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Changes made for COVID-19

ADAM ROBERTSON
The World

REEDSPORT — As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the Lower Umpqua Hospital District has had to undergo some changes in services and operations.

According to a release from LUHD, they've seen a dramatic decrease in laboratory and imaging services. The District has had to implement a new way of doing business. Patients now have to go through a screening process before being allowed into the hospital. Many departments have also had to reduce hours and implement staffing changes.

At present, 53 part- and full-

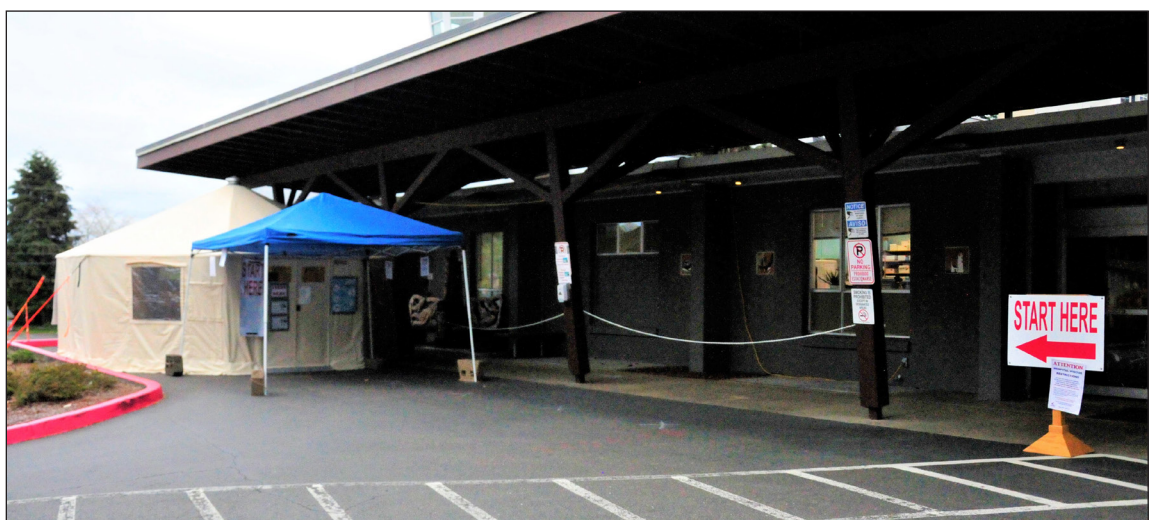
time employees have been either laid-off, had hours reduced, or been moved to another position.

Non-emergency procedures have also had to be put on hold.

The following services have also been changed. Telehealth Appointments are available; Primary care providers and surgeons are being housed until further notice; Licensed Clinical Social Worker Becky Rice is still available for appointments.

"We make adjustments as needed and use technology when possible," said Ryan Fowler, chief administrative officer of LUH. "For the safety of our patients and staff, we implemented the Telemedicine video

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Adam Robertson, The World

A tent out front of Lower Umpqua Hospital allows patients to be screened before entering the facility. The hospital and health centers have had to undergo some operational changes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Coast Guard completes 15-hour rescue

Bad weather slowed down tow for vessel that had gone adrift

JILLIAN WARD
The World

SOUTH COAST — After a grueling 15-hour rescue, the U.S. Coast Guard successfully towed commercial vessel Ocean Faith home last week.

The radio call for help was made just days after BM3 Adam McDermott qualified as a coxswain, a designation that allows him to operate a vessel. This would become his first rescue while in charge of a boat.

"I was definitely a little nervous at first," said McDermott, of North Carolina.

"(Ocean Faith) had lost propulsion. They were drifting 35 miles south from where we are, down near Port Orford (and seven miles offshore.)"

McDermott and his crew departed Boat Station Coos Bay at 4:30 p.m. on April 13 to help the 61-foot, 65-ton crabbing vessel.

At first, they were met with clear skies and calm seas. It took the crew just an hour and a half

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Contributed photo

The U.S. Coast Guard completes a 15-hour rescue of the commercial crabbing vessel Ocean Faith on April 13.

Third case at Shutter Creek | 6 dead in storms

ZACH SILVA
The World

HAUSER — A third case of the novel coronavirus has been confirmed at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution.

Coos Health and Wellness announced the case on Wednesday afternoon and it is the third case from an adult in custody at Shutter Creek.

The first positive case was reported at the facility on April 9 while the second case was confirmed on Monday. This is the third positive coronavirus case in all of Coos County. All three individuals have been taken to a different facility after testing positive.

"We know there was a similar

symptom profile in terms of mild, general symptoms and then a loss of taste and or smell was one of the issues that had been brought up. So that seems to be a recurring theme here at least for the individuals at Shutter Creek so far," said Brian Leon, an epidemiologist with Coos Health and Wellness.

Leon noted that five adults in custody have now been tested at Shutter Creek, with two of those tests coming back negative. All of the individuals that have tested positive have been from the same unit.

"(The Department of Corrections Physician) mention(ed) there was a potential of doing a small random sample of individuals from the same block,

regardless of symptom profile or anything like that to potentially detect cases that wouldn't have come up on the radar," said Leon.

"I'm very interested in trying to get a little better of a cross section of staff and adults in custody, regardless of symptom profile because of what appears to be a problem."

As of Monday, approximately 12 employees at Shutter Creek had been tested and each test that has come back has been negative.

Coos Health and Wellness identified that, based on how close in time the second and third cases were to each other, that they most likely got the vi-

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MADILL, Okla. (AP) — Severe weather was moving through the South on Thursday after at least six people died in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana, including a factory worker whose body was found quarter-mile away after an apparent tornado struck his workplace and severely damaged the town nearby.

More than 100,000 customers from Texas to Mississippi were without power Thursday as the severe weather moved through, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks utility reports.

Tornado warnings sent residents taking cover in southern Mississippi and Alabama. Trees and power lines were toppled in parts of west Alabama. No injuries or major damage were

reported immediately.

The factory worker was killed when a suspected twister hit just as the workforce was leaving for the day from J&I Manufacturing in southern Oklahoma, Marshall County Emergency Management Director Robert Chaney said. The worker's body was found about a fourth of a mile (0.4 kilometers) the factory, Chaney said.

That apparent tornado also caused widespread damage in Madill, near the Red River, said Donny Raley, the city's emergency manager.

A Louisiana man was found dead after a witness saw him try to retrieve a trash can from water near a drainage ditch; He lost his footing and was swept away by

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Photo gallery: Marshfield Junior High School construction

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Board helps meet the need for jobs, healthcare

Small grants get big results

JILLIAN WARD
The World

COOS COUNTY — Thousands of medical supplies are being distributed to area hospitals and businesses by one local nonprofit agency. Recently, the Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board received \$126,000 from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which was passed through the Department of Labor for Rapid Response to Layoffs.

The investment board passed along these funds in a series of \$5,000 grants — used either: to help small businesses stay afloat financially. Or to help small businesses and other organizations buy healthcare items such as masks or hand sanitizer. “It is flexible funding,” said Kyle Stevens, the investment board’s executive director. The nonprofit received the funds shortly after the coronavirus pandemic sent the global economy into a tailspin some four weeks ago. Since then, a total of 206 gallons of hand sanitizer, 10,492 KN95 masks, and 8,648 surgical masks have been distributed to

Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. The hand sanitizer was produced locally. The masks were purchased from China. Local grant recipients have been as varied as an oyster company and a hotel, each receiving \$5,000. Stevens said the funding has gone to “who you can help,” designed to keep people working and avoid layoffs. As for providing the supplies requested by businesses and area hospitals, Stevens said his agency began ordering as soon as he caught wind of the shortages emerging nationwide. “We started purchasing March 15,” he said.

Rather than buying the now-coveted N95 masks, which is the U.S. standard, the nonprofit purchased KN95 masks, the Chinese standard. “KN is what you can get now,” he said. “Everything else is hard to find. “We got in early enough to have inventory on hand.” Across the three counties covered by the workforce investment board, 115 businesses and organizations have received funding. “The first wave (of recipients) was health-care, people in immediate need,” Stevens said. “We weren’t looking to replenish stockpiles, but to help people get through until

they could get something else, to set their mind at ease. “We can get shipments here in five days, so it’s fairly quick.” The investment board also has been able to purchase marine vinyl, used for boat windows, and pair it with 3D printing components to make face shields. Stevens said a Rogue River-area group has made face shields and 3D printed headbands at home. Meantime, Marshfield High School manufacturing teacher Glen Crook has been 3D printing “ear savers” for masks. The ear savers are used to take the strap off of the ear so there is no strain, at the same

time allowing the user to pull the straps for a better fit. “(Crook) has also been 3D printing a mask with an interchangeable filter,” Stevens said. “He started doing this on his own, with his own materials.” The Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board has helped coordinate these independent efforts to get supplies into the hands of those organizations with the most need. “We knew people would have a hard time finding certain items that are crucial to keep businesses running, so we found them, reached out to them, and word spread,” Stevens said.

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Crews lay wire along Southbound U.S. Highway 101. The work is leading to occasional traffic delays as equipment is moved.

Escaped debris causes fire

The World

REEDSPORT — The Coos Forest Protective Association has issued a warning to the public that current conditions are drier than normal. On Sunday, the CFPA responded to a fire three

miles northeast of Reed-sport in the Otter Creek area. Firefighters from CFPA and Gardiner RFD were able to stop the fire at burning 0.7 acres. The cause of the fire was cited as an escaped debris burn. The CFPA advises

residents to avoid debris burning as much as possible at this time. For more information on fire prevention, contact the CFPA Closure Information Line at (541) 267-1789 or visit www.coosfpa.net or follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

County has new emergency manager

AMANDA LINARES
The World

COOS COUNTY — The Coos County Emergency Management Program, a division of the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, now has a new manager. After some discussion at a county budget meeting last week, it was revealed that Coos County Sheriff’s Captain Gabriel Fabrizio will be stepping into the position as a way to both replace Mike Murphy, who retired last year, and cut down on costs.

According to Fabrizio, the additional duties will be placed on top of its existing responsibilities at the Sheriff’s Office. Some of the added duties include writing, maintaining and exercising the county’s disaster plan as well as working as a liaison with other county departments and state and federal agencies. A U.S. Army veteran, who worked as a physiological operations specialist for 20 years, Fabrizio said he’s looking forward to serving as the new emergency manager.

Looking to gain some insight into the position, Fabrizio said he has reached out to Douglas County’s emergency manager to learn more details about the job’s requirements. The added duties will save the county about \$81,000 in costs associated with hiring a full-time replacement for the position, he said. Fabrizio will be paid a monthly stipend for the additional expenses related to his new position. He will hold the title of emergency manager for about a year, he said.

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What is antibody/serology testing?

Antibody testing, also called serology testing, is used to identify the presence of immune response to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. It is a critical component to our nation’s response to the pandemic. This test is only intended to detect antibodies to the virus. It does not diagnose active or recent infection.

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.

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Coquille Valley Hospital offers COVID-19 antibody testing

THE WORLD

COQUILLE — Coquille Valley Hospital announced Wednesday, April 22 that it's launched a new antibody test that allows people to find out if they have been exposed to the novel coronavirus.

According to a press release from CVH, the test is available for people who think they have been infected with COVID-19 and have been symptom-free for two weeks or more.

Coquille Valley Hospital CEO Jeff Lang said in the press release that there are many benefits to antibody testing.

"In addition to helping us understand how widespread the virus is, it may also be helpful and reassuring for people to know if they have been infected and are now possibly immune," said Lang. "It is a critical component to our nation's response to the pandemic."

Antibody testing, also called serology testing, is used to identify the presence of immune response to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, said the press release. The test, which does not diagnose active or recent infections, is only intended to detect IgG antibodies to the virus.

The test was made available to hospital through its relationship with the Mayo Clinic Laboratories and is considered to be highly reliable.

"Antibody testing is important because we know there are people who have had the virus and have not experienced symptoms or have previously been symptomatic and did not receive a test," said Lang. "The test will help patients better understand their risks going forward, toward the recovery phase, and will help medical professionals understand the spread of the disease."

People must be symptom-free with no fever or cough for two weeks prior to testing for IgG antibodies to be detected. A blood sample is required for the test which can be taken as a normal outpatient lab draw at CVH.

"To assist with the expected public demand for this test, Coquille Valley Hospital has set up a testing tent on its campus," said the release. "The tent has both walk-in and drive-up capabilities and has not experienced significant wait times."

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No new deaths of COVID-19 reported in Oregon's daily update; 57 new cases

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PORTLAND — The Oregon Health Authority reported no deaths in the state of COVID-19 as of 8 a.m. Wednesday. However, 57 new cases of COVID-19 were reported Wednesday, bringing the state total to 2,059.

Total deaths in Oregon of COVID-19 remain at 78.

The new COVID-19 cases reported Wednesday are in the following counties: Clackamas (10), Coos (1), Deschutes

(2), Jefferson (1), Linn (1), Marion (7), Multnomah (24), Washington (10) and Yamhill (1).

It marked the first day since March 29 that no new deaths were reported in the state, though there is frequently a delay between when a fatality happens and when it is reported by the state, the Associated Press reported.

Positive cases have been reported in all but five of Oregon's 36 counties, AP reported. Those counties, all in Central and Eastern Oregon with mostly remote

populations, are Baker, Gilliam, Harney, Lake and Wheeler counties. Their combined population is under 34,000.

All three cases in Coos County, including two reported this week, have been inmates at the Shutter Creek Correctional Institute near Hauser.

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

Note: Test reports were received yesterday but due to a technical issue, negative test results were not able to be processed

overnight and are being processed today. The number of negatives is classified as "pending" in today's data table.

Stay informed about COVID-19: Oregon response: The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Office of Emergency Management lead the state response.

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

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

The Face of Coronavirus



Zach Silva, The World

Boynton Park in North Bend, like parks all across the state, remains closed due to the coronavirus.

Coos Bay Police Log

Tuesday, April 21

Suspicious Conditions
At 12:07 a.m. on North 15th Street, suspicious circumstances were reported.

Criminal Mischief
At 1:11 a.m. on South 1st Street, a group was reportedly throwing rocks at their car.
At 11:28 a.m. on East Hall Avenue at Coos Bay Rail Link, vandalism to locomotive was reported.

Person Stop
At 2:11 a.m. on Morrison and Noble, an officer stopped for a crying female.

Dispute
At 3:27 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, a domestic dispute was reported at location.
At 12:50 p.m. on South Schoneman Street, dispute was reported.

Suspicious Subject
At 4:24 a.m. on Anderson between 7th and 8th, it was reported that someone was possibly checking door handles.

Theft
At 6:37 a.m. on Market Avenue and North Broadway Street, a theft of plate from vehicle at the Tioga was reported.
At 9:27 a.m. at Empire Lakes, theft of license plate was reported.
At 9:30 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, theft of shopping cart was reported and it was requested for subjects to be trespassed from business.

Illegal Dumping
At 7:21 a.m. on Holland Street at the Empire boat ramp, someone was seen dumping a bunch of old clothing at location.

Criminal Trespass
At 7:28 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, criminal trespass was reported.

Graffiti Calls
At 7:38 a.m. on West Hall Avenue at Mast Bros Towing, graffiti was reported.
At 3:04 p.m. on South 15th Street, graffiti calls were made.

Burglary
At 11:42 a.m. on Newmark Avenue, burglary to storage unit was reported.

Counterfeit Money
At 1:23 p.m. on Newmark Avenue at 7-Eleven, counterfeit money was reported.

Animal Complaint
At 4:03 p.m. on 8th and Commercial at Mingsu Skate Park, it was reported that a raccoon was stuck in Skate Park Bowl. Fire responded and raccoon was rescued.

Arrest
At 6:07 p.m. on Central Avenue, Kurt Newman, 59, was arrested on Lincoln County warrant for alleged probation violation for original charge of DUII. Newman was cited in lieu of custody.
At 8:18 p.m. on Johnson Avenue at Safeway, Ashley McCullough, 26, was arrested for alleged criminal trespass 1. Also arrested was Justin Grout, 41, for alleged criminal trespass and theft 3.

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Citizen opinion for Measure 6-177

Dear Editor
The campaign against measure 6-177 has begun. This measure is a direct response to the city's despicable act of throwing away the citizen's Nov 2018 vote against raising the Public Safety Fee. They then proceeded to double the Public Safety Fee from \$15 to \$30. When someone takes your money without permission, it's called stealing. What do you call it when the government does it? It's ironic the city is taking your

money without permission and giving it to the police.
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As virus rages, leaders keep dodging blame



BYRON YORK

Why are some leaders so reluctant to admit that in the early days of the coronavirus crisis, they were slow to realize the seriousness of the threat? That's the charge leveled against President Trump daily. Just look at the number of times various critics have said he has "blood on his hands." Trump has denied responsibility, and has argued that rather than being slow off the mark, he was actually quick to respond.
There is much angry debate on that point. What is clear now is that more than a few officials around the country were slow to act. And some of them in high positions -- not as high as president of the United States, but quite powerful -- are reluctant to admit it.
Take House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. She has said that the president's downplaying of coronavirus has cost American lives. "His denial at the beginning was deadly," she said last month on CNN. "As the president fiddles, people are dying."

But look back a few weeks. On Feb. 24 -- a time many Democrats accuse Trump of being oblivious to the danger -- Pelosi was home in San Francisco and encouraged people to visit Chinatown, with its shops and restaurants.

"What we're trying to do today is to say, everything is fine here," Pelosi told reporters. "Come, because precautions have been taken. We think it's very safe to be in Chinatown and hope that others will come."

Recently Pelosi appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and host Chris Wallace asked her, "If the president underplaying the threat in the early days, Speaker Pelosi, didn't you as well?"

It was the perfect opportunity for Pelosi to admit that she had misjudged the hazard and to draw a contrast with the president's refusal to concede error. But instead, Pelosi not only refused to acknowledge any mistake, she actually claimed that her encouragement of crowds during the pandemic was an actual virtue.

"No," she told Wallace. "What we're trying to do is to end the discrimination, the stigma, that was going out against the Asian-American community. In fact, if you will look, the record will show that our Chinatown has been a model of containing and preventing the virus. So I'm confident in our folks there and thought it was necessary to offset some of the things that the president and others were saying about Asian-Americans and making them a target, a target of violence across the country -- hate crimes."

"But forgive me," Wallace followed up, "don't you think that you, when you're out walking ... and saying that there's no threat, it's perfectly safe here -- weren't you also adding to this perception that there wasn't such a threat generally?"

"No," Pelosi repeated. "I was saying that you should not discriminate against Chinese-Americans as some in our administration were doing by the way they were labeling the flu and that -- no indeed. And again, I think if you check the record, and it's current, you will see that Chinatown has been a model in all of this."

San Francisco's Chinatown has indeed done a good job against the virus. But it has done so by employing some of the measures, like social distancing and stay-at-home orders, that Pelosi ignored in her Feb. 24 remarks. The fact is, Pelosi encouraged what would, by today's standards, be judged risky behavior. In her apparent desire to advertise the appeal of Chinatown, she encouraged people to do the sort of things that health officials have advised against.

Pelosi's inability to assess her own decisions spurred another moment in the Fox interview that would have been funny had not the circumstances been so serious. When Wallace asked the House speaker if her decision to engage in partisan back-and-forth with President Trump is constructive, she answered:

"I'll tell you why I came to that. I was so prayerful on Easter. It was one of the first days I didn't have to be working every minute, and I could reflect and be prayerful. And what I decided was that the president has made many mistakes."

Oftentimes in prayerful reflection, one focuses on one's own shortcomings. On Easter Sunday, Pelosi spent her prayerful moments dwelling on her rival's faults.

She wasn't alone in dodging blame, of course. In the critical month of February, and even later, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio encouraged people to ride the subway, go out to restaurants and to attend a parade in New York's Chinatown on Feb. 9. On March 2, de Blasio tweeted that he was "encouraging New Yorkers to go on with your lives and get out on the town despite coronavirus."

Like Pelosi, de Blasio, who has accused the Trump administration of "malpractice" in the crisis, denies any misjudgment. "We should not be focusing, in my view, on anything looking back on any level of government right now," he told CNN on March 29. "This is just about how we save lives going forward."

Unlike San Francisco's Chinatown, New York's handling of the coronavirus crisis has been an absolute disaster. The New York City region is in far, far worse shape than any other part of the nation -- indeed, than any other country in the world.

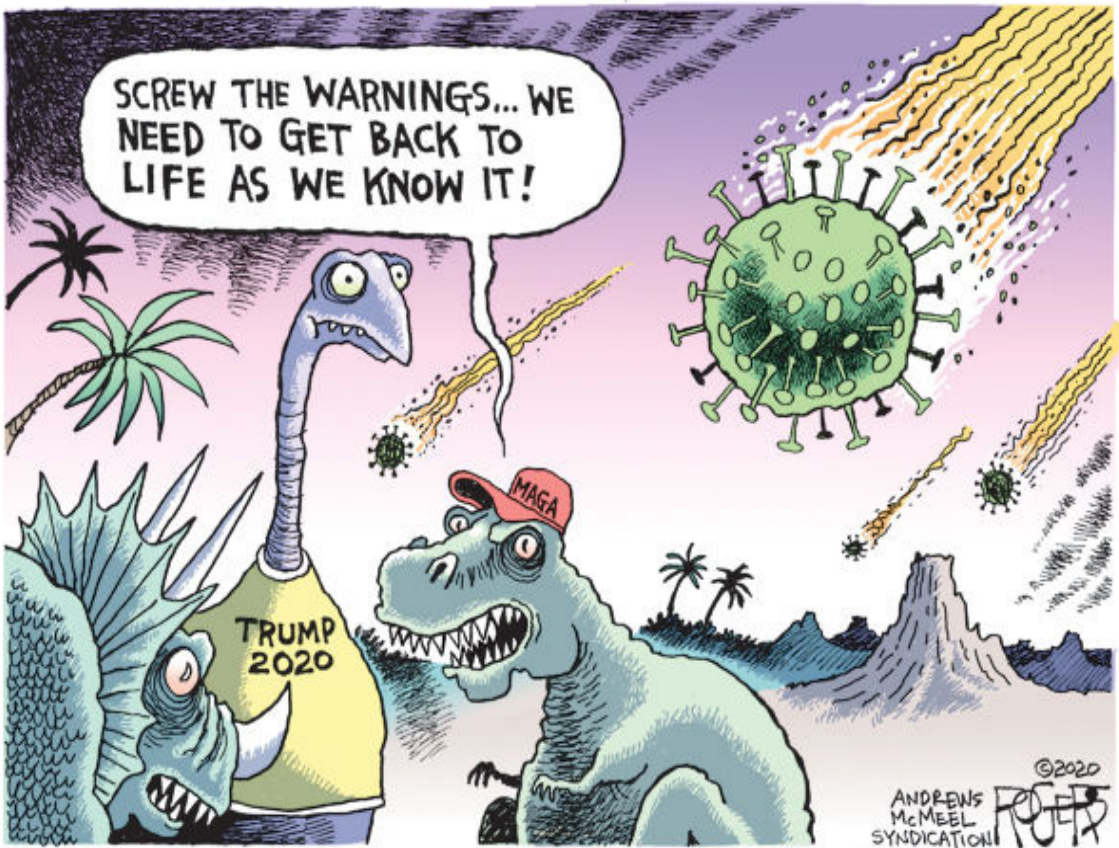
New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has also been reluctant to admit fault. Yes, he has conceded that New York has been "behind" fighting the virus. "We have been behind it from day one since it got here," Cuomo said on March 31. "And we've been playing catch-up." But at the same time, Cuomo refuses to admit that any of his own decisions might have made things worse.

For example, The New York Times recently reported that California Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a stay-at-home order when his state had 675 confirmed cases of the virus. Cuomo waited until New York had more than 7,000 confirmed cases to do the same.

And yet when Cuomo was asked on April 8 if he had been slow to act, his denial was positively Trumpian. "No, no," he said. "I think New York was early, and I think the actions we took were more dramatic than most."

It would be reasonable to argue that this time, at the peak of the crisis, is no time to discuss blame. But anyone listening to the national conversation knows that horse is long out of the barn. At some point, amid never-ending discussions of President Trump's alleged culpability, the conversation will turn to some prominent Democrats, as well.

(Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.)



I'll stick with the experts, thanks

Watching those rent-a-mob bands of bearded he-men swaggering around state capitols with their Confederate flags and symbolic AR-15s -- what were they going to shoot at, after all? -- reminded me of a scene in the old Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall movie "Key Largo."

Bogart plays a fishing boat captain home from World War II -- a soft-spoken combat veteran visiting the family of one of his soldiers killed during the Italian campaign. Bacall plays the friend's widow, living in a small resort hotel on a remote Florida island.

A gangster on the lam, played menacingly by Edward G. Robinson, shows up demanding a boat ride to Cuba. Reflecting a different era's idea of heroism, Bogart's character avoids what he sees as a pointless confrontation with the thug. He has nothing to prove. But then, as a massive hurricane approaches, the tough guy shows signs of panic.

"Why don't you point your gun at it?" Bogart deadpans.

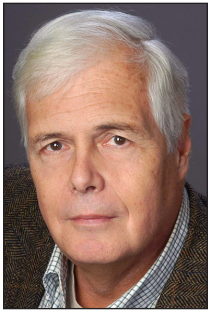
He can run a fishing boat, see, as the gangster cannot.

Just so the hairy-chested protesters in their camo suits. Confronted with a deadly threat they can neither understand nor control, they've taken to playing soldiers. The rest of us are supposed to be intimidated.

Which is not to deny that a fool with a gun can be dangerous.

But this bunch, in their refusal to deal with the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, endanger themselves and their families more than anybody else. Although the rest of us would definitely be imperiled should their cartoonish views prevail.

In Ohio, a fellow named John W. McDaniel tweeted that COVID-19 was nothing but a "political ploy." On March 15, he denounced Ohio's



GENE LYONS

Republican Gov. Mike DeWine for ordering bars and restaurants closed: "I Say Bull***t! He doesn't have that authority. If you are paranoid about getting sick just don't go out. It shouldn't keep [the rest] of us from Living our Lives."

The rest of McDaniel's life was 30 days. He died on April 15 due to complications from the virus. His obituary described him as an "ornery son-of-a-gun and ... often the first to crack a joke no matter the occasion." His family called him a "loving and loyal husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend ... Johnny McDaniel loved life and loved everyone he knew with his whole heart."

He sounds like a terrific fellow, albeit maybe a little bit prone to going off half-cocked. Had he lived, he'd probably have learned. There are thousands out there like him. God bless them, every one.

Which isn't the same as saying people should be paying them any mind.

Meanwhile, Gov. DeWine, who certainly has both constitutional and statutory authority to shutter public establishments during an infectious epidemic, says he has "full respect" for protesters, but begs them to keep practicing social distancing.

"We've won a battle, we've done well," DeWine tweeted on Monday,

"but #COVID19 is still out there and most Ohioans are still susceptible to it. The spread concern is still as strong today as it was a month ago."

To date, 538 Ohioans have died of COVID-19.

So now comes the March of the Toy Soldiers.

Look, it'd be one thing for Fox News to tout these jackleg militias as if they represented something politically significant, although they do not. Polls show that anywhere between 60% and 81% of Americans understand and support the need for social distancing. They are heeding the experts. It's quite another to see CNN, NBC, CBS and the rest acting as if the protesters represent anything more than street theater: the Mighty Trump Art Players on display.

See, Boss Trump appears to think he's pulled a fast one. First, he claimed "absolute authority" over the nation's governors, saying that he alone would decide when the U.S. economy would reopen for business. He would give orders, and the states would obey.

Literally overnight, he did a complete 180. Now he says it's all on the governors. Trump takes no responsibility. Not for testing, nor protective masks, basically for nothing. Next he began tweeting calls for protesters to LIBERATE their states from tyrannical Democrats.

The plan is that Trump gets all the credit, while the governors take all the blame. What could possibly go wrong?

I fear we're about to find out.
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Can the Earth Breathe Deeply as Oil Use Crashes?



FROMA HARROP

The bizarre collapse in oil prices reflects a world largely shut at home. People are no longer driving much or flying at all. Factories are silent. The supply hasn't changed radically in the past month. It's the demand that's crumbled.

Environmentalists, hold that thought.

Friends on the environmental left are not always swift at gauging how the laws of economics should play into policy on climate change. Case in point, there's talk that rich climate activists might buy some of the oil reserves for close to nothing and make sure that the fossil fuel never gets burned, according to Bloomberg.

Here's the problem with that -- actually, several problems: In response to plunging oil prices, Saudi Arabia, Russia and 21 other oil-producing nations recently agreed to restrict output to buoy it. That obviously hasn't worked. Why would environmentalists try to help them by cutting the availability of oil? Not that they have a fraction of the resources to make a difference.

But even if they wanted to do this and it would make a difference,

they'd be helping weak or deeply indebted players in the fossil fuel industry stay afloat. Even before the coronavirus hit, energy prices were swooning because of falling demand.

Power companies had been replacing natural gas (and certainly coal) with wind and solar energy, causing it to tumble in price. As a result, demand for natural gas was expected to fall 13 percent in the next decade, Morgan Stanley said in December. The global economic shutdown will undoubtedly greatly inflate that number.

And there's the question of whether the continuing threat of this and other viruses will have changed work, commuting and shopping patterns well after the immediate crisis. Some plans for reopening businesses already envision fewer workers at the office and more operating from home. And with teleconferencing no longer a novelty, there's a likelihood of people working together from different locales.

So what would have been the point of a ban on oil and gas fracking, as former presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren advocated? It would have amounted to the government getting blamed for job losses in the fossil fuel energy sector at a time when market forces were already closing down rigs.

There are valid environmental concerns that dirt-cheap oil and gas will make clean energy less competitive on price. That and scary times have eaten into sales of home solar installations. Who is doing home improvements these days? Research firm Wood Mackenzie, which had

predicted a 10 percent increase in national residential solar sales this year over last year, now says that they could fall as much as 34 percent.

(One bright little aside: Skies cleared of smog have helped Germany's solar panels generate record amounts of electricity.)

Wood Mackenzie thinks worldwide electric vehicle sales will drop 43 percent this year. However, Brad Berman, who covers electric sales at Electrek, told Barron's that "the EV market is more resilient than the overall market." For one thing, these buyers tend to have higher incomes and can power through a tough economy. For another, global auto emissions standards provide a tailwind for electric vehicle sales.

Of course, a tax on carbon would help. Many conservatives as well as many liberals have supported the idea. All the Democratic presidential candidates backed it except for Sanders and Tulsi Gabbard. Republican leaders oppose carbon taxes because they're largely owned by the fossil fuel industry.

What's been good for the environment is not crashing oil prices but the reason they're crashing. The world is awash in oil that no one's buying. It's demand that we need to dry up -- and that happens when technology enables the development of more clean energy at competitive prices.

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On this day in Coos County history

April 23, 1920

“MYSTERY” BABY AT MYRTLE POINT
CHILD FEW HOURS OLD LEFT ON HOSPITAL STEPSN
Unknown Rings Door Bell and Makes Departure – Home Quickly Found for Boy

Unknown Rings Door Bell and Makes Departure – Home Quickly Found for Boy

All Myrtle Point is talking today over a “mystery baby” who was left on the steps of Dr. Pemberton’s hospital the night before last. The baby, a boy of a few hours old, was in a suitcase, coddled in and is a husky lad. Yesterday, a home was found for him and he is being well cared for and cooing away oblivious to being the center of the town’s gossip.

Night before last, the doorbell of Dr. Pemberton’s hospital rang. When the door was opened by an attendant, no one was in sight but a suitcase was on the steps. It was picked up and the plaintive cry of a little child emanating from it almost frightened the attendant.

There was nothing in the meager clothing encasing the little fellow to indicate the identity of the parents or the reason why.

MUST HAVE JETTY TO MAKE HARBOR
THAT IS STATEMENT OF PORTLAND ENGINEERS
Says Improvement Is Needed On Coos Bay – Decision to Be Made on Site for Port Dock

A jetty must be built at the entrance of Coos Bay if it is to be made a harbor.

This was the positive statement of G. B. Hegart, engineer for the dock commission of Portland and the man who built the jetty at the mouth of the Columbia River. He is firm in his belief that jetty work for Coos Bay is necessary to make this the harbor that it should be and made the statement this afternoon shortly after arriving in the city.

Mr. Hegart was accompanied by James H. Polhemus, manager of the Port of Portland. Engineer Bartlett of Astoria who was expected did not arrive.

April 23, 1970

Quiet End To Bay’s Earth Day
Earth Day in Coos Bay wound up, not with a bang, but a whimper as a surprised and vocally dismayed group of 50-plus persons sat in the largely deserted Marshfield High School auditorium to hear the open forum comment on our decaying environment.

Apathy, disinterest, selfishness were some of the words several speakers chose to describe a major problem facing environmental recovery. Bill Lorsung, Environmental Committee member said the evening’s turnout indicated that small groups of interested persons will have to keep the pressure on state and local governments.

“In the end,” Lorsung said. “It will probably be small groups like us who are going to have to do the job for the apathetic majority.” Several others echoed this remark. Mark Pearce, president of a water pollution and fish preservation committee, told the audience the time had passed to fear employment risks for speaking out strongly on the environment issue.

Bay Area Medical Center Said Bargain

Investment of tax dollars in a new comprehensive medical care center for the Bay Area could prove to be one of the best bargains offered to area citizens, the Bay Area Hospital Committee claims.

The majority of residents are covered by health insurance in one form or another – through Social Security (Medicare and Medicaid), as fringe benefits negotiated with an employer, private coverage, etc.

Providing good hospital and medical care services in a single facility would be an investment to assure getting your money’s worth out of health insurance premiums, say Bay Area hospital proponents.

April 23, 2010

College goes green, saves money
For the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, students at Southwestern Oregon Community College received an opportunity they’ve never had before — a place to recycle their pop cans.

The college unveiled campuswide recycling receptacles this week, color-coded in blue, brown and green. The 28 indoor and four outdoor recycling bins represent one of many green efforts in a new college sustainability initiative.

Students, faculty and staff participated in beautification projects and an Earth Day art show. They were handed information on eco-friendly seafood Thursday, and Southwestern President Patty Scott announced several new programs focused on green technology, reducing waste and recycling.

A sustainability task force was formed last fall, she said, to help create a sustainable campus and to share the message with the community. The group includes students, faculty and staff.

A frog of a different color
Coquille boy finds rare blue frog

Having frogs in the house is nothing new for Tara Kissinger. Her son Zachery, 8, finds all sorts of amphibians, snakes and bugs outside their home on Sanford Heights in Coquille.

But she didn’t believe Zachery when he said he’d found a blue frog.

“I thought he was teasing me,” she recalled.

So Zachery went back outside and caught it. Sure enough, the little guy was light blue.

“I was like, ‘No way!’” she said.

Several species of poisonous blue frogs are native to the tropics, but this isn’t one of those. An expert at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif., said it’s likely a mutant Pacific chorus frog.

April 23, 2015

Women’s Health Coalition hosts annual walk

The Coos County Women’s Health Coalition will be hosting their seventh annual Let’s Walk & Talk Together — Stepping Up for Women’s Health Event, on Saturday, May 9. The free walk is open to everyone and takes place 9 a.m.-noon the Saturday before Mother’s Day at Mingus Park in Coos Bay.

The event will include a free community walk, guest speakers, exhibitor tables, demonstrations,

music, raffle prizes and more. Last year’s walk attracted more than 200 participants and 20 exhibitors.

The goal of the Women’s Health Coalition is to promote a healthy lifestyle for the women of Coos County.

The Walk & Talk event is supported with funding from the Coos Bay Area Zonta Service Foundation, Bay City Ambulances, Pacific Source, Southwestern Oregon Medical Society and the Women’s Health Coalition. Additional supporters include Southwestern Oregon Community College and the South Coast Striders.

These stories were found in the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum newspaper repository store in Marshfield HS courtesy of Coos Bay Schools and on The World newspaper website www.theworldlink.com.

DEATH NOTICE

Wanda Mae Labart - 92, of Broadbent, died April 21, 2020 in Broadbent. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524.

Angela Christina Stoddard - 45, of Myrtle Point, died April 17, 2020 in Myrtle Point. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service Myrtle Point Chapel 541-572-2524.

Delos “Bo” Henry Boboa - 88, of Coos Bay, passed away April 16, 2020 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

Invitations to Marketing parties overwhelm friend.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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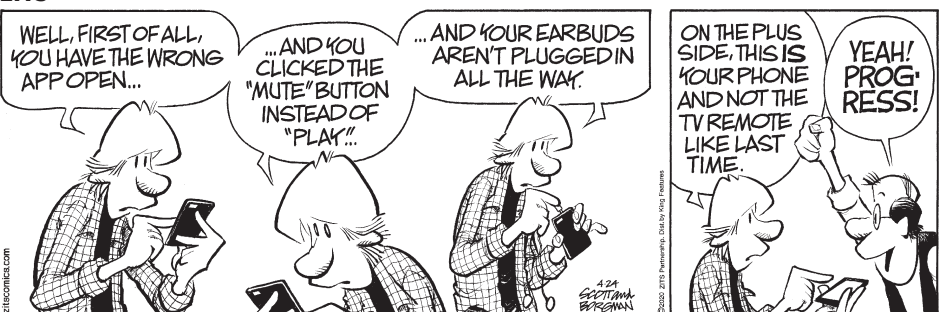
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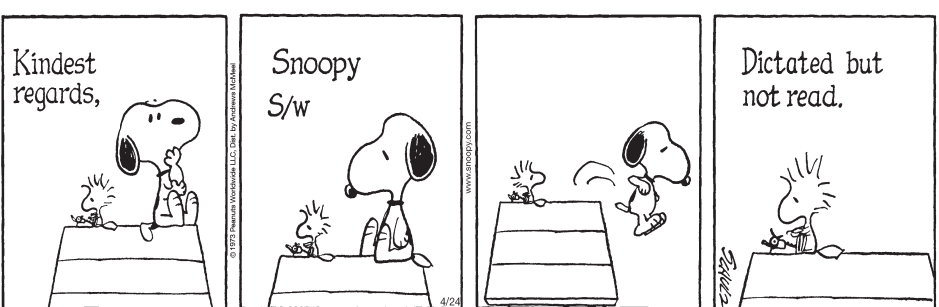
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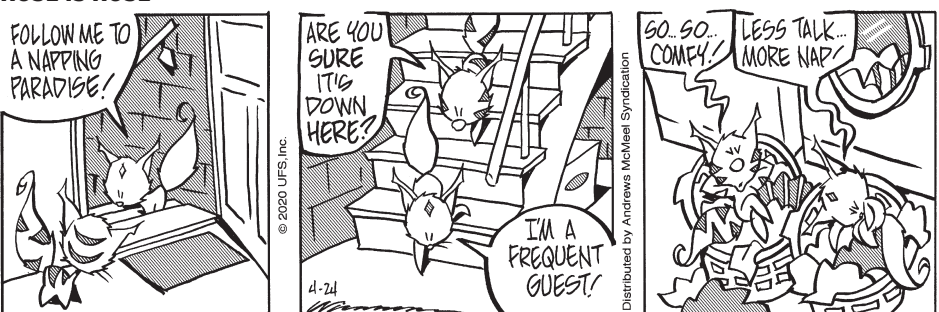
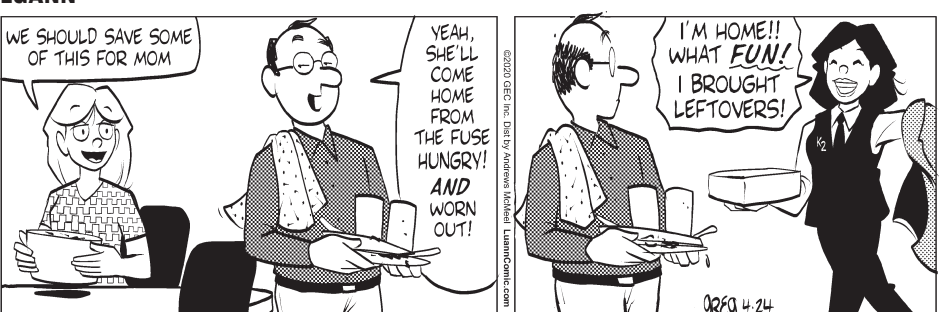
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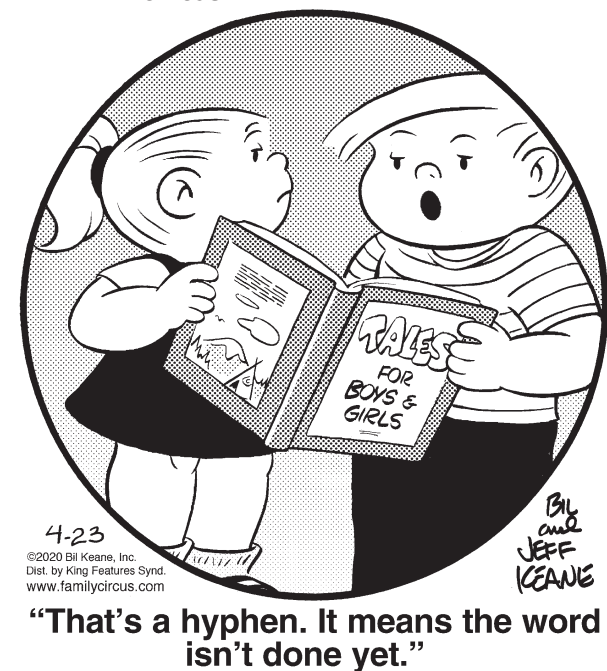
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Hotels serve as barracks for workers

NEW YORK (AP) — The tourists and conventioners who once filled the rooms of The New Yorker hotel are long gone, driven away by the coronavirus, but its lobby is still bustling.

The big, art-deco hotel in midtown Manhattan is one of several across the U.S. that have become barracks for an army of health care workers deployed to fight COVID-19.

“You come home, get your dinner, take a shower, get to sleep and then do it all over again the next day,” said physician assistant Shadoe Daniels, through his mask, in a ballroom converted into an intake area, where shoe sanitizing stations are a must-stop before guests head to the elevators.

The Honesdale, Pennsylvania, resident likened his workday to “going to war.”

More than 15,000 of the nation’s 56,000 hotels and motels are now offering rooms for emergency and health care workers, according to Chip Rogers, president of the American Hotel and Lodging Association.

Some health care workers have snagged free rooms at the Sophy Hyde Park hotel in Chicago or the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel New York.

Others, like Daniels, are being put up by staffing agencies hired to quickly bring reinforcements to overwhelmed hospitals.

At another time, hotels packed with out-of-town workers on a shared mission might have been buzzing like a college dorm, with nurses or doctors sharing drinks at the bar after shifts or heading out to a Broadway show.

But several healthcare workers staying at The New Yorker told The Associated Press that they are too exhausted after 12-hour workdays to do much more than shower, eat, exercise, read and sleep.

Shuttered bars, restaurants and businesses limit options.

Zuri Longoria, a nurse from Aransas Pass, Texas, said she relieves stress from tending to dying patients by chatting with other medical volunteers like herself.

“You can’t share that type of bond with anybody else,” Longoria said.

In the hotel’s ballroom, sanitizing materials rest on a table and prayer cards and handwritten well wishes from the community hang from a bulletin board. “Thank you for helping others in their time of need!” reads one.

One note acknowledged how inadequate words, prayers and small contributions seemed for the workers. “It’s not a lot and way less than you guys deserve! Please be safe!” it said.

Nathan Shapiro-Shellaby, a nurse anesthetist from Seattle, said he runs outdoors and meditates before boarding a shuttle bus for work at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, which has been ground zero for the crisis.

After work, he’s sharpening his Facetime and Zoom skills to maintain relationships.

“That’s been one of my favorite things to do to kind of release stress and hear about family and friends from all around the world,” Shapiro-Shellaby said.

Daniels said immediately after a shift he sanitizes his shoes, wipes down anything he carries with Clorox wipes and drops his clothing in a laundry bag at his room.

“Then I jump right in the shower. My bedroom is like COVID-free, as much as it can be,” Daniels said.

Daniels, Longoria and Shapiro-Shellaby were recruited to New York by Krucial Staffing, which advertised that three-week stints for 400 nurses starting in mid-April would pay \$10,000 per week.

Two cats in New York test positive for virus

NEW YORK (AP) — Two pet cats in New York state have tested positive for the coronavirus, marking the first confirmed cases in companion animals in the United States, federal officials said Wednesday.

The cats, which had mild respiratory illnesses and are expected to recover, are thought to have contracted the virus from people in their households or neighborhoods, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The finding, which comes after positive tests in some tigers and lions at the Bronx Zoo, adds to a small number of confirmed cases of the virus in animals worldwide.

U.S. authorities, including the nation’s top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, say that while it appears some animals can get the virus from people, there’s no indication pets are transmitting it to human beings.

“Now, obviously, is that impossible? I mean, biologically, no, anything is possible,” Fauci said. “But there’s no evidence whatsoever that we’ve seen from an epidemiological standpoint that pets can be transmitters within a household.”

Dr. Casey Barton Behravesh, a CDC official who works on human-animal health connections, stressed that there’s no need for pet owners to panic, or rush to test their animals.

“We don’t want people to be afraid of pets,” Barton Behravesh said. “There’s no evidence that pets are playing a role in spreading this disease to people.”

Still, the CDC is recommending that people prevent their pets from interacting with people or animals outside their homes -- by keeping cats indoors and dogs out of dog parks, for instance.

Coronavirus testing for pets isn’t recommended unless an animal has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 and the animal has symptoms of the disease — and tests have ruled out more common possible causes, said Dr. Jane Rooney of the USDA. Veterinarians who think testing is warranted are supposed to contact state officials to decide.

Barton Behravesh said the animal tests are done at veterinary labs and use different chemicals than human tests, which have been in short supply during the crisis.

Poll finds few Americans favor easing protections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans remain overwhelmingly in favor of stay-at-home orders and other efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus, a new survey finds, even as small pockets of attention-grabbing protests demanding the lifting of such restrictions emerge nationwide.

The survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research also finds that a majority of Americans say it won’t be safe to lift social distancing guidelines anytime soon, running counter to the choice of a handful of governors who have announced plans to ease within days the public health efforts that have upended daily life and roiled the global economy.

More than a month after schoolyards fell silent, restaurant tables and bar stools emptied, and waves from a safe distance replaced hugs and handshakes, the country largely believes restrictions on social interaction to curb the spread of the virus are appropriate.

Only 12% of Americans say the measures where they live go too far. About twice as many people, 26%, believe the limits don’t go far enough. The majority of Americans — 61% — feel the steps taken by government officials to prevent infections of COVID-19 in their area are about right.

About 8 in 10 Americans say they support measures that include requiring Americans to stay in their homes and limiting gatherings to 10 people or fewer — numbers that have largely held steady over the past few weeks.

“We haven’t begun to flatten the curve yet. We’re still ramping up in the number of cases and the number of deaths,” said Laura McCullough, 47, a college physics professor from Menomonie, Wisconsin. “We’re still learning about what it can do, and if we’re still learning about what it can do, this isn’t going to be the time to let people go out and get back to their life.”

While the poll reveals that the feelings behind the protests that materialized in the past week or so in battleground states such as Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin are held by only a small fraction of Americans, it does find signs that Republicans are, like President Donald Trump, becoming more bullish on reopening aspects of public life.

Just 36% of Republicans now say they strongly favor requiring Americans to stay home during the outbreak, compared with 51% who said so in late March. While majorities of Democrats and Republicans think current restrictions where they live are about right, Republicans are roughly four times as likely as Democrats to think restrictions in place go too far — 22% to 5%.

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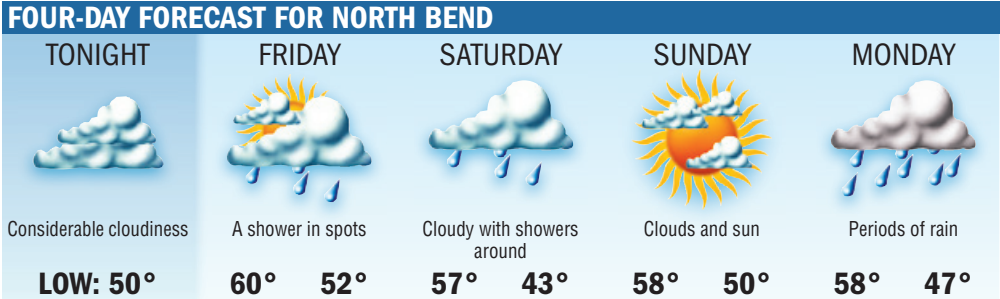
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North Bend yesterday	
TEMPERATURE	
High/low	60°/48°
Normal high/low	56°/44°
Record high	69° in 1995
Record low	34° in 1972
PRECIPITATION	
Yesterday	0.38"
Year to date	17.26"
Last year to date	36.78"
Normal year to date	29.95"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	8:10 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:20 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	7:26 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	9:59 p.m.

















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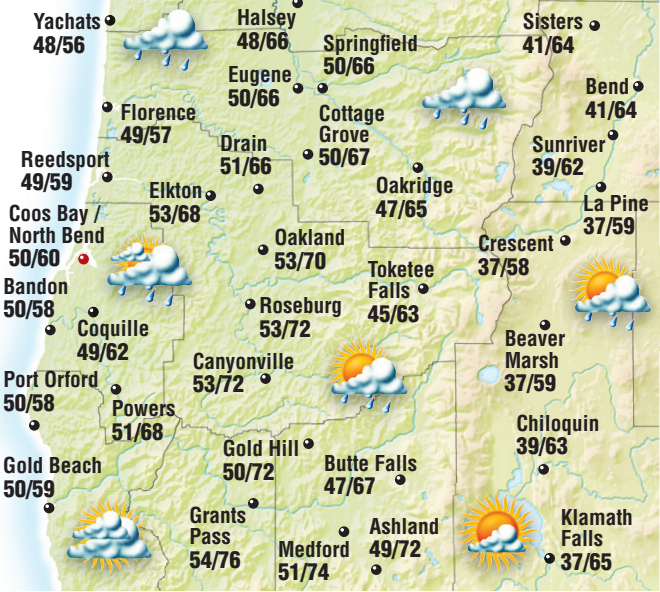
OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Fri.
Hi/Lo	Prec.	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	54/45 0.16	60/49/c
Burns	59/30 0.06	64/33/c
Brookings	54/46 0.99	60/49/c
Corvallis	61/46 0.16	66/50/sh
Eugene	64/47 0.19	66/52/sh
Klamath Falls	59/34 0.09	65/37/pc
La Grande	59/37 0.05	59/38/pc
Medford	59/47 0.25	74/50/pc
Newport	52/45 0.34	57/49/c
Pendleton	64/39 0.06	66/44/pc
Portland	60/49 0.18	66/51/c
Redmond	62/37 0.12	66/38/c
Roseburg	66/50 0.12	72/53/c
Salem	58/43 0.17	66/49/c
The Dalles	60/47 0.17	67/46/pc

REGIONAL FORECASTS

South Coast		Curry Co. Coast		Rogue Valley		Willamette Valley		Portland Area		North Coast		Central Oregon	
Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.	Tonight	Fri.
													
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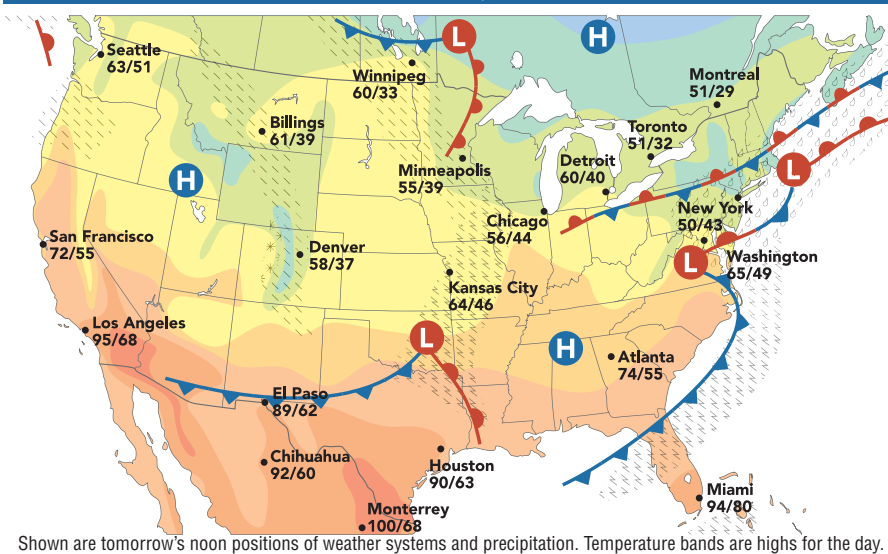
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.



TIDES

Location	High	ft.	Friday	Low	ft.	High	ft.	Saturday	Low	ft.
Bandon	1:14 a.m.	6.9	7:55 a.m.	-0.2	1:41 a.m.	6.9	8:30 a.m.	-0.3		
	2:14 p.m.	5.9	7:47 p.m.	2.2	2:56 p.m.	5.8	8:18 p.m.	2.6		
Charleston	1:19 a.m.	7.6	7:53 a.m.	-0.2	1:46 a.m.	7.6	8:28 a.m.	-0.3		
	2:19 p.m.	6.4	7:45 p.m.	2.3	3:01 p.m.	6.3	8:16 p.m.	2.7		
Coos Bay	2:45 a.m.	7.3	9:21 a.m.	-0.1	3:12 a.m.	7.3	9:56 a.m.	-0.2		
	3:45 p.m.	6.2	9:13 p.m.	2.1	4:27 p.m.	6.0	9:44 p.m.	2.4		
Florence	2:03 a.m.	6.5	8:51 a.m.	-0.1	2:30 a.m.	6.5	9:26 a.m.	-0.2		
	3:03 p.m.	5.5	8:43 p.m.	1.9	3:45 p.m.	5.4	9:14 p.m.	2.2		
Port Orford	12:53 a.m.	7.1	7:38 a.m.	-0.1	1:19 a.m.	7.2	8:13 a.m.	-0.2		
	2:03 p.m.	5.9	7:23 p.m.	2.5	2:46 p.m.	5.7	7:53 p.m.	2.8		
Reedsport	2:27 a.m.	7.4	9:08 a.m.	0.0	2:57 a.m.	7.4	9:45 a.m.	-0.1		
	3:23 p.m.	6.3	9:05 p.m.	2.2	4:05 p.m.	6.2	9:38 p.m.	2.5		
Half Moon Bay	1:25 a.m.	7.0	8:04 a.m.	-0.1	1:53 a.m.	7.0	8:38 a.m.	-0.1		
	2:26 p.m.	6.0	7:56 p.m.	2.2	3:07 p.m.	5.8	8:27 p.m.	2.5		

NATIONAL FORECAST



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



NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)

National high: 102° at Falfurrias, TX

National low: 3° at Spincich Lake, MI

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.	City	Fri.	Sat.
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	75/46/pc	77/52/s	Fargo	60/41/c	57/40/sh	Pittsburgh	60/42/sh	63/47/r
Anchorage	48/36/pc	48/33/s	Flagstaff	70/35/s	73/39/s	Pocatello	60/34/pc	67/42/pc
Atlanta	74/55/pc	76/53/c	Fresno	87/60/s	89/59/pc	Portland, ME	48/35/r	54/38/pc
Atlantic City	55/47/r	55/48/pc	Green Bay	48/37/c	51/36/c	Providence	48/37/r	61/41/pc
Austin	94/62/s	82/54/s	Hartford, CT	50/36/r	64/40/pc	Raleigh	80/52/pc	72/56/t
Baltimore	62/47/r	62/49/pc	Helena	62/38/pc	70/42/pc	Rapid City	61/35/c	63/36/pc
Billings	61/39/pc	68/45/pc	Honolulu	83/72/pc	82/71/pc	Redding	86/57/pc	84/53/c
Birmingham	77/57/pc	73/52/pc	Houston	90/63/s	84/60/s	Reno	77/50/pc	79/45/pc
Boise	63/44/pc	72/46/c	Indianapolis	67/50/c	60/43/r	Richmond, VA	76/48/sh	66/51/t
Boston	46/38/r	53/41/pc	Kansas City	64/46/r	68/45/pc	Sacramento	89/60/s	86/56/pc
Buffalo	51/35/c	60/44/c	Key West	89/82/pc	88/80/pc	St. Louis	72/54/r	61/45/r
Burlington, VT	54/30/pc	57/37/c	Las Vegas	88/69/s	93/70/pc	Salt Lake City	63/46/pc	70/54/pc
Caribou, ME	51/26/pc	51/26/pc	Lexington	66/50/c	63/45/r	San Angelo	92/52/s	81/50/s
Casper	56/29/pc	62/38/c	Little Rock	76/55/t	72/49/pc	San Diego	82/65/s	79/64/s
Charleston, SC	82/57/pc	80/58/t	Los Angeles	95/68/s	91/64/s	San Francisco	72/55/s	68/53/pc
Charleston, WV	65/47/sh	67/50/r	Louisville	71/55/c	66/48/r	San Jose	83/57/s	77/53/pc
Charlotte, NC	79/55/pc	75/53/t	Madison	52/39/c	53/35/r	Santa Fe	70/38/pc	75/44/s
Cheyenne	52/33/pc	58/37/c	Memphis	76/59/pc	71/52/c	Seattle	63/51/pc	62/45/sh
Chicago	56/44/sh	52/40/r	Miami	94/80/s	92/80/t	Sioux Falls	65/39/t	66/41/pc
Cincinnati	67/49/c	63/46/r	Milwaukee	47/40/c	47/38/r	Spokane	59/42/s	61/38/sh
Cleveland	51/39/pc	60/43/r	Minneapolis	55/39/sh	62/39/c	Springfield, IL	70/50/r	58/42/r
Colorado Spgs	57/37/pc	65/40/pc	Missoula	59/37/pc	65/40/pc	Springfield, MA	49/33/r	64/38/pc
Columbus, OH	62/43/c	61/43/r	Nashville	73/55/pc	68/49/sh	Syracuse	54/34/r	62/43/c
Concord, NH	52/29/r	63/35/pc	New Orleans	85/67/s	85/66/s	Tampa	81/73/t	86/74/t
Dallas	87/57/s	77/54/s	New York City	50/43/r	60/46/pc	Toledo	61/42/pc	58/40/r
Dayton	63/47/c	61/44/r	Norfolk, VA	77/53/c	62/56/pc	Trenton	50/40/r	61/44/pc
Daytona Beach	80/66/t	85/67/t	Oklahoma City	70/46/t	72/48/s	Tucson	94/63/s	98/63/s
Denver	58/37/pc	63/44/c	Olympia, WA	64/46/c	62/38/sh	Tulsa	69/49/r	73/49/s
Des Moines	64/45/r	64/42/c	Omaha	67/43/r	69/43/pc	Washington, DC	65/49/r	63/51/pc
Detroit	60/40/pc	57/39/r	Orlando	83/71/t	87/72/t	W. Palm Beach	94/74/t	90/76/t
El Paso	89/62/s	88/62/s	Philadelphia	54/44/r	64/48/pc	Wichita	67/45/r	73/46/s
Fairbanks	39/17/pc	40/18/s	Phoenix	99/71/s	101/73/s	Wilmington, DE	55/45/r	63/47/pc

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

Rescue

From A1

to reach the stricken craft, the quiet wind and swell making for a “real easy ride.”

But once they arrived, the weather turned. “The wind picked up and that’s when it got difficult,” he said. “It slowed us down.”

As they readied to tow Ocean Faith back to Coos Bay, McDermott’s crew saw the sun go down. They saw it rise again before the rescue effort was completed.

“Being in charge of the boat ... it’s nerve-racking when you’re out there,” McDermott said. “When the weather



Contributed photo

U.S. Coast Guard rescued commercial vessel “Ocean Faith” last week.

turned, you get nervous. But it’s nothing you can’t handle.”

He credited his USCG training for a successful mission. “I believe

whatever we encounter, this prepared us for the next time.”

Virus

From A1

rus from the first individual that tested positive.

Shutter Creek is one of three correctional facilities in the state that has reported positive cases. Santiam Correctional Institution has reported four adults in custody have tested positive for the virus in addition to six employees. Four employees at the Oregon State Penitentiary have tested positive as well.

Congregate settings,

such as this minimum security facility, have been hotbeds for the virus throughout the country. At Shutter Creek, the approximately 300 adults in custody are divided into three dorms of about 100 each where they spend most of their days. One inmate described that while sitting on his bed he was within five feet of about 12 other adults in custody.

Employees and inmates have been given access to masks and have their temperatures checked on a regular basis.

Ties might hamper appeal to voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joe Biden’s tenure as Barack Obama’s vice president is complicating his efforts to deepen ties with Latinos who could be critical to winning the White House.

For many Latinos, Biden’s embrace of the Obama years is a frightening reminder of when the former president ejected about 3 million people living in the U.S. illegally, earning him the moniker of “deporter in chief.”

That’s one reason Latinos overwhelmingly

backed Bernie Sanders during the Democratic primary. But with the Vermont senator out of the race and Biden left as the presumptive Democratic nominee, Latinos face an agonizing choice. They could look past Biden’s resume and vote for him or sit out the election and risk another four years of President Donald Trump, who escalated his hard-line stance this week with an executive order freezing some immigration into the U.S. during the coronavirus pandemic.

“The ‘Let’s go back to how things were’ for people who feel like they have a boot on their neck, it’s not always that compelling,” said Marisa Franco, director and co-founder of the Latino activist group Mijente, which made its first-ever endorsement when it backed Sanders for president.

The record number of deportations under Obama came as his administration sought to show it was serious about enforcement while waiting on Congress to ap-

prove an overhaul to the immigration system. But in the process, it deported a large percentage of people without criminal records, even while publicly saying its priority was removing criminals from the country.

Obama eventually gave up on Congress and changed tactics, extending temporary legal protections to young immigrants through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, which is still being challenged in federal court.

Hospital

From A1

visits through Umpqua Connect.”

Telehealth service is health care provided through electronic

communications. There are real-time interactions available between a patient and provider with audio and video programs, as well as communicating with email or other options.

“In some cases, both communication methods

are ideal for delivering exceptional patient care,” states the Umpqua Health Alliance.

Dunes Family Health Care and the LUH Retail Pharmacy have also changed their hours. The Health Care office will be open Monday-Friday

from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. with the pharmacy open from Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Rehabilitation Department is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Reedsport Medical

Clinic, the LUH Specialty Clinic, the Walk-In Clinic, and the LUH Cafe are closed to the public until further notice.

“We are experiencing unprecedented times which brings unwelcomed decisions,” said Fowler. “We look forward to

bringing our staff back once we are able to resume normal operations.”

More information is available on the District’s website at lowerumpquahealth.org. Information on telehealth can be found at www.umpquahealth.com.

Storms

From A1

floodwaters, DeSoto Parish Sheriff Jayson Richardson told The Shreveport Times.

“There was some pretty extreme flooding here in Mansfield. Water like I’ve not seen in many, many years, if ever,” the

sheriff told the newspaper. “Basically the water rose really fast and we had to rescue some people out of homes. I think we had about 20 or so homes that people were flooded in.”

A woman was killed on a bridge in Woodworth, Louisiana, 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Alexandria, due to the severe weather, the Rapides

Parish Sheriff’s Office told KALB-TV. The sheriff’s office did not provide detail on how she died.

At least three people were killed when apparent tornado touched down in southeast Texas about 6 p.m. Wednesday near Oklahoma, about 75 miles (120 kilometers) north of Houston, the Polk County Emergency Management

System said in a statement. The storm also caused severe damage to homes and other structures in Seven Oaks, said Carrie Miller, a spokeswoman for Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy.

Charles Stephens of Onalaska told the Houston Chronicle that he and his wife were holed up in their bathroom when a

large pine tree fell through their roof during the storms Wednesday night.

“It took me 45 minutes to climb through the roof to get out,” Stephens said, adding that he had to use a hatchet to get his wife out of the debris.

The Alexandria campus of Louisiana State University also saw some damage from the storm.

The university tweeted, “All resident students safe. There is damage to DeWitt Livestock building and a camper flipped over.” The campus was also left without power.

A National Weather Service team will be dispatched to survey damage and to confirm whether the storms were tornadoes.

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes:		
Stock	Close	8:30
Frontier	.23	.24
Intel	60.10	60.02
Kroger	32.31	32.33
Microsoft	173.52	174.33

Nike	88.77	89.25
NW Natural	63.78	63.49
Skywest	23.39	25.03
Starbucks	77.46	75.87
Umpqua Hldgs	10.55	10.56
Weyerhaeuser	19.02	19.38

Xerox	17.09	17.36
Levi Strauss	12.59	12.62
Dow Jones closed at	23,475.82	
Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		

LOTTERY

MegaMillions
April 21
13-15-24-67-70
Megaball: 17
Multiplier: x2
Jackpot: \$174 million

Powerball
April 22
1-33-35-40-69
Powerball: 24
Multiplier: x5
Jackpot: \$37 million

SPORTS

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Woods and Mickelson will play for charity

Manning and Brady will join in two-on-two match in May

DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson are ready for a made-for-TV rematch at a time when fans are craving live action.

And this time, they'll have company.

Turner Sports says quarterbacks Tom Brady and Peyton Manning will join them for a

two-on-two match sometime in May. Missing from the announcement were such details as when and where the match would be played, except that tournament organizers would work with government and health officials to meet safety and health standards.

Turner said all donations and fundraising from "The Match: Champions for Charity" would benefit relief efforts for the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event will be televised on TNT, with social and digital content leading up and during the event available through Bleacher Report and House of Highlights.

"It's on now," Mickelson tweeted Wednesday afternoon responding to Bleacher Report.

He added that he would be paired with Brady, saying:

"After feeling the sting of defeat the first time around, Looks like @TigerWoods is bringing a ringer to The Match (#PeytonManning). I'm bringing a GOAT. @TomBrady — Ready to hit bombs?"

The first match over Thanksgiving weekend in November 2018 was supposed to be pay-per-view, except that technical difficulties allowed everyone to watch.

It lacked some of wild bets both players had teased, and the trash

talking was forced at times. Mickelson ended up winning the \$9 million winner-take-all purse in a wedge contest under the lights when the matched ended in a tie.

Live golf was last seen on television March 12, the first round of The Players Championship as developments with the new coronavirus accelerated at such a rate that sports began shutting down.

The PGA Tour first decided not to have fans at the TPC Sawgrass, then canceled its premier event, and then began canceling or postponing all tournaments across each of its tours.

Woods was not at The Players.

The defending Masters champion has not played since he finished last in his Genesis Invitational at Riviera on Feb. 16. Saying his back did not feel ready, Woods chose not to play the Mexico Championship, the Arnold Palmer Invitational and The Players Championship.

Woods and Manning have played together in pro-ams on the PGA Tour.

The Palm Beach Post has reported that Brady, who recently signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, has joined fabled Seminole Golf Club in south Florida.

Prospects ready for NFL draft at homes

JOE REEDY
The Associated Press

Yetur Gross-Matos would have liked to have been in Las Vegas for the NFL draft on Thursday night, but the Penn State defensive lineman is OK participating from home.

Gross-Matos is one of 58 prospects who will take part remotely in the draft, which has gone virtual this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. The players received video kits from the NFL that will record their reactions to being selected, whether it is during the first round on Thursday, second or third rounds on Friday, or during the remaining four rounds on Saturday.

"I would have liked to go to the draft because it would have been a great experience. But being at home with a few people and family is more comfortable," said Gross-Matos, who will be watching from his home in Fredericksburg, Virginia, with his mom, dad, brother, girlfriend and trainer.

The kits sent to prospects include two Verizon phones, two light stands, a pair of tripods, a headset for interviews and a microphone. One of the phone cameras will be on the entire time until the player is selected while another will be used for interviews with ESPN/NFL Network, Commissioner Roger Goodell and with the teams that pick them.

The package also includes hats from all 32 teams, so the players can put on the right one after they're selected.

The NFL had the prospects run a test Tuesday in which they called in and showed their setups and ensured the connections were stable. Gross-Matos said he has both cameras set up in his living room. One will be focused on where he will be sitting to capture his reactions. He has positioned the other next to a window for a more picturesque setting when he is being interviewed. Most mock drafts have Gross-Matos being selected in the first round.

The draft is yet another step in what has become a virtual process since the onset of the pandemic shortly after the NFL combine. With pro days canceled and teams not sending anyone on the road, most of the pre-draft interviews have been done on Zoom or FaceTime.

"It has been a little odd forming connections with people, but as it kept going on I took it as an educational process," Gross-Matos said.

Michelle McKenna, the NFL's chief information officer, said prospects have had an easier time adjusting to things being done virtually.

"You don't have to tell them how to mute or unmute a phone because they know how to do it. The only issues have been making sure the framing and lighting were going to be right," she said.

What viewers will see during the draft required building out a massive technical infrastructure over just a few weeks. Some of it already existed because of the amount of video transmitted during games, but this is more

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Coquille High School graduate McKenna Wilson will compete in track for Southern Oregon University.

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SWOCC shortstop signs with art school

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — Adam Inouye was off to a phenomenal start in this sophomore season for Southwestern Oregon Community College's baseball team this spring when the coronavirus pandemic ended the season prematurely.

"This year, we had an amazing start," Inouye said of the Lakers, who won eight of their first 12 games. "I really loved the group of guys. We were just starting to get comfortable with each other."

Understandably, the end of the season was particularly frustrating for Inouye, who returned home to Vancouver, British Columbia, when SWOCC closed its on-campus learning for the rest of the school year.

But things are looking up for the future for Inouye, who will extend his career at Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Inouye signed a letter of intent to play for the Urban Knights starting in the fall.

Because the spring season was cut short, Inouye will have three seasons with Academy of Art University.

"I really like the unique academic part of the school," he said. "They really focus on the social media arts. They are a really good communications school."

Academy of Art University, he also noted, is the art school with an NCAA baseball program — the Urban Knights play at the



Contributed Photo

Southwestern Oregon Community College shortstop Adam Inouye signed his letter of intent to play for Academy of Art University at his former Little League field in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Division II level.

Inouye had a lot of momentum early in the NWAC season this spring. He had 13 walks in the 12 games, which led all of NWAC, and also was hit by pitch twice and scored nine runs. He also led NWAC with eight stolen bases.

"Since I'm not the biggest person on the field, I've been trying to work on my speed, either with my hands in fielding or working on takeoffs," said Inouye, who even studied

track and field techniques to give him the best advantage.

As good as he was getting on base, Inouye's biggest strength has always been fielding.

"He is a high-, high-caliber defensive player," SWOCC coach David Deutschman said. "I haven't coached an infielder that is as well-rounded in the dirt as Adam."

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Brothers help Herbert prepare

ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

Like every other NFL draft prospect, Oregon QB Justin Herbert found himself scrambling when the coronavirus outbreak forced school closures and stay-at-home restrictions across the country.

In his garage a mile from Autzen Stadium, where the Eugene native set passing records for the Ducks, Herbert has continued his daily weightlifting regimen along with hour-long throwing sessions a few blocks up the road.

All thanks to his two brothers who are living at home with him and serving as his spotters and route runners.

Mitchell, 23, played wide receiver at Montana State and Patrick 19, was a redshirt freshman tight end with the Ducks last season.

“It’s definitely been a tough situation with the virus and everything that’s going on and we’re doing our best to stay safe and stay inside,” Herbert said Wednesday.

“Fortunately, I’ve got two brothers who have been able to catch passes from me. There’s a big field up by my house and we’re able to walk up there and go throw.”

Expected to be a top-five pick, Herbert said the unusual circumstances haven’t tapered his preparation for the NFL.

“It’s been great to be with my family and with my brothers, to be able to share these past couple of months with them,” Herbert said. “It’s been a lot of



The Associated Press
Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert passes against Wisconsin during first half of the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

fun and fortunately we’ve gotten a lot of work in and we’ve been able to do everything we’ve needed to.”

Herbert figures he’ll be going through the same daily workout routine for a while longer because NFL teams are prohibited from gathering or practicing together during the pandemic. So, rookies will have to study remotely, like the millions of students who are now learning online.

“I think Oregon’s got some plans to maybe start opening late May, early June,” Herbert said. “But for the time being, that’s probably how I’ll have to get my work in. I think for the foreseeable future, I’ll have to be doing that.”

Herbert’s routine has brought a sense of normalcy to an unusual lead-up to the draft, which will be conducted via video conferencing instead of in Las Vegas as originally planned.

“I would say maybe the cameras in my living room right now are probably pretty strange,” Herbert said. “Because we’re not having it in Vegas, we’re having it in my house. And we’ve had to set that up. My brother was in charge of that. So, it’s been a little strange, but we’re getting used to it.”

Herbert is one of the top quarterbacks in the draft, while LSU QB and Heisman Trophy winner Joe Burrow is the consensus No. 1 pick.

Herbert could have turned pro a year ago but decided to return for his senior season.

“I wanted to become a better quarterback, better leader, better friend,” Herbert said. “There’s so much that I can improve on and this year gave me that and I’m really glad I decided to come back.”

Herbert threw for 3,471 yards with 32 touchdowns

and six interceptions in leading the Ducks (12-2) to a Pac-12 championship. He scored three rushing touchdowns in a win over Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl and was the MVP of the Senior Bowl.

“No regrets at all. I’m 100 percent sure that I made the right decision and if I were given that decision again, I’d make the same one,” Herbert said.

Herbert said he kept an eye on NFL free agency with so many quarterbacks on the move or still job hunting.

“Free agency has always been something that I’ve watched just because I’m a fan of football,” Herbert said. “But with the draft and everything, I really don’t have any control over where I’m going, so I can’t get too involved with it. And whatever happens happens; I’m going to make the best of wherever I go.”

Expect quarterbacks to go early in draft

BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

Talk about virtual drafts, what is a mock draft, really? Make believe.

The upcoming NFL remote draft beginning Thursday night has a touch of irony to it. The producers of said mock drafts rarely are even remotely accurate.

That said, here’s one view of what might happen in the opening round. This mock draft does not include trades, of which there could be several. Sticking with the existing grid, the Colts, Steelers, Bears, Rams, Bills and Texans don’t have a selection.

1. Cincinnati: Bengals can’t possibly bungle this pick, right? Last time they took franchise quarterback with top overall selection, in 2003, it worked out pretty well with Carson Palmer ... **JOE BURROW**, QB, LSU

2. Washington: Best player in this draft is Chase Young. Redskins will get lots of offers, especially from teams seeking QB. If they aren’t tempted enough, they go with chalk ... **CHASE YOUNG**, EDGE/LB, OHIO STATE

3. Detroit: Lions will get even more pressure to deal this spot with two highly regarded quarterbacks available. Guess what: Matthew Stafford comes off major injury, has gotten beaten down through years, and has difficult family issues. So whether they trade it or keep it ... **TUA TAGOVAILOA**, QB, ALABAMA

4. New York Giants: So many needs, but hard to see Giants ignoring stud linebacker with winning credentials to build defense around ... **ISAIAH SIMMONS**, LB, CLEMSON

5. Miami: Dolphins supposedly were tanking for Tua last year, yet won enough games to fall to fifth in the order. That

doesn’t mean they will ignore a passer here ... **JUSTIN HERBERT**, QB, OREGON

6. Los Angeles Chargers: Having missed out on top three QBs, Chargers are dumbfounded. They will attempt to trade down for more picks and still get a passer later on. If not, how about the best defensive back in this draft, even though it’s not major need? ... **JEFF OKUDAH**, CB, OHIO STATE

7. Carolina: New coach Matt Rhule has retooled offense in free agency, now dedicates first of many choices to defense ... **DERRICK BROWN**, DL, AUBURN

8. Arizona: Just like Panthers, Cardinals must dive deep into defensive picks, but not here. They address major hole on offensive line with ... **JEDRICK WILLS**, OT, ALABAMA

9. Jacksonville: First of two opening-round picks for rebuilding Jags, who can get desired offensive tackle later on and address D here ... **JAVON KINLAW**, DL, SOUTH CAROLINA

10. Cleveland: Browns would love to get left tackle here. They haven’t been secure there since Joe Thomas, the best player at the position of last decade, hung it up ... **MEKHI BECTON**, OT, LOUISVILLE

11. New York Jets: GM Joe Douglas has vowed to get protector and playmaker for QB Sam Darnold. Best wideout in this deep draft at that position is available, and coach Adam Gase is drooling. But the quality of blockers in second next round is too much lower to pass on ... **TRISTAN WIRFS**, OT, IOWA

12. Las Vegas: Raiders also will select at No. 19. Packaging their two picks to move up is not out of question, but going here will net them ... **JERRY JEUDY**, WR, ALABAMA

13. San Francisco (from Indianapolis): How nice. Go to Super Bowl, then make deal for this spot to go with later pick. Niners want dynamic target for Jimmy Garoppolo to go with

last year’s breakthrough rookie, Deebo Samuel ... **HENRY RUGGS III**, WR, ALABAMA

14. Tampa Bay: That soon-to-be 43-year-old quarterback who came in from up north will appreciate this left tackle as bodyguard ... **ANDREW THOMAS**, OT, GEORGIA

15. Denver: Broncos had productive second half of 2019, believe they can push toward top of AFC West dominated by Chiefs. Dynamic playmaker helps ... **CEEDEE LAMB**, WR, OKLAHOMA

16. Atlanta: Pass rush has disappeared, as has most of Atlanta’s defense. Dan Quinn’s job depends on quick turnaround by that unit ... **K’LAVON CHAISSON**, EDGE, LSU

17. Dallas: Cowboys also are in market for someone to get to opposing QBs, and also could use boost in secondary. Regardless, they go defense here ... **C.J. HENDERSON**, CB, FLORIDA

18. Miami (from Pittsburgh): Dolphins got their passer, and with their second of trio of first-rounders, they can’t pass on protection for Herbert — from one of his college opponents no less ... **AUSTIN JACKSON**, OT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

19. Las Vegas (from Chicago): Having grabbed outside threat at receiver, it’s time for Mike Mayock and Jon Gruden to fill hole at linebacker. Some might see this as reach. We don’t ... **PATRICK QUEEN**, LB, LSU

20. Jacksonville (from Los Angeles Rams): Time for that offensive tackle mentioned above for Jags ... **JOSH JONES**, OT, HOUSTON

21. Philadelphia: Eagles showed tons of gumption winning NFC East with battered roster. They’ve made plenty of offseason changes, and find need for fast guys: cornerbacks and wideouts. Go with D-back here ... **A.J. TERRELL**, CB, CLEMSON

22. Minnesota (from Buffalo): Pick acquired for WR Stefon Diggs, which could wind up in replacement for Diggs ...

JUSTIN JEFFERSON, WR, LSU

23. New England: Grab QB of future here with Tom Brady off to Tampa? Patriots coach believes he could win with Ryan Leaf ... **KENNETH MURRAY**, LB, OKLAHOMA

24. New Orleans: Few teams have as talented a roster as Saints. So they can look ahead at their most important offensive position ... **JORDAN LOVE**, QB, UTAH STATE

25. Minnesota: With Diggs replaced, time to address secondary. Another Crimson Tide standout in this spot — and Diggs’ younger brother to boot ... **TREVON DIGGS**, CB, ALABAMA

26. Miami (from Houston): Dolphins’ third selection following QB Herbert and tackle Jackson. Time to grab defensive help ... **YETUR GROSS-MATOS**, EDGE, PENN STATE

27. Seattle: Last decade’s best coach-GM combo was Pete Carroll and John Schneider. Their first pick of this decade is ... **TEE HIGGINS**, WR, CLEMSON

28. Baltimore: NFL’s top team in regular season has few weaknesses. One worth looking at is linebacker, where there’s no Ray Lewis or Terrell Suggs on board ... **ZACK BAUN**, LB, WISCONSIN

29. Tennessee: After falling one win short of AFC title, Mike Vrabel bolsters defense. That could be on Titans line now without Jurrell Casey, or secondary missing Logan Ryan ... **KRISTIAN FULTON**, CB, LSU

30. Green Bay: Real nice value pick here for Packers’ defense ... **A.J. EPEÑESA**, EDGE, IOWA

31. San Francisco: Another chance to enhance strong roster. With Ruggs in hand, future replacement for standout LT Joe Staley might make sense but also is reach. Instead ... **ROSS BLACKLOCK**, DT, TCU

32. Kansas City: Super Bowl champs, after 50-year drought, know they need help in backfield behind Patrick Mahomes ... **D’ANDRE SWIFT**, RB, GEORGIA

Draft

From B1

extensive due to the more than 100 feeds coming in from prospects, general managers, coaches and fans. Three call centers have been set up to serve as the main point of communication before they are transferred to the ESPN/NFL Network production center in Bristol, Connecticut, to be interviewed.

“I’ve done a lot in my career and I thought nothing would ever top the

challenges of being part of the team for the (design and launch of) Wizarding World of Harry Potter (at Universal Studios Orlando). This tops that,” said McKenna, who has been with the NFL since 2012. “The coordination of building and testing while setting it up in three weeks has been incredible. There isn’t a lot of time to talk through changes.”

McKenna said her department has been in contact with internet providers in prospects’ hometowns to make sure there is increased bandwidth to avoid lags or delays. They also

monitored last Friday’s WNBA draft, also done in a virtual format, to see how interviews went.

“We realize it is going to be a unique opportunity to feel that we are staying home and being safe. We want it to be authentic instead of overdressing it with backdrops or other things,” she said.

Coaches and general managers also received a kit, but it includes only one phone which will always be on. While the information technology departments of teams have put in overtime to ensure

homes are set up for the draft, not much rewiring was required in Goodell’s basement, where the commissioner will set up during the draft.

Goodell’s home in Bronxville, New York, has plenty of televisions in the basement for him to watch games on weekends when he isn’t traveling.

“One of the fun things has been seeing how relaxed he (Goodell) has been throughout the process,” McKenna said. “He recognizes it is a special moment in history and we can do something unique.”

Sports Briefs

BASKETBALL

Famed Notre Dame coach McGraw retires

Two years removed from winning her second national championship, Muffet McGraw retired as coach of Notre Dame on Wednesday.

The Hall of Fame coach has a resume that includes two national championships in 33 seasons at the school, a surprising decision to many of the countless players and coaches she has influenced on and off the court as a mentor and advocate for women.

Former Fighting Irish player and longtime assistant coach Niele Ivey will return to take over for McGraw. She was on the Memphis Grizzlies staff last year after 17 seasons at Notre Dame.

TENNIS

Federer calls for combining tours

Roger Federer used a string of tweets Wednesday to call for the merger of the governing bodies for the men’s and women’s professional tennis tours, sparking a conversation among players and fans.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion’s com-

ments drew plenty of support, including from rival Rafael Nadal and 12-time major singles champion Billie Jean King, who founded the WTA and has long said men and women should share one tour.

“Am I the only one thinking that now is the time for men’s and women’s tennis to be united and come together as one?” Federer wrote, leading to a flurry of responses online.

The professional era in tennis started in 1968, and the ATP was founded in 1972, running the men’s game since. The women’s WTA began a year later. The idea, not new, but spotlighted by Federer: combine the two into a single body.

BASEBALL

Red Sox escape severe penalties

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox escaped major penalties in Major League Baseball’s cheating investigation on Wednesday, with Commissioner Rob Manfred concluding that the 2018 World Series champions’ sign-stealing efforts were less egregious than the Astros’ when they won it all the previous season.

Ex-manager Alex Cora was formally suspended for the coronavirus-delayed 2020 season — but only for his role as a Houston bench coach.

Boston was also stripped of its second-round pick in this year’s amateur draft, No 52 overall.

Wilson

From B1

Right after the volleyball season ended last fall, she started “working on everything” as she set her sites toward the heptathlon.

“Each day I did a different event,” she said. “My throwing was definitely the hardest for me. I’ve been a runner and jumper my entire life.”

Her two completely new events, the javelin and shot put, both come with a learning curve.

“It’s really hard, too, being a volleyball player, because I got really bad habits,” she said. “I messed up my elbow for a couple weeks because I was trying to hit the javelin instead of throwing it.”

Everything was headed

Inouye

From B1

Inouye won the Gold Glove as a freshman and also was a second-team all-conference selection.

“He makes every routine play and also a couple times a weekend makes a play that other shortstops at our level don’t make,” Deutschman said. “And you just go, ‘Wow, Adam doing Adam.’”

Inouye has always loved playing shortstop.

“I’ve always felt if I see an opportunity (to make a play), I will see it right away,” he said. I feel like the ball in the game slows down for me.

“I remember in high school, there was a line drive play that I made and I felt like I had so much time to make it and my teammates said, ‘How did you ever see it?’”

While Inouye is looking forward to moving from Oregon’s Bay Area to the Bay Area in California, he is grateful for his time at SWOCC.

“Coming from Canada, at first I was a little reserved,” he said. “The coaches and the teammates that I’ve had over the year and a half have really brought a new light, not only on the field, but off the field personally,” he said. “I’ve really enjoyed it.”

Coming from the big

in the right direction, she said.

“Even though I hated the hurdles, I was getting it down,” she said.

Then the season ended early, part of a particularly hard month for Wilson, made more difficult when her dad, Dean, died after a battle with cancer.

Signing with Southern Oregon has given Wilson something positive and something to look forward to as she adjusts to learning how to take her final Umpqua classes on-line.

She’s looking forward to her schoolwork in Ashland and her future in accounting.

“I’m all about the numbers,” she said.

And she’s looking forward to competing for the Raiders.

“I’m super excited,” she said.

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Access Pad and Dock Pile Replacement Projectccs0.
The Project location may be seen in the attached maps and drawings attached to the Port of Brookings Harbor Specifications and Drawings. Principal work elements are enlisted in the Bidding Instructions, Bid Sheet, Request For Proposals - **PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR - Fuel Dock Access Pad and Dock Pile Replacement** ccs0 and the Port of Brookings Harbor Specifications and Drawings. This is a public improvement construction project. Estimated project cost range for bonding purposes is \$375,000 to \$700,000. Contract documents may be seen, downloaded or obtained from the website www.emcengineersscientists.com, and thence by clicking "**PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR - Fuel Dock Access Pad and Dock Replacement Bid Documents**ccs0" and selecting the desired document, or from the office of the Port of Brookings Harbor, 16340 Lower Harbor Road, Brookings, OR 97415. Contact person at the office is Gary Dehlinger, office phone 541-469-2218. Offers must be received at the Port of Brookings Harbor office, by offer closing 4:00 p.m. (PST) on **May 11th, 2020**ccs0. Mailing address: Port of Brookings Harbor, 16340 Lower Harbor Road, Brookings, OR 97415. Submit offers as previously described in a sealed envelope marked "**PORT OF BROOKINGS HARBOR - Fuel Dock Access Pad and Dock Pile Replacement Project**ccs0." Pursuant to ORS 279C.370 Bidders are required to disclose information about certain first-tier subcontractors in the offer submission envelope. Plans and Specifications may be also obtained at the office of the Port of Brookings Harbor. Electronic files will be emailed upon request. The Bidder must comply as applicable with ORS 279C.800 through ORS 279C.870 or 40 USC 276a. Each Bidder must complete the Residency Statement, attached to the Offer Form. Bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Contractors Board (CCB), holding the proper registration for the work contemplated herein, at the time of submittal. All Subcontractors participating in the project shall be similarly registered with the CCB at the time they propose to engage in subcontract work. The CCB registration requirements apply to all public works contracts unless superseded by federal law. Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Contracts in Oregon, if required, are available online at http://www.oregon.gov/boli/WHD/PWR/Pages/January_2014_Index.aspx. Offers will be opened after 4:00 p.m. (PST). As afore-stated in the posted Bidding Instructions, the Port of Brookings Harbor reserves the right to reject any offer not in conformity with the offer requirements, or the right to reject all offers if it is in the best interest of the Port of Brookings Harbor.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ccs0

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Lower Umpqua Parks & Recreation District, Douglas County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held at Highland Pool at 2605 Longwood Ave., Reedsport, OR. The meeting will take place on May 6th at 5:15 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. Due to current events, public comments will be received via email from individuals unable to physically attend the meeting. If you wish to comment on the budget outside of the meeting, emails will be received at dvasques@reedsport.k12.or.us A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 6th at Highland Pool.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Timber Park Rural Fire Protection District, Coos County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget

for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held at the Eastside Fire Hall, 365 D Street, Coos Bay, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after May 1, 2020 by calling Harwood, MacAdam, Wartnik, Fisher & Gorman LLC, 3690 Broadway, North Bend, Oregon at (541) 269-9338 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Published in The World & ONPA April 16 & 23, 2020. (ID:281422)

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Bunker Hill Rural Fire Protection District, Coos County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held at the Dyer Partnership at 1330 Teakwood Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon The meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00pm. 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 May 14, 2020 at the Wall & Wall P.C., Certified Public Accountants, 750 Central Avenue Suite 102, Coos Bay, Oregon between the hours of 9:00 am and 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: April 23 & May 5, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 281663)

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Two public meetings of the Budget Committee of the Coos County School District #13 (North Bend), Coos County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held during the month of May 2020. In response to the cur-

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rent health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the District facilities are currently closed to the public and meetings are being held electronically. The first meeting will be held May 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. The second meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the second meeting is to receive comment from the public and approve the budget. The meetings will be available for viewing via Zoom Meetings. The instructions and link to the Budget Committee Meeting will be available at <http://www.nbend.k12.or.us/>. The meetings will also be recorded and available via a link on the District website at http://www.nbend.k12.or.us/no_later_than_5_business_days_following_the_meeting.

Public comment will be taken in written format. Written comments received by 5 pm on May 17, 2020 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on May 18, 2020. Comments will be subject to a three minute limit per community member. Email comments to budgetcommitteecomments@nbend.k12.or.us. A copy of the budget document may be inspected online at <http://www.nbend.k12.or.us/beginning> May 1, 2020. These are public meetings where deliberation of the budget committee will take place. Notice of publication is also available at <http://www.nbend.k12.or.us/~\> Dated this 23rd day of April 2020. Published: April 23, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 282561)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On June 8th, 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: 565 N 10th St., Coos Bay, OR 97420. The court case number is 19CV34851, where NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY is plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LILL L. SMITH, BEN CARSON solely in his capacity as SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; CHASE BANK USA; EGP INVESTMENTS, LLC; WESTERN MERCANTILE AGENCY, INC.;

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DATE: May 13, 2020
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
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As required by ORS 576.416, the Oregon Trawl Commission will accept public comments on its fiscal year 2020-21 budget at the above date and time. In light of public health concerns related to COVID-19, the electronic meeting will take place via Zoom. Copies of the Commission's proposed 2020-21 budget are available at the Commission office, 16289 Hwy 101 S, Suite C, Brookings, Oregon 97415. The meeting location is accessible for persons with disabilities. For accommodations for persons with other disabilities, make a request at least 48 hours (Monday-Friday) before the meeting by contacting the Commission at 541-469-7830 or info@ortrawl.org. Published: April 23, 2020 The World & ONPA (ID: 282394)

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THE PUZZLER

Spring funnies

Does February get along with March?

To learn the answer, write the letters that appear before the letters below in the alphabet.

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ANS: NO, BUT APRIL MAY.

Astro-Graph
Your Birthday:

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

Slow or impulsive actions will lead to problems this year. Consistency, sticking to the facts and putting your heart and soul into getting what you want will help you reach your objective. Walk away from situations and people that will hold you back instead of supporting your efforts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take control and turn an idea into something concrete. Channel your energy into something productive instead of arguing with someone who won't budge. Take care of your responsibilities before doing anything else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't trust someone to be straight with you. Be direct about your feelings and expectations. Walk away from unhealthy situations. Focus on personal growth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Help others, but don't let anyone take you for granted. Attend a reunion or reconnect with an old friend. Take advantage of an opportunity, even if it means making a lifestyle adjustment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Promote the services you have to offer. You'll make an impression on someone who can provide you with support and excellent suggestions. Don't let an emotional incident slow you down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Make a change that will give you freedom to explore new possibilities. Make a transformation at home that will provide you with the space you need to pursue your dream.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Express your concerns and lay down rules. Refuse to let anyone walk all over you. Aim to improve your relationships by striving for equality. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- An unfamiliar place will spark your curiosity and inspire you to try something new. Check out real estate or an investment that will push you to make a move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Do something constructive, and don't stop until you make progress. Don't neglect a problem that's hanging over you. Altering your lifestyle may be required to make things better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Get together with people you don't see often. Revisit an old idea, as it may inspire you. Make choices that will contribute to your happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Read the fine print. Take charge by saying no to temptation and rejecting plans that put you at a disadvantage. Be observant and get the facts and figures before you promise to do something.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Make sure to be fully prepared before revealing your intentions. Honesty and fair play will make a difference. If you are willing to compromise, everyone else will be as well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you speak from the heart, you will get a good response. Someone close to you will offer insight into your options that will help you make an adjustment and come to a decision.

Bridge

Outside a London nightclub, there was a poster proclaiming: "Six beautiful dancing girls! Five beautiful costumes!"

There is a bridge equivalent to this: the revealing pre-emptive bid. You have a two-way guess for a queen. If an opponent has opened with a high-level pre-empt, the natural reaction is to play his partner for the queen. But sometimes you don't need to guess; you can find out -- as in today's deal.

Against four spades, West leads the heart king: four, ace, three. East returns the heart five: eight, 10, nine. Now West shifts to the club jack: queen, ace, seven. Back comes the club six, which South carefully ruffs high.

After drawing trumps,

South has to find the diamond queen. A computer would know that with nine cards missing the queen, the a priori percentage play is to cash the ace and king. When the queen doesn't drop, it complains about bad luck.

The automaton assumes that, because West preempted, East must have the diamond queen. It cashes dummy's ace and leads the jack, preparing to finesse, but East's discard puts paid to that plan.

The thoughtful player tries to get a complete count of the deal. After drawing trumps, he cashes dummy's club king, discarding a diamond. When West fails to follow suit, South knows that West started with one spade, two clubs and at least six hearts, probably

seven. This means he must have three or four diamonds.

Smiling inwardly, South plays the diamond jack to his king, then runs the diamond nine when West plays low. The finesse is sure to win.

		North		04-23-20
		♠ K Q J 2		
		♥ 9 4		
		♦ A J 10 3		
		♣ K Q 4		
West	♠ 9	East		
	♥ K Q J 10 7 6 2	♠ 7 6 3		
	♦ Q 7 2	♥ A 5		
	♣ J 9	♦ 5		
		♣ A 10 8 6 5 3 2		
		South		
		♠ A 10 8 5 4		
		♥ 8 3		
		♦ K 9 8 6 4		
		♣ 7		
		Dealer: West		
		Vulnerable: East-West		
South	West	North	East	
	3 ♥	Dbl.	4 ♥	4 ♠
	Pass	Pass	Pass	
Opening lead: ♥K				

Another 4.4 million file for unemployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 4.4 million laid-off workers applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week as job cuts escalated across an economy that remains all but shut down, the government said Thursday.

Roughly 26 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the five weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began forcing millions of employers to close their doors. About one in six American workers have lost their jobs in the past five weeks, by far the worst string of layoffs on record. Economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20%.

The enormous magnitude of job cuts has plunged the U.S. economy into the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Some economists say the nation's output could shrink by twice the amount that it did during the Great Recession, which ended in 2009.

The painful economic consequences of the virus-related shutdowns have sparked angry protests in several state capitals from crowds insisting that businesses be allowed to reopen.

Thursday's report, showing that the pace of layoffs remains immense, could heighten demands for re-openings.

Some governors have begun easing restrictions despite warnings from health authorities that it may be too soon to do so without causing new infections. In Georgia, gyms, hair salons and bowling alleys can reopen Friday. Texas has reopened its state parks.

Yet those scattered re-openings won't lead to much rehiring, especially if Americans are too wary to leave their homes. Most people say they favor stay-at-home orders, according to a survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs and believe it won't be safe to lift social distancing guidelines anytime soon. And there are likely more layoffs to come from many small businesses that have tried but failed to receive loans from a federal aid program.

The number of people who are receiving unemployment benefits has reached a record 16 million, surpassing a previous high of 12 million set in 2010, just after the 2008-2009 recession ended. This figure reflects people who

have managed to navigate the online or telephone application systems in their states, have been approved for benefits and are actually receiving checks.

In some states, many laid-off workers have run into obstacles in trying to file applications for benefits. Among them are millions of freelancers, contractors, gig workers and self-employed people — a category of workers who are now eligible for unemployment benefits for the first time.

"This has been a really devastating shock for a lot of families and small businesses," said Aaron Sojourner, a labor economist at the University of Minnesota. "It is beyond their control and no fault of their own."

In Florida, applications for unemployment benefits nearly tripled last week to 505,000, the second-highest total behind much-larger California's 534,000. Florida has had trouble processing many of its applications. Its figure suggests that the state is finally clearing a backlog of filings from jobless workers.

In Michigan, 17% of the state's workforce is now receiving unemployment aid, the

largest proportion in the country. It is followed by Rhode Island at 15%, Nevada at 13.7% and Georgia at 13.6%.

Just about every major industry has absorbed sudden and severe layoffs. Economists at the Federal Reserve estimate that hotels and restaurants have shed the most jobs -- 4 million since Feb. 15. That is nearly one-third of all the employees in that industry.

Construction has shed more than 9% of its jobs. So has a category that includes retail, shipping and utilities, the Fed estimated. A category that is made up of data processing and online publishing has cut 4.7.

When the government issues the April jobs report on May 8, economists expect it to show breathtaking losses. Economists at JPMorgan are predicting a loss of 25 million jobs. That would be nearly triple the total lost during the entire Great Recession period.

A \$2 trillion-plus federal relief package that was signed into law last month made millions of gig workers, contractors and self-employed people newly eligible for unemployment aid. But most states have yet to approve unem-

ployment applications from those workers because they're still trying to reprogram their systems to do so. As a result, many people who have lost jobs or income aren't being counted as laid-off because their applications for unemployment aid haven't been processed.

Among them is Sasha McVeigh, a musician in Nashville. Having grown up in England with a love of country music, she spent years flying to Nashville to play gigs until she managed to secure a green card and move permanently two years ago. McVeigh had been working steadily until the city shut down music clubs in mid-March.

Since then, she's applied for unemployment benefits but so far has received nothing. To make ends meet, she's applied for some grants available to out-of-work musicians, held some live streaming concerts and pushed her merchandise sales.

By cutting expenses to a bare minimum, McVeigh said, "I've managed to just about keep myself afloat." But she worries about what will happen over the next few months.

Administration offers plan to pay hospitals for care

Money would go to hospitals and doctors who care for patients without insurance

issue that's been cited as a barrier to care in communities with many foreign-born residents.

"This says if you don't have insurance, go get taken care of — we have you covered," Azar said in an interview.

The money will come from a pot of \$100 billion that Congress has approved to provide relief for the health care system, which is trying to cope with the high cost of coronavirus care while facing a cash crunch because elective surgeries and procedures have been put on hold. For COVID-19 patients who are covered by health insurance, hospitals and doctors accepting money from the relief fund would have to agree to not to send "surprise" bills for out-of-network services.

COVID-19 treatment for the uninsured could cost from \$14 billion to \$48 billion, according to a recent estimate from the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Azar said the administration

is not providing an estimate on what its plan will cost, but he is confident it will fit within the \$100 billion allocated by Congress. Lawmakers are finalizing another coronavirus relief bill, expected to add \$75 billion more for the health care system.

Democrats and some health industry groups say the relief money approved by Congress should go directly to health care facilities, and the administration should cover the uninsured by expanding programs such as Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act. An HHS press release describing the plan for the uninsured says payments for their care would be made "subject to available funding."

About 28 million people were uninsured before the pandemic hit, and that number is expected to rise sharply. Consultants at Health Management Associates estimate that 12 million to 35 million people could lose workplace coverage in the economic

shutdown aimed at containing the spread of the coronavirus.

The plan for the uninsured was part of a broader announcement by the government detailing a second round of economic relief payments to hospitals, doctors and other health care service providers.

Before Wednesday's announcement, \$30 billion had been distributed. Additional funds now being released include:

- \$20 billion in payments across a range of health care facilities.
- \$10 billion targeted to coronavirus hot spots; New York will receive \$4.4 billion.
- \$10 billion for rural health clinics and hospitals
- \$400 million for Indian Health Service facilities.

Azar said additional allocations will be announced for nursing homes, for hospitals and doctors that rely on Medicaid, and for dentists.

Man sentenced for child porn

ASTORIA (AP) — A Seaside man was sentenced Tuesday to 25 years in prison on child pornography charges.

David Norman Hall Sr., 52, pleaded no contest to four counts of using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct, The Astorian reported.

He was arrested in March 2019 after police received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Starting in 2015, Hall would pose as a younger person on platforms like Instagram and Google Hangouts, District Attorney Ron Brown said. He said Hall would send explicit photos he had of teenagers and then try to get children to send their own sexually explicit images back.

Brown said there were at least four victims between the ages of 10 and 14 years old around the country.

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