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on the front end, even if it's as simple as washing our hands.

My mom was right all along. And I'm grateful because I don't remember being sick very often when I was growing up. And her hand washing rules are strictly enforced in my home now, too.

Judey Berray

To the Editor:

Oregon is a very unique state to have placed into law the "pumping of gas by attendant" law back in 1951

In 2015, this law was relaxed somewhat in rural areas as there were operating pumps, but no attendants, and often not a convenience store attached to warrant one. On March 24, 2020, this law was further relaxed (until April 11, 2020) to allow anyone to pump gas if the attendant was "busy" or not available.

Some people think Oregon has been in the "Dark Ages" regarding this issue. Personally, I love having someone else pump my gas. I try to use cash, but if the attendant uses my credit card, I have a zipper bag I place it in to clean later. I don't have to touch that grimy nozzle that everyone else touches, particularly those guys I saw three months ago in California (and many times before on trips) using the restroom, not washing their hands, then going to the gas pump and handling the gas nozzle.

We have been instructed that if we pump our own fuel, we should wear gloves. We should carry a bag full of antivirus solution to put the glove in so our car doesn't get infected after pumping fuel.

I really wonder if this new law was really given much thought. Wouldn't it be better if one guy with a mask and gloves pumped the gas and handled the hose? And, are we all supposed to put our credit cards in the slot and punch our numbers in on those filthy key pads.

Also, remember not to touch the sides of the credit card slot as you enter and exit the card.

The new relaxed law for pumping gas was to offer more options for motorists, but I wonder if it might not allow more opportunity to contract COVID-19.

Bill Anttila

To the Editor:

I am wondering whether our local health care clinics — St. Charles, High Lakes, BMC, doctors and staff — could come up with a plan to get all people within the City of Sisters tested in a drive-up setting, and then those who live outside the City, and then those who live in Camp Sherman.

Certain days and certain times everybody could be tested as to whether or not they have the virus. Then maybe we could re-open the City of Sisters and proceed with life.

Could that be possible?

Diana Raske

To the Editor:

During this worldwide disaster, partisan politics again raises its ugly head, in its forever effort to divide us. How can we, as intelligent humans allow this biased BS to prevail over our common sense?

For our party leaders to be spending valuable time during this phase of the pandemic arguing about which party is right or wrong is unconscionable and serves absolutely no purpose toward resolution.

I firmly believe that the media on both sides are guilty of deliberately creating this divide. The corporations that own these news outlets are in it for profit, controversy creates division, and without those two components profits are minimized.

Envision the media consisting of two groups, within each outlet. One group is NEWS the other Opinion or Fact and Fiction respectively. The NEWS side of an outlet, CNN, Fox, ABC, MSNBC etc. are not lying, until you the reader, reads outside the NEWS. The truth is your interpretation of the NEWS, Fake NEWS is the opinion-makers' presentation of their one-sided belief in an event. Fake NEWS is exacerbated by readers of opinions who spread this BS on Facebook and the like.

Terry Coultas

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Acrobat's training
- area 4 As likely ___;
- probably
- 9 One evicted from a garden
- 13 Leaping parasite
- 14 Piece of
- asparagus
- 15 Theater box
- 16 In case
- 17 Found fault with
- 19 Still 20 Lennon & Astin
- 21 City in England
- 22 Dark wood
- 24 Morning hour 25 Jam or jelly
- 27 Comfortably
- 30 Light narrow boat
- 31 Prickly plant
- 33 Massage
- 35 Like cupcake tops
- 36 Endeavored
- 37 Brief
- communiqué 38 Word attached to
- nut or coat 39 Bursting at the
- ; too full 40 Like candy bears or jelly
- beans 41 Gloomy
- 43 Narrow backstreets
- 44 Daiquiri
- ingredient 45 Crayola color
- 46 Many a time
- 49 Bilbao's nation
- 51 Brylcreem amount
- 54 Hazardous;
- uncertain 56 Very festive
- dance
- 57 From CA to NY 58 In seclusion
- 59 Elbow-bumper's
- 60 Wacko

- 61 Harbor towns
- 62 English letter

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DOWN

- 1 Mirth 2 Days of yore
- 3 Floor pad 4 Go higher
- 5 Aerosol 6 German's refusal
- 7 Quaker product
- 8 Numerical prefix 9 Visitors from
- outer space 10 Nod off
- 11 Ripened
- 12 Pills, for short 13 Annoying insect
- 18 Not vague
- 20 Bask in the tub
- 23 Drop of sweat 24 Brown amphibian
- 25 Pass over 26 Walked the floor
- 27 Connections
- 28 Colossal; amazing
- 29 Delicious
- 31 Donkey's remark
- 32 Golf hole's edge
- 34 Vienna __ Choir 36 Semester
- 37 As stubborn as
- a ___



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- 39 Health club offering
- 40 Secluded valley
- 42 Builds
- 43 Gets up 45 All skin and
- bones 46 Out in the ___; not

hidden

- 47 Wiesbaden wife 48 Reason to study
- 49 Farm building
- 50 Penniless
- 52 Circle portions
- 53 Word of disgust 55 Lil Wayne's
- music 56 Soil turner

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