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## TODAY

Today is Tuesday, April 7, the 98th day of 2020. There are 268 days left in the year.

## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1798, the Mississippi Territory was created by an act of Congress, with Natchez as the capital.

In 1915, jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Michigan, at age 83.

In 1953, the U.N. General Assembly ratified Dag Hammarskjöld of Sweden as the new secretary-general, succeeding Trygve Lie of Norway.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

In 1964, IBM introduced its System/360, the company's first line of compatible mainframe computers that gave customers the option of upgrading from lower-cost models to more powerful ones.

In 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson went on the first U.S. spacewalk in almost a decade as they worked in the open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.

In 2006, a British judge ruled that author Dan Brown did not steal ideas for "The Da Vinci Code" from a non-fiction work.

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$2.0 million

1-8-17-29-34-36

**Mega Millions:** \$127 million

24-38-44-57-58-17 x4

**Powerball:** \$190 million

8-31-39-40-43—PB-4 x3

**Win for Life:** April 4

10-24-48-59

**Pick 4:** April 5

• 1 p.m.: 7-2-6-7

• 4 p.m.: 7-1-0-4

• 7 p.m.: 5-3-3-5

• 10 p.m.: 5-4-4-1

**Pick 4:** April 4

• 1 p.m.: 3-9-9-2

• 4 p.m.: 7-6-4-6

• 7 p.m.: 2-8-8-7

• 10 p.m.: 0-9-7-0

**Pick 4:** April 3

• 1 p.m.: 2-0-7-2

• 4 p.m.: 3-4-2-9

• 7 p.m.: 7-6-4-6

• 10 p.m.: 6-4-3-2

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## TODAY'S QUOTE

"Money is in some respects life's fire: it is a very excellent servant, but a terrible master."

— *P.T. Barnum, American showman (born 1810, died this date in 1891)*

## Cautious optimism about Oregon's readiness for virus surge

■ Actions today have consequences two or three weeks later

By Erin Ross

Oregon Public Broadcasting

SALEM — In mid-March, one statistic defined how ill-prepared Oregon was for the expected surge of coronavirus patients: It led all states with the lowest number of staffed hospital beds per thousand residents.

But after two convulsive weeks of preparation — by health care systems, shuttered businesses and stay-at-home residents alike — state health officials now say they're cautiously optimistic that Oregon may now have enough beds to avoid some of the worst repercussions of the pandemic.

"It appears that we will not see a dramatic spike in cases over the next month here in Oregon," state epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said, citing the latest modeling data from the University of Washington, speaking to reporters on a teleconference.

If that is the case, it's good news. An increase in patients could be managed by hospitals, if that increase is spread out over enough days and weeks that it doesn't overwhelm the available number of staffed hospital beds, ventilators and medical clinicians on duty.

But there are a lot of things that still need to go right for that to happen.

"I think that's an important distinction to make," cautioned Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, speaking on the same call. "This is not about predicting the future, it's about identifying trends based on the most current data for the information that we have."

Those trends can be used to help hospitals prepare.

## Modeling assumes continued distancing

The models assume people are practicing social distancing, and that they will continue to do so.



Oregon Health & Science University photo/Kristyna Wentz-Graff

Medical assistant Jillian Zalunardo works with a patient being tested for COVID-19 at the Oregon Health & Science University drive-through testing site in Hillsboro on March 24. The site is for OHSU patients who have been directed by their health care provider to get tested and for first responders with COVID-19 symptoms.

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Sidelinger says that secondary data, like data from traffic cameras and cell-phone GPS data, indicates many Oregonians are staying home. But whether they're staying home enough, or practicing good social distancing protocols when they do go out, remains to be seen.

It also depends on acquiring enough masks and other personal protective equipment (or PPE) to keep doctors from getting sick, too, and potentially spreading the virus to their families.

"If we can accomplish those things, we are cautiously optimistic that here in Oregon, the cases seem to be rising about a level that will be able to care for the people who need it most," said Sidelinger, who chose his words carefully to include qualifiers like "if," "cautiously," and "seems."

"What I'm hearing is that now is not the time to take the foot off the brake," he elaborated.

"We can't go back to business as usual like we had in February."

He said Oregon needs to make sure the curve

stays flat for the rest of the outbreak.

Sidelinger wasn't ready to declare what kind of impact Oregon's social distancing and stay home policies have had on the spread of the coronavirus. That's because once someone gets infected, it can take anywhere from a few days to two weeks for them to start showing symptoms.

From there, it's usually a few days before they seek medical care, and a few more days before they get sick enough to qualify for testing. And once they're tested, it can take a few days to more than a week for results to come back. Essentially, Sidelinger said, the numbers we see today reflect the state of Oregon two or even three weeks ago.

## Suppression efforts paying off

Data and case counts over the next week or so should help shed light on how well suppression efforts have worked. Just 14 days ago, so many visitors flooded Oregon beaches and hiking trails that towns along the coast and in the

Columbia Gorge responded by discouraging nonlocals from visiting. Parks and public lands agencies restricted access.

"The actions we take have consequences two or three weeks later. We don't want to be reacting, we're trying to anticipate what's happening," Sidelinger said.

It's also unclear how the spread of the virus will impact different regions, some of which are less equipped to handle a surge in patients than others. GPS data reported March 24 shows that in the largely rural stretches of Eastern Oregon, people were still traveling more than they were in the more densely populated Western Oregon.

But they also have fewer hospital beds available for patients, and they generally don't have the same financial resources hospitals in urban and suburban parts of the state have.

Hospitals are continuing to prepare for a potential surge in patients, said Becky Hultberg, the president and CEO of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems. It's more difficult now, because many of them also are treating COVID-19 patients.

"They're looking into staffing, how and when to discharge patients, even what to wear," she said.

In a statement provided

to Oregon Public Broadcasting, Oregon Health & Science University said, "While we are concerned that the number of patients with COVID-19 may increase significantly over the next several weeks, we are committed to doing everything we can to provide care to all those who need us."

## Oregon adds ventilators

OHSU currently has 79 adult and 29 pediatric intensive care unit beds. OHSU said measures like stopping elective procedures helped make more beds available.

OHSU also has 178 ventilators for severely ill patients who can't breathe on their own. One hundred are standard ventilators, and 19 of them were rented to help prepare for a surge. Thirty-eight are single-use ventilators, and 40 are anesthesia machines that can be converted to ventilators as needed. OHSU also said it currently has "adequate" staffing, but has plans in place should more be needed. OHSU did not say how many of those beds or ventilators were currently occupied.

OHSU is one of the better-resourced hospitals in the state, with a large campus in an urban area. According to Hultberg, hospital preparedness can vary dramatically from one hospital to another. Hultberg said many community hospitals in Eastern Oregon, for example, primarily serve as outpatient clinics. If someone is seriously ill, those hospitals have the resources to stabilize them until they can be moved elsewhere. Those community hospitals also have fewer medical clinicians on staff, and less money to hire more nurses and doctors in the event of a surge.

As one measure of hospitals' improving state of readiness, there are currently 762 ventilators in the state, up from around 680 prior to the pandemic. Thirty-eight COVID-19 patients are currently on ventilators across Oregon.

## Arlene Schnitzer, prominent Portland philanthropist and arts lover, dies at age 91

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Arlene Schnitzer, a philanthropist who gave away more than \$150 million to thousands of civic projects in Portland and helped bring arts in the city to another level, has died. She was 91.

Her son, Jordan Schnitzer, said she died on Saturday after having some intestinal issues.

"In the end, at 91, I think she just decided she'd had a pretty amazing life," Jordan Schnitzer told The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall is named after her. She and her husband, Harold Schnitzer, who died in 2011 at age 87, helped establish the Center for Northwest Art, and a curatorial and awards program.

"Both my parents were proud Portlanders," Jordan Schnitzer said. "They were born and educated here. It was their village, they used to say. They felt if they didn't help build the institutions in this town, who would?

Bruce Guenther, former chief curator of the Portland Art Museum, said the Schnitzers transformed philanthropy by making large donations, and that other wealthy patrons begin doing so also.

Harold and Arlene Schnitzer donated to a variety of causes. Recipients included New Avenues for Youth, community gathering places such as the Oregon Zoo, schools such as the University of Oregon and Lewis and Clark College, Jewish cultural agencies such as the Mittleman

Jewish Community Center, and arts institutions from the Oregon Symphony and Oregon Ballet Theatre to the Portland Opera and Portland Art Museum.

The couple's main way of donating was through the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation, funded by the sale of the Claremont Hotel for \$88 million.

"I think of her as a big wave," said Lucinda Parker, a painter who met Arlene when they were both art students in the 1950s. "She encouraged and embarrassed everyone to do what

she was doing. She made her way. She had no fear."

Harold and Arlene Schnitzer met in 1949 and were married five weeks later after Arlene proposed.

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