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### **BRIEFING**

### **Existing home** sales rose in 2020

Sales of existing homes rose 0.7% in December, pushing the entirety of 2020 to a pace not seen in 14 years and providing one of the few bright spots for a U.S. economy mired in a global pandemic.

Rising sales in the final month of the year lifted activity to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.76 million units in December, the National Association of Realtors reported Friday.

For all of 2020, sales rose to 6.48 million, the highest level since 2006 at the height of the housing boom. That represented a 5.6% gain from the 5.34 million previously owned homes sold in 2019.

### **Oregon bank names** new vice president

The Bank of Eastern Oregon has named a new executive vice president and chief operations officer, according to a press

Becky Kindle will assume the role, following Gary Propheter, who plans to retire later in 2021.

Kindle started her career with Bank of Eastern Oregon in 1998. She has worked in virtually all areas of operations, most recently serving as senior vice president and chief banking officer. She is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School and past recipient of Oregon Banker's Association's Presidential Award, given annually to the outstanding committee chair of the trade organization.

— Bulletin wire reports

### **PEOPLE ON** THE MOVE

Katie Roper has re-

joined G5's leadership team as vice president of senior liv-



ing, responsible for daily strategy and business processes of the sales team to drive revenue growth and new client acquisition.

· Sarah Bodo, Emily Tompkins and Michelle Solley have been named to Bend

board of directors. Bodo is a park planner for Bend Park & Recreation District, Solley

is an

events



and development specialist for St. Charles Foundation and Tompkins is an independent consultant specializing in climate change.

Courtney Massey has

promoted by Leading Edge Flight Academy to director of Business Development. Courtney joined Leading Edge in 2014, and has advanced through various roles in



the marketing and cus-

tomer success depart-

The Oregonian

COVID-19 pandemic, Portland-based Migration Brewing brewery is bucking the contraction trend and will open a new pub, this one in the former space of Hopworks Urban Brewery's Bike Bar in north

Migration is expected to open its new pub in early March after a six-week reno-

"This is a great chance for us to expand our brand to a new neighborhood that is bustling with great energy," said CEO and co-founder McKean Banzer-Lausberg. "We've worked really hard to stay positive over the past year and have been looking for creative ways to keep growing in a pandemic. We feel very fortunate to be in a position to take on this proj-

The Williams Street pub will be Migration's second expansion since COVID-19 shutdowns began in March.

In August, Migration opened The Rooftop at Canvas taproom in the Stadium District of the Goose Hollow neighborhood. Migration's third location sits high atop the ninth floor of the Press Blocks, a new commercial and residential development at the site of The Oregonian's former press plant, with a view down onto

Providence Park.

Banzer-Lausberg said the pandemic-caused downturn hit hard at Migration, which closed its pubs for three months and laid off the majority of workers during that time. But expansion of packaged beers in recent years paid off with solid grocery- and specialty-store sales, Banzer-Lausberg said.

### **BUSINESSES IN CENTRAL OREGON**

# Seven Nightclub, The Herb Center sanctioned by OLCC

**BY SUZANNE ROIG** 

The Bulletin

Seven nightclub's liquor license has been suspended for 50 days, and The Herb Center will surrender its license under sanctions imposed by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission on Thursday.

The downtown Bend nightclub surrendered its license 50 days after a complaint was filed with the Deschutes County Health Services by a

person who had been at the bar and later tested positive for COVID-19.

The complaint alleged the nightclub was not enforcing rules requiring that workers and patrons wear a facial covering and maintain a 6-foot physical distance to prevent the spread of the virus. The allegations occurred Oct. 30 and 31, according to the OLCC docu-

After the initial complaint,

inspectors provided training before the bar opened on how to get and stay in compliance, according to the OLCC stipulated agreement. When inspectors returned later that same night, none of the measures

ing to the agreement. The bar's owner could not be reached for comment.

had been put in place, accord-

The bar had also received a warning in July.

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# Abby's Legendary Pizza sold; all will stay open

#### BY IAN CAMPBELL

The News-Review (Roseburg) Abby's Legendary Pizza has been purchased by Lone Rock Resources, according to a statement from the companies.

Lone Rock will purchase 100% equity ownership of the 36 pizzerias throughout Oregon and Washington. Abby's has locations in Bend, Madras and Redmond, accord-

ing to its website. "We are very excited with

this opportunity to further our commitment to this area and continue Abby's commitment to its customers," said Lone Rock Resources CEO Toby Luther. "We fully appreciate the long-term operation, experience, and growth of the Abby's business. Over the past three years, we've visited every Abby's location and have fallen in love with the high-quality employees, loyal customers and familyoriented business model."

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Scientists are developing a mask sensor that detects the novel coronavirus



UCSD University of California, San Diego is developing a mask-borne sensor that detects the coronavirus.

## **BY GARY ROBBINS**

The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO he National Institutes of Health has awarded the University of California, San Diego \$1.3 million to develop a small, wearable sensor that can tell whether a person has the novel coronavirus or has been exposed to it by someone

The lightweight sensor would be attached to face masks to

monitor for the presence of coronavirus-related molecules that appear in a person's breath and

The "surveillance" test strip also would detect virus molecules expelled by someone else and possibly inhaled by the user of the mask.

The user would squeeze the sensor to see if it turns color, denoting a positive reading. The process is similar to the one used to check results in a home pregnancy test.

If there's a positive reading, the face-mask user would then get a test to confirm the infection. The result would be available almost immediately. The sensor also is meant to be useful in contact tracing.

"This would be a way of identifying outbreaks early," said Jesse Jokerst, the university's nanoengineering professor who is leading the project. "We're repurposing something that people are already wearing to sort of monitor the environment."

The test strip, which could be ready for use later this year, is a variation of things that the university is already doing to detect and stop the spread of the coronavirus.

In the fall, the university began placing sensors in its wastewater system to monitor for the presence of the virus in sewage coming out of specific buildings. When there's a positive reading, the university alerts people who might have been using the buildings at specific times and asks them to get a COVID-19 test.

# Portland brewers try unusual methods to survive

One plans to open new pub, while a second tries crowdfunding

## BY ANDRE MEUNIER

For a second time during the

Portland.

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