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**BRIEFING**

**U.S. adds 49K jobs**

The U.S. Labor Department reported Friday that employers added a meager 49,000 jobs in January, after having slashed 227,000 in December.

Still, the nation's unemployment rate slid to 6.3%, its lowest level since March, from 6.7% in December.

And January was the first month since June in which the economy generated more jobs than it did the month before: After a bounce-back of 4.8 million added jobs in June, net hiring had weakened to 1.7 million in July, 1.6 million in August, 716,000 in September, 680,000 in October and 264,000 in November — and then actually shrank in December.

All told, the United States still has 9.9 million fewer jobs than it did in February last year, just before the coronavirus erupted across the country.

**Grocery industry sues Seattle**

Two grocery industry trade groups have filed a lawsuit against the city of Seattle over its new law mandating \$4 an hour pay raises for grocery stores.

The suit was filed by the Northwest Grocery Association and the Washington Food Industry Association Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Seattle, The Seattle Times reported.

It alleges the city's law interferes with the collective-bargaining process between grocery stores and unions and also "picks winners and losers" by singling out large grocery companies.

Seattle's law passed last week and went into effect Wednesday.

"Unfortunately, the council's unprecedented ordinance, its unilateral action, and unwillingness to work with the grocery industry has left us with no other option than to file a lawsuit against the city," Tammie Hetrick, president and CEO of the association, said in a statement.

A spokesperson for Seattle City Attorney Pete Holmes, Dan Nolte, said "We will absolutely defend the City's right to see essential grocery workers receive the hazard pay they so rightly deserve."

**State is behind on jobless payments**

The Oregon Employment Department said Friday it won't be caught up with payments to self-employed workers by the end of this week, missing a self-imposed deadline.

The delays pertain to Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, a benefits program Congress created in March and extended in December. Oregon had promised to deliver backlogged payments by Friday, but now says some benefits will be delayed for an indefinite period.

"We want to sincerely apologize for any confusion and delays in PUA benefit payments," the department said Friday in a letter to claimants. "We know you need and are counting on your benefits and we are dedicated to getting them to you."

The employment department didn't say how many people the delay affects.

— Bulletin wire reports

# There's a new burger in town



**A Bender burger from Killer Burgers. It has bacon, spicy barbecue, crispy jalapeno, house sauce, grilled onion and cheddar.**  
Submitted photo

## Killer Burger plans Bend location by August

BY MICHAEL KOHN • The Bulletin

**T**he battle over who slings the best burger in Central Oregon could get a little more heated with the arrival later this year of Killer Burger.

The Portland-based burger joint is expected to open its first branch in Bend in August, according to Dave Cowan, owner of the Bend branch of the restaurant.

Killer Burger is the latest chain restaurant to nudge its way in the Central Oregon market. Chick-fil-A opened up last year in Bend. Other entrants in recent years include Cracker Barrel, Five Guys, Chipotle and Jersey Mike's.

"As we make our entrance into Bend, we had to partner with an experienced, qualified individual to make it possible, and David fits that

bill perfectly," said TJ Southard, founder and CEO of Killer Burger.

The fast-casual restaurant sets itself apart with a few quirks, but its primary claim to fame is that all burgers come with bacon and fries. After that, there is a range of other toppings to choose from. All Killer Burger locations offer craft beer and ciders on draft or to-go.

"Ever since my first bite of the Peanut Butter Pickle Bacon burger, I've been infatuated with Killer Burger," said Cowan. "When I began looking for a new business venture, it became an obvious

choice, especially after meeting with their corporate team and learning about the processes and support."

Cowan grew up in Bend but is relatively new to restaurant ownership. He has previously been employed as a math teacher and has also worked in real estate.

"I can't wait to introduce to the people of my hometown the burgers that have literally changed my life," said Cowan.

Killer Burger currently has 12 locations — 10 in Oregon and two in Washington. Cowan said site selection is currently underway for the restaurant in Bend, so the company has not settled on a specific location.

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## 'Grassroots' campaign against tax hikes starts in Oregon

BY HILLARY BORRUD  
The Oregonian

Oregon's largest business lobbying group launched a "grassroots movement" this week to enlist people around the state to oppose any tax increases during the legislative session now underway.

Chief among the potential tax hikes: a proposed rollback of three tax breaks Oregon copied automatically from a 2020 Trump administration-influenced law. One, if not canceled, would overwhelmingly benefit just the top 1% of earners, and another only applies to businesses with at least \$25 million in annual revenue, The Oregonian has reported.

Nonetheless, the Oregon Business & Industry campaign "Our Jobs Our Voice" asked on its Twitter account Thursday morning, "Should we end the federal #CaresAct tax assistance for small businesses?"

On Wednesday afternoon, representatives from business groups were the only ones allowed to testify on a proposal to eliminate the three Oregon tax cuts that stem from the federal 2020 coronavirus relief act, known as the CARES Act. Oregon automatically incorporates federal tax code into state law unless the Legislature actively intervenes to stop it.

Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, said other people who should have been notified of the hearing, such as possible supporters of canceling the tax breaks, were not informed of it due to a technical problem.

Burdick, who is chair of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue, said "I will definitely do at least one more hearing on it."

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## Millennials burst into the luxury real estate market

BY JACQUELINE DAVALOS  
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In sharp contrast to the "slacker" stereotype that has defined their generation, millennials aren't living in parents' basements. They're buying multimillion-dollar homes.

At 38%, millennial-adults born from 1981 to 1996 represent the largest share of homebuyers in the U.S., according to a survey by the National Association of Realtors released last year. "They're just as interested in owning a home. They just waited longer to buy their first one," says Bradley Nelson, chief marketing officer of Sotheby's International Realty.

Breaking from the notion of a "starter home" that older generations embraced, wealthy millennials, Nelson says, are going big.

"In the past, people bought a modest property, lived in it until starting a family, and then traded up to a larger property," he says. "Millennials are finally coming out of the gate, and it's not uncommon for the first purchase as a first-time homebuyer to be a multimillion-dollar luxury home in the U.S. or internationally."

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Ranchers ride among their grass-fed cattle on the Carman Ranch near north of Wallowa. Carman Ranch provides beef for the Burgerville burger chain, which prides itself on using locally raised, grass-fed beef.

## Beef from Wallowa County ranch featured in new Burgerville burger

BY BILL BRADSHAW  
Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa County's own Carman Ranch is contributing a lion's share of the meat to be featured in the new "Wallowa Burger," offered by Burgerville, a Vancouver, Washington, chain that specializes in using locally grown meat, ac-

ording to a press release.

"I haven't had one yet, but Burgerville says it's really good," said Cory Carman, owner of the Promise-area ranch.

Carman said the 100-year-old family ranch has been selling to Burgerville for about three years. It has been selling grass-fed beef since 2006.

The Wallowa Burger uses Carman's grass-fed beef for what some say is a healthier meat. It also uses meat from the Portland-area's Mama Lil's Mayo.

"I don't know that it's special; it's just a different finishing diet," she said of her ranch's beef. "It has a different

nutritional profile. ... The cattle are finished on pasture and forage-based crops rather than grain" in feedlots.

"Pasture-raised meat is different," said Jamie Powell, Burgerville's vice president of food and menu development in the release.

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