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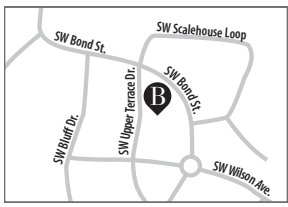
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

**COVID-19 data for Thursday, Jan. 21:**

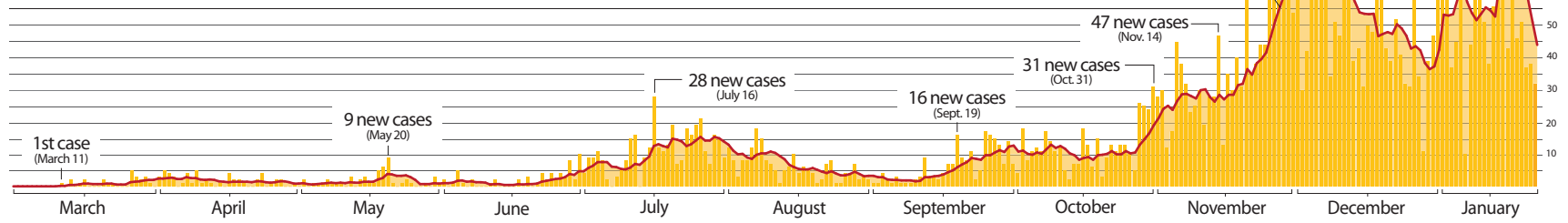
Deschutes County cases: 5,103 (32 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 39 (zero new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 631 (2 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 11 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,718 (6 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)  
Oregon cases: 135,973 (849 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 1,843 (11 new deaths)

**LOCAL VACCINATIONS**
**8,058**

Pfizer-BioNTech vaccinations given through St. Charles

**What is COVID-19?** It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath. This virus can be fatal.

**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 mask. 6. Cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Kymberly Bastian, left, and her grandfather Kenneth Plank.

## Newspaper carrier helps elderly man stuck in bathtub for days

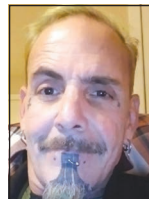
**BY BECCA ROBBINS**

(Klamath Falls) Herald and News Stephani Bastian couldn't get in touch with her 81-year-old father, Kenneth Plank, who lived alone in Klamath Falls. Although it's not unusual for him to miss occasional calls from his daughter who now lives in Roseburg, Bastian said she had a feeling that something was wrong.

Mike Smith delivers the Herald and News to subscribers, including to Plank, his downstairs neighbor in the apartments. He, too, felt like something was wrong on Dec. 23 when he delivered Plank's paper. Smith noticed the Navy veteran had several papers stacked up, so he went to get help.

After alerting the building

maintenance manager, the two men discovered Plank had fallen in the bathtub and had been stuck there for several days. Plank couldn't reach his phone or his emergency alert necklace, and he had become confused and weakened.



Mike Smith

After his rescuers got him out of the tub and into a chair, Smith and the building manager called 911. After a short stint at Sky Lakes Medical Center, Plank is now recovering from the fall and the rehab at Marquis Plum Ridge.

Bastian received a text the day after Christmas from her father's best friend, notifying her that her father was in the hospital and that his doctor was trying to reach her. Bastian learned her father, still

confused, had given the hospital her old phone number.

She rushed to Klamath Falls the next day. When she learned her dad's newspaper carrier was the one to alert someone for help for her father, which may have saved his life, Bastian gave Smith a big hug to express her gratitude. They both burst into tears, Smith said.

"Be thankful for your newspaper man because he might be the only one who knows something's wrong," she said. Although Bastian was quick to call Smith a hero, Smith said he feels he doesn't deserve the accolade. Still, he knows that if that was his loved one, he'd feel the same way Bastian does.

"I'm ecstatic that I chose to break the mold and say we need to check on this guy," Smith said.

## Portland police shooting of man under international scrutiny

**The Associated Press**

**PORTLAND** — The 2010 police killing of a Black man shot in the back after officers arrived to check on his welfare drew intense scrutiny in Portland, a grand jury rebuke, a march on City Hall and national attention from the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

On Wednesday, Aaron M. Campbell's death garnered international examination, The Oregonian reported.

Campbell's mother, Marva Davis, and the family's lawyer, Tom Steenson, had an hour to address an international commission examining police violence against Black people in the United States.

It was one of 30 hearings scheduled through Feb. 6. Among the other cases are the deaths of Eric Garner, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor.

The International Commission of Inquiry on Systemic Racist Police Violence Against People of African Descent in the United States is made up of worldwide human rights advocates. It will make recommendations to the United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights by April after evaluating the cases.

The group particularly wants to discuss how to hold police accountable.

Davis, appearing by video

feed from Portland, urged the commission to make sure officers are held responsible for taking another's life in violation of their own policies.

The officer who fatally shot her son, Ron Frashour, was fired but then a state arbitrator ordered his return to work with back pay, Steenson told the panel.

Campbell when he died was distraught and suicidal about the death of his brother, a heart transplant recipient who had succumbed to heart and kid-

ney disease.

Campbell emerged from a Portland apartment with his back toward officers and hands behind his head. Officer Ryan Lewton, trying to get Campbell to put his hands in the air, fired six beanbag rounds at him. Campbell ran toward a parked car and Frashour, armed with an AR-15 rifle, shot Campbell once in the back, killing him. Campbell wasn't armed, but Frashour said he thought Campbell was reaching for a gun.

**STATE OF THE STATE**

## In annual address, Gov. Brown outlines four main priorities

**BY PETER WONG**
**Oregon Capital Bureau**

Kate Brown gave an unusual State of the State talk, her next to last as Oregon's governor.

The virtual address Thursday wasn't unusual. It's become commonplace in the 10 months since the coronavirus pandemic swept through the world and health protocols call for social distancing.

Brown herself noted that Thursday was exactly one year ago, when the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the first COVID-19 case in the United States, that she convened a state team to prepare for a potential outbreak. Brown issued her first executive orders on the pandemic March 8; most are still in effect.

What was unusual was that Brown invited four other speakers to join her virtually for 45 minutes to discuss her priorities of ending the pandemic and promoting vaccinations, recovering from the Labor Day wildfires, and advancing racial equity.

They were:

- Dr. Antwon Chavis, a pediatrician at Doernbecher Children's Hospital/Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, who spoke about how the pandemic affected children and families.

- Chief Christiana Rainbow Plews of the Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District, who directed efforts against the Holiday Farms Fire even as her own home burned.

- Reyna Lopez of the PCUN farmworkers union based in Woodburn and Paul Solomon of Sponsors Inc. of Eugene, both members of the governor's Racial Justice Council, which recommended steps toward racial equity that Gov. Brown included in her proposed 2021-23 budget.

Echoing the "Build Back Better" campaign theme of President Joe Biden, who took office Wednesday, Brown said it was not enough for Oregon to recover from the pandemic, the resulting economic downturn, and the wildfires.

"We must recognize that going back to the 'way things were' will not move us forward," she said. "Every difficult turn of this past year has only proven this point, further exacerbating existing disparities ... The first step to creating opportunity is recognizing that racism is endemic to our systems, impacting every part of our culture and our economy. I am committed to ensuring that the world we build as we emerge from this last year is a more equitable one."

## Gray whale population drops by quarter off the West Coast

**The Associated Press**

**SEATTLE** — Researchers say the population of gray whales off the West Coast of the United States has fallen by nearly one-quarter since 2016, resembling a similar die-off two decades ago.

In a paper released Tuesday, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries reported that surveys counted about 6,000 fewer migrating whales last winter, 21,000 as compared with 27,000 in 2016.

The agency declared an "unusual mortality event" in 2019 as dozens of gray whales

washed up on Pacific Ocean beaches. Scientists aren't sure what has been causing the die-off. But they believe that it is within the range of previous population fluctuations and that the number of whales may have exceeded what the environment can support.

After an estimated die-off of 23% in 1999-2000, the population rebounded to even greater numbers, NOAA said. The agency said it appears the big population swings don't reflect long-term threats to the whales' survival.

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