph.)
- 25 Computer whiz
- 26 Narrow inlet
- 29 Oxlike grazer
- 32 Chow mein additive
- 33 And, to Fritz
- 34 Entered a 10K

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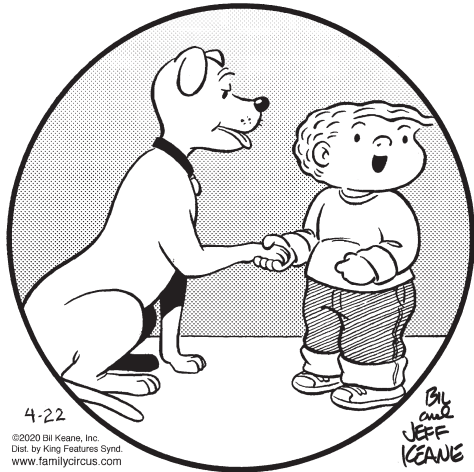
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- 9 Travel on powder
- 10 I've been —!
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- 16 One to avoid (2 wds.)
- 18 Bartok or Lugosi
- 20 Ring things
- 21 Cato's bear
- 22 Uptight
- 24 Above, to poets
- 26 Twice-baked bread
- 27 Quechua speaker
- 28 Per diem
- 30 Orderly
- 31 Insect killer
- 37 Down in the dumps
- 39 Bureau
- 41 Unsmiling
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- 44 Cowboy's charge
- 45 Auditor's wish
- 47 Toe the line
- 48 Two-way
- 49 Yr. fractions
- 50 GI address
- 51 Chicken piece
- 52 Slumber party attire

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Barfy and I still shake hands so I don't forget how."

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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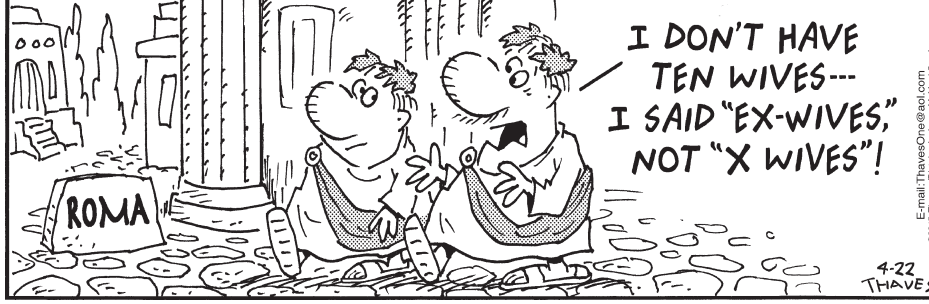


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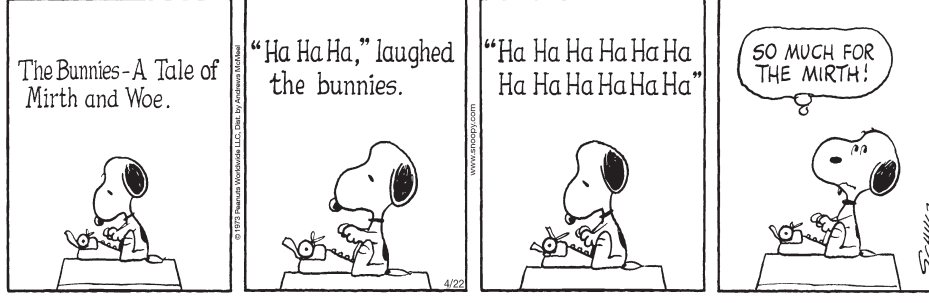
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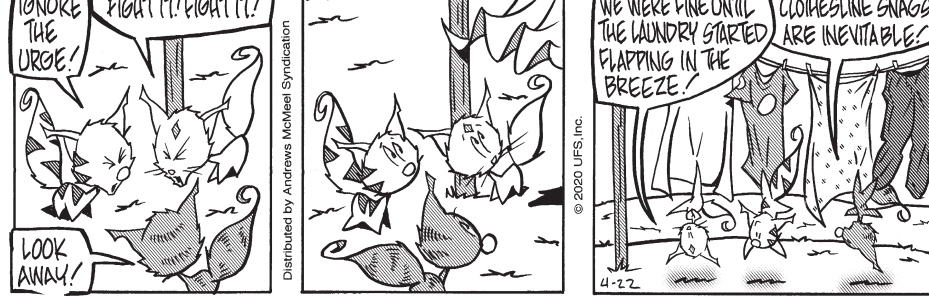
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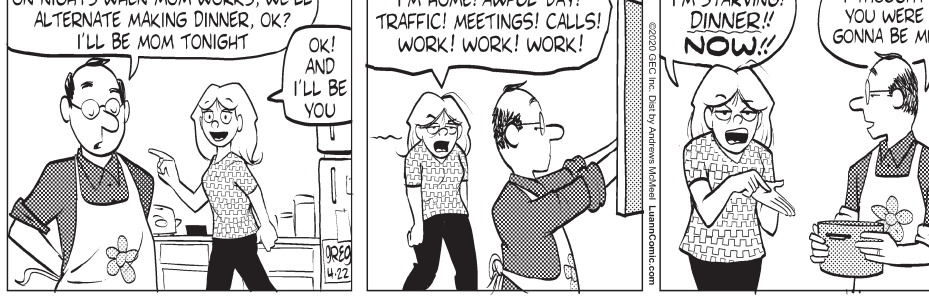
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Oregon is among the states with lowest coronavirus testing capacity in the U.S.

SALEM (AP) — The White House told governors their leadership is critical in testing for the coronavirus, providing a map showing that Oregon is among four states with the lowest testing capacity in the United States.

Oregon, Montana, Oklahoma and Maine are able to test fewer than 30 in 1,000 people a month, according to an email sent Monday by the White House coronavirus task force.

The states with the highest monthly testing capacity — more than 90

in 1,000 people — are Wyoming, Utah and Vermont, the email said.

Rapid and efficient testing is needed to identify where the virus is emerging and allow authorities to track people who may have been exposed, according to the email, which Gov. Kate Brown's office released after a public records request by The Oregonian/OregonLive. It also gives states a tool as they decide when and how to start lifting stay-at-home orders.

The email listed dozens of hospitals, universities and medical centers that

perform testing in Oregon, but only one lab capable of processing lots of swabs at one time.

The governor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the state's testing capacity.

The Oregon Health Authority, meanwhile, announced Tuesday that it revised guidelines for COVID-19 testing to prioritize at-risk groups and front-line workers.

The guidelines urge health workers to potentially increase testing for those living or working

in group facilities; those part of underserved and marginalized populations, including racial and ethnic minority groups; and essential workers, including medical and grocery store employees.

"By focusing clinicians' attention on testing certain groups — including those most at risk for contracting severe forms of COVID-19 — we are making sure people who need to be tested are getting tested and getting the information and treatment they need to manage COVID-19,"

state health officer Dean Sidelinger said.

He said increased testing in specific areas will help authorities and partners understand and manage the epidemic.

Also Tuesday, the health agency announced three more deaths from COVID-19, bringing the state's total to 78, and 46 additional confirmed cases. Of roughly 41,000 people tested in Oregon, 2,002 have tested positive.

A big component of managing the epidemic, Sidelinger has said, is en-

suring that people maintain social distancing and obey closures.

On the Oregon coast, two surfers are accused of ignoring signs about closures at Otter Rock Marine Reserve and climbing over a chain-link fence blocking beach access Monday.

When they climbed back over the fence, a Lincoln County sheriff's deputy was waiting.

The 20-year-old and 19-year-old men, both of Cottage Grove, were cited for criminal trespassing, the sheriff's office said.

Sheriff's Office: Surfers cited for trespassing near Otter Rock

OTTER ROCK (AP) — Two surfers in Oregon were cited Monday after climbing a chain-link fence to reach a beach in Lincoln County that remains closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic, authorities said.

The men were reported to authorities after they were seen Monday afternoon heading to the beach with surfboards in Otter Rock, according to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

A deputy saw them climbing back over the fence a couple hours later, the sheriff's office said.

The deputy cited 20-year-old Max Gause and 19-year-old Konnor Owens, both of Cottage Grove, Oregon, for criminal trespassing.

The men confirmed that a local resident told them the park was closed and that they would be trespassing if they did it, the sheriff's office said.

Deputies have stepped

up patrolling that area and others following increased trespassing complaints and people gathering in violation of the state and local government's stay-at-home

orders, the sheriff's office said.

The sheriff's office said it has been taking the approach of education first and enforcement second.

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Update! Stimulus checks and SBA loans to small businesses!

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2. So if you haven't already, apply now to a bank making SBA loans. If you hurry, you'll get your money fast!
3. But bankers are saying the latest round will go in 48 to 72 hours. And they're telling the Feds that small businesses need a lot more - they're pushing for closer to \$1 trillion in new funds!

STIMULUS CHECKS:

1. Lots of confusion out there. The IRS sent some wrong amounts, many checks for \$500 didn't go out to those with children, some even went to *dead* people.
2. But the IRS did get out 80 million checks in one week, so don't knock them too hard.
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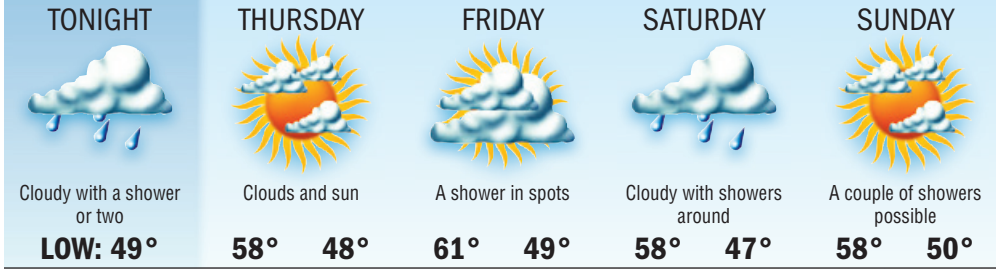
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North Bend yesterday

TEMPERATURE

High/low 57°/47°
 Normal high/low 56°/44°
 Record high 82° in 1931
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PRECIPITATION

Yesterday Trace
 Year to date 16.88"
 Last year to date 36.78"
 Normal year to date 29.79"

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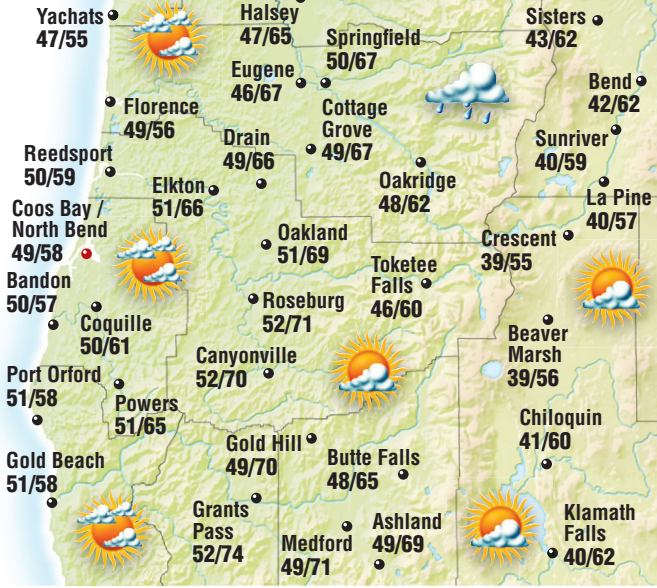
Sunset tonight 8:09 p.m.
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:21 a.m.
 Moonrise tomorrow 7:00 a.m.
 Moonset tomorrow 8:57 p.m.

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Apr 22 Apr 30 May 7 May 14

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TIDES

Location	Thursday			Friday		
	High	Low	ft.	High	Low	ft.
Bandon	12:48 a.m.	6:9 7:22 a.m.	0.0	1:14 a.m.	6:9 7:55 a.m.	-0.2
Charleston	12:53 a.m.	7.5 7:20 a.m.	0.0	1:19 a.m.	7.6 7:53 a.m.	-0.2
Coos Bay	2:19 a.m.	7.2 8:48 a.m.	0.0	2:45 a.m.	7.3 9:21 a.m.	-0.1
Florence	1:37 a.m.	6.4 8:18 a.m.	0.0	2:03 a.m.	6.5 8:51 a.m.	-0.1
Port Orford	12:28 a.m.	7.1 7:05 a.m.	0.2	12:53 a.m.	7.1 7:38 a.m.	-0.1
Reedsport	1:56 a.m.	7.3 8:32 a.m.	0.2	2:27 a.m.	7.4 9:08 a.m.	0.0
Half Moon Bay	1:47 p.m.	6.1 7:26 p.m.	1.8	2:26 p.m.	6.0 7:56 p.m.	2.2

OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday Hi/Lo	Prec.	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	56/46	0.04	58/42/c
Burns	69/40	0.00	62/32/c
Brookings	57/48	0.00	60/47/pc
Corvallis	60/47	0.00	66/45/pc
Eugene	63/49	0.00	67/47/pc
Klamath Falls	66/30	0.00	62/35/pc
La Grande	67/37	0.00	59/35/c
Medford	73/45	0.00	71/48/pc
Newport	54/46	0.07	56/45/pc
Pendleton	71/51	0.00	65/44/pc
Portland	61/48	0.01	64/47/pc
Redmond	69/35	0.00	65/36/c
Roseburg	69/50	0.00	71/50/pc
Salem	58/47	0.00	65/45/pc
The Dalles	65/51	0.00	66/46/pc

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast	Curry Co. Coast	Rogue Valley	Willamette Valley	Portland Area	North Coast	Central Oregon
Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.
49° 60°	51° 58°	49° 71°	46° 67°	47° 64°	46° 57°	41° 65°

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T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
 National high: 96° at Dryden, TX
 National low: 0° at Aspen Springs, CO

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	77/49/pc	73/44/pc	Fargo	59/42/t	57/41/c	Pittsburgh	58/46/r	58/40/c
Anchorage	45/38/c	47/34/pc	Flagstaff	70/37/s	70/35/s	Pocatello	58/35/c	62/36/pc
Atlanta	71/55/t	75/58/pc	Fresno	83/58/s	86/62/s	Portland, ME	52/35/s	47/36/r
Atlantic City	55/51/r	59/45/r	Green Bay	43/33/c	50/36/c	Providence	52/40/pc	49/37/r
Austin	87/60/s	92/57/s	Hartford, CT	51/39/pc	49/35/r	Raleigh	66/60/t	77/52/pc
Baltimore	60/53/r	62/47/sh	Helena	57/39/sh	63/34/pc	Rapid City	60/38/t	60/37/c
Billings	59/41/sh	62/37/pc	Honolulu	83/71/c	83/71/pc	Redding	81/55/pc	86/57/pc
Birmingham	74/54/t	77/59/pc	Houston	85/61/s	89/62/s	Reno	72/47/pc	78/48/pc
Boise	62/41/pc	66/45/pc	Indianapolis	57/46/r	63/48/c	Richmond, VA	62/58/r	75/47/sh
Boston	53/40/pc	48/38/r	Kansas City	73/53/c	62/47/r	Sacramento	84/58/pc	88/59/s
Buffalo	44/35/sh	49/34/c	Key West	87/82/s	89/82/pc	St. Louis	67/51/sh	69/52/t
Burlington, VT	49/30/s	52/31/pc	Las Vegas	90/68/s	87/65/s	Salt Lake City	62/44/sh	62/44/pc
Caribou, ME	40/23/pc	49/26/pc	Lexington	61/50/r	65/49/c	San Angelo	88/64/s	88/51/s
Casper	58/31/c	54/34/pc	Little Rock	76/53/c	73/54/t	San Diego	77/64/s	81/65/s
Charleston, SC	76/64/t	80/61/pc	Los Angeles	90/68/s	93/66/s	San Francisco	69/55/pc	72/54/s
Charlotte, NC	62/52/r	64/47/sh	Louisville	64/53/c	70/54/c	San Jose	77/55/pc	81/57/s
Charlotte, WV	69/59/t	78/55/pc	Madison	52/37/c	55/37/sh	Santa Fe	71/38/c	69/37/pc
Cheney	57/33/t	51/32/pc	Memphis	71/54/c	75/55/pc	Seattle	60/47/sh	64/51/pc
Chicago	62/41/sh	55/41/c	Miami	89/82/pc	96/81/s	Sioux Falls	73/46/t	61/40/t
Cincinnati	58/49/r	65/48/c	Milwaukee	48/38/c	47/39/c	Spokane	60/38/sh	60/41/s
Cleveland	59/41/c	51/39/pc	Minneapolis	62/41/pc	57/39/sh	Springfield, IL	65/44/c	64/48/t
Colorado Spgs	64/38/pc	56/34/pc	Missoula	55/39/sh	61/34/pc	Springfield, MA	51/39/pc	49/34/r
Columbus, OH	56/45/s	57/41/c	Nashville	68/52/t	74/56/pc	Syracuse	47/37/pc	52/32/r
Concord, NH	55/35/s	50/30/r	New Orleans	83/65/t	85/68/s	Tampa	88/77/pc	83/75/t
Dallas	84/64/pc	82/56/s	New York City	50/46/r	54/41/r	Toledo	56/39/c	58/40/pc
Dayton	57/45/r	59/44/c	Norfolk, VA	67/60/r	75/53/c	Trenton	53/45/s	55/39/r
Daytona Beach	88/71/pc	83/71/t	Oklahoma City	79/56/pc	71/48/t	Tucson	92/61/s	94/63/s
Denver	65/36/t	59/36/pc	Olympia, WA	62/40/pc	65/46/pc	Tulsa	78/57/pc	69/50/r
Des Moines	70/47/c	55/43/r	Omaha	76/51/pc	62/45/r	Washington, DC	62/55/r	68/49/c
Detroit	49/37/sh	57/38/pc	Orlando	92/75/pc	86/74/t	W. Palm Beach	88/79/pc	94/78/t
El Paso	87/65/s	88/58/s	Philadelphia	56/48/r	58/43/r	Wichita	79/54/pc	68/46/r
Fairbanks	44/23/pc	36/14/pc	Phoenix	97/71/s	98/71/s	Wilmington, DE	57/49/r	61/43/r

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Congress set to approve next aid package

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is sprinting to approve the next coronavirus aid package, a \$483 billion deal backed by the White House to replenish a small-business payroll fund and pump more money into hospitals and testing programs.

President Donald Trump is urging swift passage this week. The Senate approved the bill Tuesday and the House planned a vote on Thursday.

The bipartisan bill, Washington's fourth in response to the crisis, is not expected to be the last as lawmakers take unprecedented steps to confront the virus and prop up communities nationwide amid the health crisis.

Most of the funding, \$331 billion, would go to boost a small-business payroll loan program that ran out of money last week. There would be \$100 billion for health care, with \$75 billion to hospitals and \$25 billion to boost testing for the virus, a key step in building the confidence required to reopen state economies. There is \$60

billion for a small-business loans and grants.

What started as a Trump administration effort with Republicans to bolster the government's small-business Paycheck Protection Program quickly doubled in size, second only to the nearly \$2 trillion coronavirus rescue package that became law last month.

As negotiations dragged on, Democratic demands for additional funds for hospitals and virus testing in the states became more pressing, and eventually gained support from Republicans.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said the bill was made "better and broader" by the effort from Democrats.

Of the \$25 billion for increased testing efforts, at least \$11 billion goes to state and tribal governments to detect and track new infections. The rest will help fund federal research into new coronavirus testing options.

Currently, the U.S. has tested roughly 4 million people for the virus, or just over 1% of its population,

according to the Covid Tracking Project website.

While the White House says the U.S. has enough testing to begin easing social distancing measures, most experts say capacity needs to increase at least threefold, if not more.

As announced Tuesday, the centerpiece of the deal remains the small-business payroll program. It provides forgivable loans so shops can continue paying workers while businesses remain closed for social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

Launched just weeks ago, the paycheck program quickly reached its lending limit after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help.

Controversies dogged its rocky roll-out and Democrats highlighted the number of smaller and minority-owned shops missing out on the aid. A number of publicly traded, big-name corporations also received loans, drawing complaints and Trump's vow that some will be

asked to return the money.

As part of the new agreement, \$60 billion or so has been set aside for — and divided equally among — smaller banks and community lenders, a nod to neighborhoods and rural areas underserved by banks.

"This is a significant package," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., ahead of Tuesday's vote.

The Senate swiftly approved it by consent late Tuesday, despite opposition from key conservatives, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah.

The House has asked lawmakers, who have been at makers with Congress all but shuttered, to return Thursday for a roll-call vote.

Missing from the package, however, was extra funding for state and local governments staring down budget holes and desperate to avert furloughs and layoffs of workers needed to keep communities running.

Trump said he was open to including in a subse-

quent virus aid package fiscal relief for state and local government — Democrats had wanted such funding for the current bill — along with infrastructure projects.

At the White House, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin outlined the contours of the next bill, which he said should include the president's long-promised effort to rebuild roads, bridges and, especially as Americans stay home, broadband.

But facing Republican unease over the White House's deal-making with Democrats, McConnell indicated he is unwilling

to engage in another round of negotiations on his own, without calling senators back for a full vote.

He welcomed the White House plans to start reopening the economy, and signaled similar for Congress.

"Unless we get our economy up and running again, there's not any way we can spend enough to continue to prop up the country," McConnell said.

The House planned to vote on a proposal to allow proxy voting during the pandemic, a first for Congress, which has required in-person business essentially since its founding.

would be opening those areas up further down the road.

He added that people around the community have been interested in the project and are excited to see the renovations completed. He said the old City Hall is something people want to see brought back to life and he hopes they provide something everyone enjoys.

Virus

From A1

existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

California has been under a mandatory, statewide stay-at-home order for more than a month. Last week, Newsom said he won't consider loosening that order until hospitalizations, particularly those in intensive care units, flatten and start to decline for at

least two weeks. Tuesday, Newsom announced intensive care hospitalizations rose 3.8%.

Other indicators Newsom says he is monitoring include whether the state has adequate protective gear for health care workers, better treatment for the disease and expanded testing.

Some local governments are already loosening their stay-at-home orders. Officials in Riverside County, east of Los Angeles, have allowed public and private golf courses to reopen

while limiting play to four-somes, requiring physical distancing and face coverings and banning caddies, gatherings and dining in clubhouses.

At Van Buren Golf Center in Riverside, supervisor Angel Zabala said business was steady when the nine-hole course reopened Tuesday.

"A lot of people are happy," Zabala said. "People have expressed relief as far as we're finally open."

Newsom said his administration is getting calls from local governments

around the state with questions about how they might gradually loosen their stay-at-home orders.

"Everybody has a different timeline. So that's the challenge," Newsom said.

Newsom's news conference, scheduled for noon Wednesday, will be watched closely by business groups who are clamoring to reopen so they can start paying their workers again.

"We just hope (Wednesday) we might hear of some additional steps from the governor that small

businesses will be able to take towards opening their doors and turning their lights on," said John Kabateck, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Restaurants were some of the first businesses ordered to close because of the virus outbreak, and they have suffered some of the heaviest job losses. A survey of restaurant operators conducted by the National Restaurant Association found more than 1 million workers had either lost their jobs

or been furloughed since March — at least 70% of all restaurant employees that were working in February.

But like most industries, restaurant operators are torn between the desire to get back to work and not wanting to rush back too soon and risk setting off another deadly outbreak of the disease, said Jot Condie, CEO of the California Restaurant Association.

"We're hopeful that we get this right the first time," he said.

Jobs

From A1

the healthcare industry is unusual and something economists aren't used to seeing, Tauer added. He also said the diversity and mix of industries being affected by the novel coro-

navirus related shutdowns is another thing that stood out to him as well as the majority of areas throughout the country being impacted.

Looking back at previous economic hardships and recessions, Tauer said usually some parts of the country are affected more than others. However,

at the moment the entire nation is seeing unprecedented unemployment rates spike and again it's affecting a wide range of industries, he said.

"You know you always hear the term we're all in this together in terms of fighting (COVID-19)," said Tauer. "In terms of our economy we really

are all in this together too, because every area is seeing similar trends across the country and it's really affecting food services, tourism, travel, health care and it's spreading to other industries too."

The department also received hundreds of initial claims for unemployment benefits from other

sectors beyond the leisure and hospitality industries. Over the past four weeks, about 182 jobs were lost in the construction sector and about 183 jobs were lost in the manufacturing sector in Coos County.

According to a press release from the Oregon Employment Department, during the week of March

29 to April 4, the agency paid \$23 million in benefits to Oregonians and during the week of April 5 to 11 it paid \$97 million in benefits.

More data on the state and county's labor market and unemployment rates are expected to be released later in May.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Stock	Close	8:30	Nike	85.20	86.98	Xerox	16.77	17.09
Frontier	.19	.21	NW Natural	63.21	64.48	Levi Strauss	12.32	13.05
Intel	56.36	58.27	Skywest	24.29	25.38	Dow Jones closed at	23,437.34	
Kroger	32.17	32.33	Starbucks	72.72	74.55	Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		
Microsoft	167.82	171.39	Umpqua Hldgs	11.52	10.80			
			Weyerhaeuser	18.76	19.17			

LOTTERY

MegaMillions	Powerball	Megabucks	Win For Life
April 21	April 18	April 20	April 20
13-15-24-67-70	4-44-46-56-63	9-13-24-33-37-44	35-54-66-68
Megaball: 17	Powerball: 19	Jackpot: \$3.4 Million	Pick 4
Multiplier: x2	Multiplier: x2		April 21
Jackpot: \$174 million	Jackpot: \$29 million		9:5-4-5

Finchem rides Tiger's coat tails into Hall

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

Tim Finchem was in his second month as the newly appointed commissioner of the PGA Tour, not paying a great deal of attention to the U.S. Amateur being played down the street from his office at the TPC Sawgrass.

It was only when he arrived for the World Series of Golf at Firestone that he first came to appreciate Tiger Woods.

"I go up to Akron on the Sunday, and we give out the trophy and everything," Finchem said. "And then I go to the locker room, and all the tour players are gathered around the television. And they're watching Tiger Woods play in the Amateur. I've never seen tour players interest-

ed in watching any other golf on a day they were finishing a tournament."

This was 1994, a few months after Woods had graduated high school and was headed to Stanford. He rallied to win the first of three straight U.S. Amateurs that day.

"It was amazing to me that this kid generated that level of focus," Finchem said. "I mean, it was the beginning of understanding the Tiger Woods phenomenon."

The occasion for this memory on Monday was Finchem being elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame. He will be part of the 2021 induction class that includes Woods.

Of course, Finchem was in charge of

unprecedented growth during his 22 years as commissioner, and it's no coincidence that 20 of those years featured Woods.

Prize money, the ultimate barometer in sports, more than tripled. Finchem negotiated the first of four television contracts about a year after Woods set golf ablaze with his watershed win at the 1997 Masters. Finchem developed the World Golf Championships, 18 of them won by Woods.

Woods lobbied for a shorter season, and Finchem found a way to better define the sprawling calendar by creating the FedEx Cup, now in its 14th year under the same sponsor. Woods won the first one in 2007.

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Tiger Woods, right, is congratulated by PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem after Woods won the 2013 Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament in Akron, Ohio.
The Associated Press



Fans cheer as the Michigan team takes the field at Michigan Stadium for a 2018 game against Wisconsin in Ann Arbor, Mich.
The Associated Press

Seahawks GM preps for draft

SEATTLE (AP) — It's no secret Seattle Seahawks general manager John Schneider likes to make draft-related trades.

He's made 25 or so deals involving draft picks since arriving in Seattle in 2010. Having a clear line of communication with other general managers around the league and being able to quickly make decisions in collaboration with his staff and head coach Pete Carroll is paramount to Schneider's draft strategy.

Without question, being able to replicate those conversations and make those snap decisions in a remote situation is at the top of Schneider's concerns going into this year's draft that begins on Thursday night.

It's such a concern that even after going through the mock draft run by the league on Monday, Schneider said he plans to do a separate simulation with a handful of teams prior to the draft so that he can be more comfortable with the entire process before the first round begins.

"The negotiation part of it is something that we're going to still work on some more," Schneider said during a video conference on Tuesday. "So, honestly to say that I'm totally comfortable with it right now, I'm not. By tomorrow night, I will be."

Seattle enters the draft with seven picks, its first coming at No. 27 overall. But there's an expectation Seattle will not pick 27th and by the time the weekend is over will have made more than seven selections. Seattle has not used its original first-round pick since 2011.

One of Schneider's hallmarks during his Seattle tenure has been the ability to mine the draft for gems beyond the first round. And that's meant a staggering amount of trades to land additional draft picks. Last year, Seattle started the draft with four selections and ended up making 11 by the time the weekend was done thanks to a whirlwind of wheeling and dealing.

But all the uncertainties of conducting a draft remotely has Schneider concerned whether that same level of communication needed to make a flurry of moves can be replicated, especially with Carroll and the rest of Seattle's staff scattered.

"The thing that I like to mention about the draft process that you don't really get to see is the intricacies and the tight woven communications that take place when it does come time for trade opportunities," Carroll said. "Those conversations, we've imagined what this is like so that we can replicate it from a distance. But it's looking over your shoulder, 'Take a look, call Indy, and Buffalo's on the phone and what is your information.' That all happens in a flow in the draft room. That is going to be affected some."

Schneider has turned his dining room into a makeshift draft room with boards, monitors and phones all over.

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College football will take patient approach

RALPH D. RUSSO
Associated Press

While professional sports leagues can ponder plans to isolate their athletes from the coronavirus and have them play in unusual, even secluded places, college sports have no such option.

Pro sports leagues can get creative with solutions to save their multibillion-dollar businesses. College sports will take a slower road back.

"The most at risk sport of starting up again, in my opinion, is collegiate athletics," said A.J. Maestas, the CEO of Navigate Research, which consults with professional sports leagues and college conferences. "There is less of an incentive and less alignment with the ultimate mission of the entity they work

at, live at. That fund them."

The commissioners of the 10 Bowl Subdivision conferences made it clear to Vice President Mike Pence last week: There cannot be college sports played if campuses are not open. If university leaders do not deem it safe for students to return to classrooms and dorms, locker rooms and practice fields will also remain closed.

As big as the business of college sports is it is dwarfed by the business of higher education. For example: The University of Alabama's budget in fiscal 2018 was \$1.03 billion. Its athletic budget in 2018-19 was \$164 million.

"You think of all the stakeholders and constituents in the collegiate space and all the missions they're meant to serve in. This sports thing is like 3% of their budget," Maestas said.

Colleges and universities, for the most part, have been quicker than governments in enacting measures to slow the spread of the virus. They sent students home, extended spring breaks and shifted to online classes weeks before widespread bans of large gatherings and stay-at-home orders by governors and mayors.

Even before the NCAA canceled its basketball tournaments and spring sports March 12, schools were shuttering campuses.

Fast forward to the fall, when the hope is many businesses and routine parts of daily life will be operating again, even if not back to business as usual. That doesn't mean colleges will be rushing to get students on campus. If they were first to shut down, they could also be among the last to

reopen and it will be university presidents, not the NCAA, making those decisions.

Schools would take a significant financial hit by continuing to operate online only, but balance that against the legal and ethical liability they could face by being the catalyst for reigniting an outbreak.

"I think they do have to be conservative in how they approach this," said attorney Tim Nevius, a former college baseball player and NCAA investigator who now represents and advocates for college athletes.

If, come September, the students are physically going back to school, even then there will be hurdles to clear for football to start.

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Brady and Gronk will be reunited in Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Four-time All Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski is back in the NFL, reunited with Tom Brady.

Brady's new team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, completed a trade for the retired New England star, sending a fourth-round pick in this week's draft — No. 139 overall — to the Patriots for Gronkowski and a seventh-round selection (No. 241).

"Rob Gronkowski is one of the best tight ends in NFL history and he plays the game with the type of passion and desire that sets him apart," Bucs general manager Jason Licht said.

"Rob has played his entire career alongside Tom Brady and their accomplishments speak for themselves. Together they have developed the type of chemistry on and off the field that is crucial to success," Licht added. "Rob combines elite-level skills as both a receiver and blocker, but what really makes him special is



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) and tight end Rob Gronkowski head to the sideline during a 2016 game against the Seattle Seahawks.
The Associated Press

the fact that he's a proven winner who brings that championship mindset and work ethic."

Brady, a six-time Super Bowl champion with the Patriots, signed a two-year, \$50 million contract with the Bucs in free agency last month.

Gronkowski was one of the league's most dominant tight ends when he walked away from the game in March 2019. He was part of teams that won nine division titles, appeared in eight AFC championship games and won three NFL

titles in nine seasons.

Gronkowski, who turns 31 on May 14, has one year left on his contract at \$10 million.

"He will honor his current contract at this time," agent Drew Rosenhaus said.

In addition to 521 receptions for 7,861 yards and 79 touchdowns in 115 regular-season games, the five-time Pro Bowl selection has 81 catches for 1,163 yards and 12 TDs in 16 playoff games.

Even before adding Gronkowski, the tight end position was considered one of Tampa Bay's biggest strengths, with O.J. Howard and Cameron Brate teaming with Pro Bowl receivers Mike Evans and Chris Godwin to form the best collection of targets Brady has had to work with in more than a decade.

The Bucs are coming off a 7-9 finish and missed the playoffs for the 12th consecutive season.

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Sports Briefs

TRACK & FIELD

Olympic trials have new dates in Eugene

INDIANAPOLIS — USA Track and Field has rescheduled its Olympic trials for June 18-27, 2021, at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

The national governing body for track announced the new dates Tuesday in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic postponing the Tokyo Olympics to 2021.

USATF worked with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee and TrackTown USA to secure the new dates for trials originally scheduled for this June. The competition schedule remains the same, but the timing windows could be tweaked.

The trials will be held in a remodeled Hayward Field at the University of Oregon.

BASEBALL

Rodriguez and Lopez may aim to buy Mets

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez and fiancée Jennifer Lopez have retained J.P. Morgan to represent them in raising capital for a possible bid for the New York Mets. The move was first reported by Variety and confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the decision who spoke on condition of anonymity because it was not announced.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez retired in August 2016 with 698 home runs, a .295 average and 2,086 RBIs in 22 years. He was suspended for the 2014 season for violations of Major League Baseball's drug agreement and labor contract.

A-Rod, now 44 years old, earned about \$448 million as a player. The 14-time All-Star started his career with Seattle, signed a record contract with Texas in December 2000, and

then moved from shortstop to third base when he was traded from the Rangers to the New York Yankees ahead of the 2004 season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ejected players now can stay on sidelines

INDIANAPOLIS — Players ejected from football games for targeting will be allowed to remain on the sidelines, the NCAA announced Tuesday.

The Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved the rules change no longer requiring players to head to the locker room after targeting is confirmed. All other aspects of the rule discouraging above-the-shoulders contact remain the same.

The panel also approved a pace-of-play guideline for instant replay officials to complete video reviews in less than two minutes. Reviews that are exceptionally complicated or involve end-of-game issues should be completed as efficiently as possible without a stated time limit.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA places Buffalo men on probation

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The University at Buffalo men's basketball team has been placed on one-year probation and agreed to other NCAA sanctions after a former assistant coach was found to have forged recruiting documents.

The decision was announced by the NCAA and the Mid-American Conference school as part of a negotiated resolution reached Tuesday. The school said it self-reported the infractions in October and cooperated with the NCAA investigation.

Buffalo also was fined \$5,000, agreed to a two-week ban on communicating with potential recruits and reduced its recruiting days by five for the 2020-21 season.

considered employees. It reduces their economic rights. It frames things so that the athletes also think that they are in this caretaker environment so they have to rely upon the coaches and the schools to advance their rights."

"But that is not always the case with the big business of college sports," Nevius added.

Later this week, the NCAA is scheduled to reveal some details of a plan to begin allowing college athletes to be compensated for use of their names, images and likenesses. The earliest it would go into effect is 2021-22.

Yes, college football players with professional aspirations have much to gain by playing. But not paychecks. And their scholarships are good whether they play or not.

"College sports are theoretically intended to exist to enhance that academic experience of its athletes," Nevius said. "And the NCAA repeatedly says that publicly and in defense of lawsuits as well. We've seen over time decisions made that completely contradict that. This is another test with respect to that philosophy."

Seahawks

From B1

Part of why Schneider wants a dry-run at working through trade scenarios is looking at the options and having discussions in a digital setting.

"I want to go through it more in my own head," Schneider said. "I'm very visual so I want to experience it."

While most of the focus was on the draft, Schneider touched on Seattle's moves so far in free agency. The most notable has been the fact defensive end Jadeveon Clowney remains a

free agent. Schneider said the team made an offer to the former No. 1 overall pick that spent last season with the Seahawks, but that Clowney seems willing to let free agency continue to play out before making a commitment.

Schneider said Seattle couldn't wait for an answer in Clowney before moving forward with signing Bruce Irvin and Benson Mayowa to help the pass rush.

"We've had great conversations. He's just going to feel his way through this odd process. And we'll see where that goes," Schneider said.



Downtown Fort Wayne, Ind., is seen from an empty Parkview Field on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

The Associated Press

Minors might lose entire season

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Nutter is surrounded by questions everywhere he goes these days. So the longtime president of the Fort Wayne TinCaps is planning for each scenario he can imagine, one at a time.

What does minor league baseball look like in the COVID-19 age? What happens if his Class A team plays only half a season?

And the big one: What if there are no games at all?

While Major League Baseball tries to figure out a way to play this summer, the prospects for anything resembling a normal minor league season are increasingly bleak.

For minor league communities across the country from Albuquerque to Akron, looking forward to cheap hot dogs, fuzzy mascot hugs and Elvis theme nights, it's a small slice of a depressing picture.

Attendance at minor league games last year was more than 41.5 million, a 2.6% increase over 2018 and the 15th straight year with more than 40 million fans.

Among the most popular teams in the minors is the Durham Bulls. But no club is immune from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The Bulls recently placed more than half of their front-office staff on furlough.

"I'm still holding out hope, but we're also being realistic that the challenges we face over the next few months are pretty severe just because we are so spread out around the country," Bulls vice president Mike Birling said.

"And we kind of need a perfect storm in terms of all of the cities of where Triple-A teams are located would need to be OK, which that seems pretty unrealistic right now."

Nutter tackles each day with a focus on what's most important to his San Diego Padres affiliate in the Midwest League, knowing full

well how many people are dealing with more dire issues in Indiana and beyond. But it's tough sometimes for a minor league lifer used to the grind of a pocket schedule.

"There's been times, early on, I was really struggling with it," Nutter said, "and shared that with some co-workers. I would say stress and anxiety for sure, started to probably broach on the depression. I don't use any of that lightly, but the point is, like, so much, overwhelming is the right thing."

The uncertainty also weighs on players. The loss of a minor league season would be a tough blow for prospects, especially those just starting out in professional baseball. While major league organizations have more training possibilities than ever before, there is no substitute for live game situations.

MLB and its players' union are aiming to hold as many games as possible, offering a glimmer of possibility to some prospects who could be in the mix to help with a packed schedule.

"Hopefully they'll expand rosters or something like that for somebody like myself or whoever," said Zach Short, an infielder in the Cubs' organization who reached Triple-A Iowa last summer. "And then just go with it."

Short, from Kingston, New York, stayed in Arizona after training camp was cut short, sharing a house with fellow pros Ian Happ, Nico Hoerner and Dakota Mekkes from the Cubs. They work out and play tennis together to help stay ready.

Andre Nnebe, a minor leaguer in the Brewers' organization who expected to Class A ball this year, built a batting cage at his house in Oakland and ordered some basic gym equipment. He said he might try tying resistance bands to a tree to get

in a strength workout.

"It's kind of fun being creative with it and finding ways to get work," he said. "It's probably the best way for me to pass time. There's not much else to do right now."

Looming in the background of the minors' tenuous situation is intermittent talks with MLB on a new development contract. The current Professional Baseball Agreement expires in September.

The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, the minor league governing body, is prepared to agree to MLB's proposal to cut the minimum of affiliations from 160 to 120 next year, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because no announcements were authorized.

"There have been no agreements on contraction or any other issues," the National Association said in a statement, adding it "looks forward to continuing the good-faith negotiations with MLB tomorrow."

The NAPBL's position almost assuredly was weakened by the prospect of little to no revenue coming in for 2020.

The negotiations bring "another level of uncertainty to the situation," said Jason Freier, managing owner for Fort Wayne, Class A Columbia and Double-A Chattanooga. "As people are deciding further investments in their teams and things like this, I'm sure that every owner has to have that somewhere in their mind."

Fort Wayne, Columbia and Chattanooga have avoided furloughs and layoffs, so far. Each of the teams was approved for a paycheck protection program loan from the U.S. government. Chattanooga, however, has been mentioned as one of the teams that might lose its affiliation.

Hall

From B1

Most telling was the 1997 Masters.

Finchem was with Nike founder Phil Knight on Saturday after Woods had finished building a nine-shot lead. "We were with our wives," Finchem told pगतour.com, "and at one point Phil looked at me and said, 'Tim, you and I have one thing in common. All we have to do is ride the wave.'"

This turned out to be the tidal variety.

There's no need for Finchem to apologize for being commissioner at a time when Woods came along.

He managed the tour through a deep recession in 2008 by shoring up sponsors and still increasing prize money. He also was at the helm when the most

recognizable active athlete in the world was caught up in a sordid scandal involving multiple extramarital affairs.

It was during the aftermath, while Woods was trying to mend his life and his health, that Finchem negotiated a nine-year TV deal that kept prize money soaring.

Finchem could only chuckle when asked how different it might have been had Woods chosen another sport, like tennis.

"It would have been a much more difficult job," he said.

It wasn't always easy. Finchem had to keep a full slate of tournaments fully sponsored when Woods was playing less than half of them. It was clear early on he had to manage two tours — the events Woods played, and those he didn't.

Buccaneers

From B1

They haven't won a postseason game since the franchise's only Super Bowl championship run 18 years ago.

Brady played in nine Super Bowls in 20 seasons with the Patriots, who appeared in 13 AFC championship games and won 17 division titles while the three-time league MVP was their primary starting quarterback.

A few days after signing with the Bucs in free agency, Brady said not only was he impressed with a talented young roster Tampa Bay has assembled in recent years but what he sensed is a commitment to do whatever necessary to be successful.

"I don't want to get into every process to the decision I was making at the time, but there were a lot of things that really were intriguing to me about the organization — the players, and the coaches and the willingness of every-

one to try to accomplish what the goal of playing football is, which is to win," the four-time Super Bowl MVP said.

"I'm going to try to do everything I can in my position, and in what I am responsible for to make it happen," Brady added.

"I've got to trust that everyone else is doing the exact same thing. That part is no different from what I've experienced in 20 years of my own role."

Gronkowski was an All-Pro in 2011, 2014, 2015

mainly by the Augusta National members in their green jackets. Finchem was among those invited. He was in the room with some of the most powerful leaders in business and government, and a 21-year-old on his way to becoming among the most powerful in sports.

"We go in and we sit down for dinner," Finchem said. "I look up, there's like 90 green coats lined up all through the tables, lined up with their menu cards to get Tiger Woods to sign."

Finchem retired at the end of 2016, the first time Woods went an entire year without playing a PGA Tour event. Woods had a fourth back surgery the next spring. He recovered and returned to win the Tour Championship, and then the Masters, and then in Japan for his record-tying 82nd victory.

and 2017. He had 43 receptions for 682 yards and three TDs in 2018, his final season with the Patriots.

Without his favorite target, Brady had one of his worst non-injury seasons last year, throwing for 4,057 yards with 24 TDs vs. eight interceptions.

The Patriots, nevertheless, won 12 games and extended their string of consecutive playoff appearances to 11 before a sputtering offense contributed to a first-round loss to the Tennessee Titans.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Charleston Rural Fire Protection District, Coos County State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will be held at Charleston Fire District, 92342 Cape Arago Hwy. The meeting will take place on the 4th day of May, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 4, 2020 at Charleston Fire District, 92342 Cape Arago Hwy, between the hours of 10:00 AM & 12 noon and 1PM & 4:00 PM. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Published in The World & ONPA April 13 & 22, 2020. (ID:279851)

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING AND STATE REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC HEARING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Reedsport, Douglas County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held at the City Council Chambers at 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, OR. The meeting will take place on April 28, 2020 at 6:20 pm and again on April 30, 2020 at 6:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 24, 2020 at City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave, Reedsport, between the hours of 9:00 am

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and 5:00 pm.
A public hearing will be held during the Budget Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 for the purpose to receive comment regarding the possible uses of the State Revenue Sharing distributions for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

NOTICE OF URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Reedsport Urban Renewal District Budget Committee of Reedsport, Douglas County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the Fiscal Year July 2020, to June 30, 2021, will be held in the Council Chambers at 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, Oregon. The meeting will take place on April 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Friday, April 24, 2020, at City Hall, 451 Winchester Ave., Reedsport, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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Trump clarifies immigration plan

Order will not include farm workers, health care workers with non-immigrant visas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump announced what he described as a “temporary suspension of immigration into the United States.” But an executive order he is expected to sign Wednesday to implement the change would bar only those seeking permanent residency, not temporary workers.

“I will be signing my Executive Order prohibiting immigration into our Country today,” Trump tweeted Wednesday.

The president said Tuesday he would put a 60-day pause on the issuance of green cards in an effort to limit competition for jobs in a U.S. economy wrecked by the coronavirus. The order would include “certain exemptions,” he said, but he declined to outline them, noting the order was still being crafted.

“By pausing immigration we’ll help put unemployed Americans first in line for jobs as America reopens, so important,” Trump said at the White House. “It would be wrong and unjust for Americans laid off by the virus to be replaced with new immigrant labor flow in from abroad.”

An administration official familiar with the plans, however, said the order will apply to foreigners seeking employment-based green cards and relatives of green card holders who are not citizens. Americans wishing to bring immediate family will still be able to do so, according to the official, who spoke on the condition

of anonymity before the plan was announced. About 1 million green cards were granted in the 2019 fiscal year, about half to spouses, children and parents of U.S. citizens.

By limiting his immigration measure to green cards, Trump was leaving untouched hundreds of thousands of foreign workers granted non-immigrant visas each year, including farm workers, health care workers and software programmers. The Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, estimated that some 110,000 green cards could be delayed during a two-month pause. Trump said he would consider extending the restrictions, depending on economic conditions at the time.

Trump has long advocated restrictions on both legal and illegal immigration and has raised concerns for years about foreigners competing with American citizens for jobs.

But he denied he was using the virus to make good on a longstanding campaign promise as he seeks reelection. “No, I’m not doing that all,” he said. The president has also used the crisis to push other stalled priorities, from tax reform to dramatic border restrictions.

Trump has often pivoted to his signature issue of immigration when he’s under pressure. It’s one he believes helped him win the 2016 election and one that continues to animate his loyal base of supporters heading into what is expected to be a brutal reelection fight.

Much of the immigration system has already ground to a halt because of the coronavirus pandemic. Almost all visa processing by the State Department has been suspended for weeks. Travel to the U.S. has been re-

stricted from much of the globe. And Trump has used the virus to effectively end asylum at U.S. borders, including turning away children who arrive by themselves and putting a hold on refugee resettlement — something Congress, the courts and international law hadn’t previously allowed.

Criticism of Trump’s announcement was swift, especially his timing during the pandemic. Ali Noorani, president of the National Immigration Forum, noted that thousands of foreign-born health care workers are currently treating people with COVID-19 and working in critical sectors of the economy.

Andrea Flores of the American Civil Liberties Union said Trump seemed “more interested in fanning anti-immigrant flames than in saving lives.”

But Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors lower rates of immigration, said before the announcement that eliminating millions of work permits and visas would “instantaneously create” new jobs for Americans and other legal workers — even though most businesses are shuttered because of social distancing dictates and stay-at-home orders.

Carl Shusterman, who has practiced immigration law since the 1970s, said a 60-day pause would have little impact because the government effectively stopped processing green cards in March.

“The embassies are not open anyway, so this is like nothing new,” said Shusterman. “This announcement doesn’t really change anything unless the embassies were to open up next week or in the next 60 days.”

Some companies won’t use relief funds for rehiring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some small businesses that obtained a highly-coveted government loan say they won’t be able to use it to bring all their laid-off workers back, even though that is what the program was designed to do.

The Paycheck Protection Program promises a business owner loan forgiveness if they retain or rehire all the workers they had in late February. But owners say the equation isn’t so simple, in part because of current economic conditions and partly due to the terms of the loans.

As a result, the lending may not reduce unemployment as much as the Trump administration and Congress hope.

The government’s \$2 trillion relief package included \$349 billion for the small business loan program, which was besieged with applications and ran out of money Thursday. Congress and the White House reached a deal Tuesday that would provide another \$310 billion.

To get the loans forgiven, companies need to spend 75% on payroll within eight weeks of receiving the money. The other 25% can be spent on rent, utilities, and mortgage payments. Otherwise, the loan has generous terms: Only a 1% interest rate and six months before any principal is due.

Many of the small companies that were able to obtain a loan are having second thoughts about rehiring all their workers and a few plan to return the money. Others will use what they can on rent and utilities, and will use some to rehire a portion of their laid-off staff. But most are unsure they will be able to reopen eight weeks from

now. They see little point in rehiring all their workers, paying them to do little or nothing, and then potentially laying them off again if business remains weak two months from now.

“You’re turning the business into a pass through for the federal government,” said Joe Walsh, who owns Clean Green Maine, a cleaning service in Portland, Maine with 35 employees. “You’re doing very little to actually help the business.”

It’s unclear how much the small business lending program can hold back the surge in joblessness — a record 22 million people sought unemployment aid in the past month. Most economists forecast the unemployment rate will reach between 15% and 20% when the monthly jobs report is released in early May.

More money is clearly needed: Roughly 1.6 million small companies were able to obtain loans, the Small Business Administration said, out of at least 6 million that were likely eligible, according to Census data. Bank of America economists estimate that another \$650 billion would be necessary to meet demand.

Also, the generous unemployment aid that was also included in the government’s relief package has made it more difficult to rehire. Many workers are making more with unemployment checks, which now include a \$600 weekly benefit from the federal government.

Walsh, who received a \$280,000 loan from the SBA, said that he is reluctant to push his employees to return to work because, under unemployment benefit rules, they could lose their weekly checks if they turn down potential jobs.

Trump orders Navy to destroy gunboats that harass ships

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid tensions with Iran, President Donald Trump said Wednesday on Twitter he has given orders for the Navy to “shoot down and destroy” any Iranian gunboats found to be harassing U.S. ships.

A U.S. Navy video last week showed small Iranian fast boats coming close to American warships as they operated in the northern Persian Gulf near Kuwait, with U.S. Army Apache helicopters.

“I have instructed the United States Navy to shoot down and destroy any and all Iranian gunboats if they harass our ships at sea,” Trump tweeted.

Trump did not cite a specific event in his tweet, or provide details. The White House had no immediate comment.

The U.S. Navy’s Bahrain-based 5th Fleet referred questions about the tweet to the Pentagon, which did not immediately respond to a request for

comment. Trump’s tweet came after Iran’s Revolutionary Guard said it had put the Islamic Republic’s first military satellite into orbit, dramatically unveiling what experts described as a secret space program with a surprise launch Wednesday that came amid wider tensions with the United States.

The launched immediately raised concerns among experts on whether the technology used could help Iran develop

intercontinental ballistic missiles.

On Sunday, the Revolutionary Guard acknowledged it had a tense encounter last week with U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf, but alleged without offering evidence that American forces sparked the incident.

The Guard and the Navy routinely have tense encounters in the Persian Gulf and its narrow mouth, the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20% of all oil passes.

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