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Coronavirus Threat Grows

Stores see impact as people stock supplies

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As people became more aware of the threat of coronavirus, also called COVID-19, Portland area grocery stores saw toilet paper and other supplies sell out and leave shelves virtually empty. An employee of the Stadium Fred Meyer store on West Burnside Street, where only a few boxes of tissues or stacks of toilet paper remained on the shelves Saturday, said the store has been out of hand sanitizer for weeks and didn't know when more would come in.

By Monday, other stores, including Natural Grocers and Walgreens, both on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, also saw empty spaces on toilet paper aisles and with no hand sanitizer for sale.

As she shopped for bathroom tissue at Walgreens, Levlie Okammor said she is worried about the possibility of a pandemic sweeping the country.

"This is going to be big, and I'm worried that people are not taking it seriously," she said. "We've just gotten to be a country that is not informed, but I'm not listening to anything that's coming out of Washington. I heard the head of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) say it's not a matter of 'if,' but 'when.'"

Okammor said she has been following the coronavirus epidemic from the beginning.

"When I heard there was a case in Washington State, I thought, 'This is it,'" she said. "We are not prepared and we are not an educated country anymore."

As of Tuesday, As of Tuesday, nine people in Washington State have died of the disease, eight from King County and one from



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In light of the coronavirus epidemic, Portland resident Levlie Okammor shops for toilet paper and other supplies at the Walgreens on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Monday, saying she is worried that some people aren't taking the outbreak seriously enough.

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Candidate Takes Aim at Incumbent Blumenauer

Says 24 years in office is enough

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Albert Lee, an active member of Portland's African American community and a former college dean, is running for Congress in Oregon's Third Congressional District by challenging longtime incumbent Earl Blumenauer for the Democratic Party nomination.

Lee said he resigned his em-



ployment as head of the business and computing division at Portland Community College's Sylvania campus to have the time to mount

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Albert Lee is challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer for the Democratic nomination in Oregon's Third Congressional District, covering most of Portland and Multnomah County.

a serious campaign for the May Primary race. In an interview with the Portland Observer, he called out Blumenauer for being in the job for too long and accused him of being an ineffective representative for the people of Portland and Multnomah County which comprise the district.

Lee said climate change, was one example, citing Blumenauer as a hypocrite for being a supporter of the Green New Deal promoting green jobs for the disadvantaged and

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