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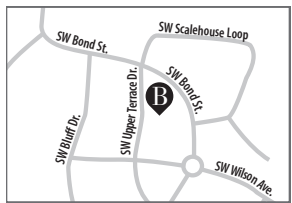
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

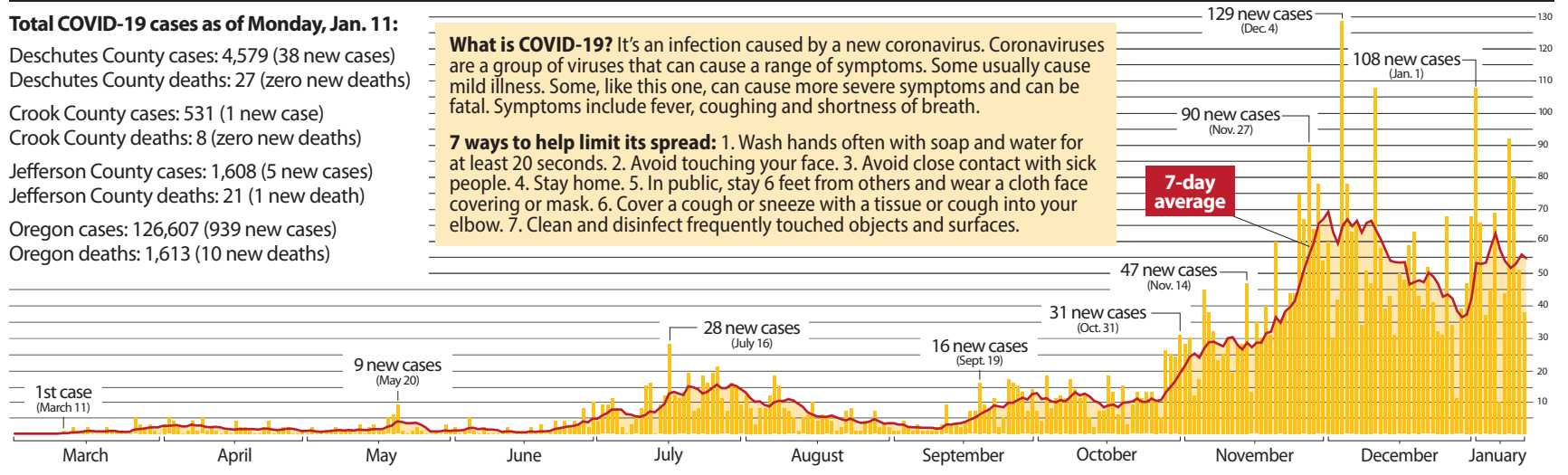
## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

**Total COVID-19 cases as of Monday, Jan. 11:**  
Deschutes County cases: 4,579 (38 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 27 (zero new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 531 (1 new case)  
Crook County deaths: 8 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,608 (5 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 21 (1 new death)  
Oregon cases: 126,607 (939 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 1,613 (10 new deaths)

**What is COVID-19?** It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

**7 ways to help limit its spread:** 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay home. 5. In public, stay 6 feet from others and wear a cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



### LOCAL BRIEFING

#### Boyd Cave damaged by graffiti

The Boyd Cave complex southeast of Bend, the site of repeated vandalism, has been damaged yet again with spray paint.

Photo evidence of the damage, issued by the Deschutes National Forest, shows names and symbols tagged with paint on the cave walls. Similar damage in the past was cleaned up by local volunteers.

Boyd Cave is a 1,880-foot-long lava tube that is openly accessible to the public. This cave and others in the Deschutes National Forest have been repeatedly vandalized in recent years.

"Vandalism in caves is increasing, particularly in some of the best-known caves," said Jean Nelson-Dean, spokesperson for the Deschutes National Forest. "It impacts not only the recreational experience of exploring a cave but also the habitat for bats and plant species that rely on the cave environment to thrive."

Last year the U.S. Forest Service consolidated a number of rules pertaining to caves into a single law. The new



Submitted photo/Deschutes National Forest

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rule was made to help law enforcement prosecute those found guilty of damaging caves.

Sgt. Jayson Janes, spokesman for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, said a reward is being offered for information that will resolve the case.

Neil Marchington, chairman of Grotto, a group of cave enthusiasts, said another round of cleanup at Boyd Cave will occur in April or May. Marchington said the cleanup can't occur in the winter months because the work would disturb hibernating bats.

#### Deschutes County to offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing

Anyone who wants to be screened for COVID-19 can sign up for a free drive-thru test 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.

No symptoms are required or identification. Participants should register online at [www.doineedacovid19test.com/Redmond\\_OR\\_4369.html](http://www.doineedacovid19test.com/Redmond_OR_4369.html). Staff will be on-site to register those who are unable to preregister. Results will be available in two to three days.

This is the first free drive-thru testing run by the county.

"We are grateful to be able to provide an opportunity for our community to easily access free COVID-19 testing," Deschutes County Public Health Director Nahad Sadr-Azodi said in a statement. "This event will also allow our teams to prepare for future vaccine clinics at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center."

For additional information, call 541-699-5109.

— Bulletin staff reports

## Lawmaker fined, sanctioned over state Capitol breach

BY DIRK VANDERHART

Oregon Public Broadcasting  
A Republican state lawmaker who let far-right demonstrators into the Oregon Capitol last month has lost his committee responsibilities and will forfeit unfettered access to the statehouse, as calls for his resignation grow.

Rep. Mike Nearman, R-Independence, was stripped of his legislative committee assignments and fined \$2,000 for damage that occurred after he allowed demonstrators to breach the building, House Speaker Tina Kotek announced Monday.

As speaker, Kotek has authority to unilaterally impose both consequences.

Meanwhile, Nearman has agreed to sign an agreement that he forfeit a badge granting access to the Capitol, give 24-hours notice before coming

to the building and not allow unauthorized personnel access to the building.

Nearman read those terms on the House floor Monday afternoon, after a closed-door debate in which some Democrats had urged a floor vote to make them more solid.

No vote was ultimately held. The matter is unlikely to end there. Kotek on Monday called on Nearman to resign, and announced a formal complaint that could result in additional consequences, up to expulsion.

"His actions have created immense fear among legislators and Capitol staff," Kotek said in a statement.

"I believe he should resign immediately because he has already breached the public trust and endangered our ability to safely conduct the people's business."

## Oregon Zoo euthanizes Inji, perhaps the oldest orangutan in the world

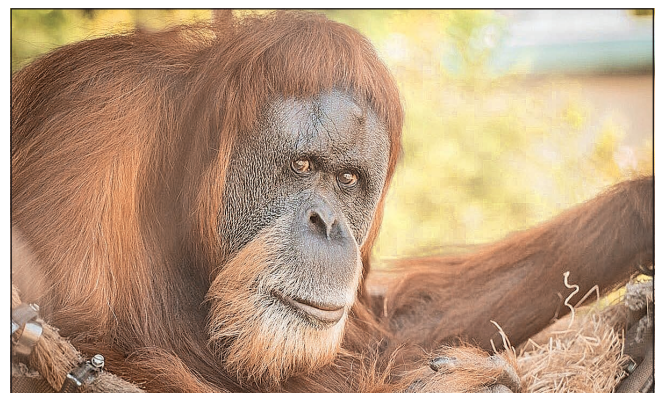
BY ANDREW THEEN

The Oregonian  
Inji, a 61-year-old female Sumatran orangutan who lived at the Oregon Zoo for more than half a century and was thought to be the oldest orangutan in the world, died Saturday.

Zoo officials said Inji's health had deteriorated in the past few weeks. She had difficulty moving and "rarely left her nest box." She also wasn't interested in eating her favorite foods, according to a statement. Staffers said she appeared not to benefit from pain medicine, so veterinary staff "made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize her" on Saturday.

According to zoo officials, Inji is believed to be the world's oldest orangutan. She was also the oldest animal at the Oregon Zoo.

"We knew she couldn't live forever, but this really hurts, and I know many visitors are grieving along with us," Bob Lee, who manages the zoo's animal areas, said in a statement. "Inji's ability to connect with people was incredible."



Oregon Zoo, file

Inji, 61, arrived at the Oregon Zoo as a 1-year-old and was believed to be the oldest orangutan in the world.

She inspired generations. Lee said she was "active and inquisitive through her golden years."

"She seemed to study humans and enjoy watching them, especially children," he added.

She lived more than two decades past the typical life span for wild orangutans. Inji's precise birthday is unclear, but she arrived at the zoo Jan. 30, 1961, and was thought to be around 1 year old at the time.

Inji arrived in the United

States through the wild animal trade, which was legal in that time.

"We're thankful that we were able to give Inji a good home, but it's heartbreaking to think about the circumstances that brought her here," Asaba Mukobi, the zoo's senior primate keeper, said in a statement. "Even though the wild animal trade is illegal now, it still exists. It is considered a major threat to orangutans' survival, along with human encroachment."

## Camp Umatilla gets funds for more upgrades

East Oregonian

Camp Umatilla will greatly increase its training capacity in upcoming years as Congress continues to appropriate funding for improvements.

The National Guard training center on the former Umatilla Chemical Depot, west of Hermiston, received approval for construction of a \$15.7 million barracks building in the National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress on Jan. 1. The project is in addition to an \$11.3 million barracks building already under design.

Together, according to a news release, the buildings will increase the National Guard's ability to house visiting soldiers by 448 beds. The Oregon Military Department expects to start construction in the summer or fall, with completion in summer 2022.

"This is a great training space now and with these improve-

ments Camp Umatilla will become a premiere military training facility for both our service members and the local community in the future," Stan Hutchison, director of installations for the Oregon Military Department, said in the news release.

The Military Department was notified it is set to receive another \$6 million for more housing in the following fiscal year.

The 7,000-acre Camp Umatilla was originally part of the Umatilla Chemical Depot, but the U.S. Army turned over that portion of the depot to the Military Department in November 2017. At the time, the department announced it was planning to spend \$25 million on the facility over the next three years, including installation of water infrastructure, new roads, fencing and renovations of existing depot buildings, many of which date back to the depot's construction in 1941.

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