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BRIEFING

Biden: U.S. will have 600M vaccine doses by July

BETHESDA, Md. — President Joe Biden said Thursday that the U.S. will have enough supply of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the summer to inoculate 300 million Americans.

Biden made the announcement at the sprawling National Institutes of Health complex just outside Washington as he visited some of the nation's leading scientists on the front lines of the fight against the disease.

The U.S. is on pace to exceed Biden's goal of administering 100 million vaccine doses in his first 100 days in office, with more than 26 million shots delivered in his first three weeks.

Biden announced on Thursday that the U.S. had secured contractual commitments from Moderna and Pfizer to deliver the 600 million doses of vaccine by the end of July — more than a month earlier than initially anticipated.

Pendleton makes top-10 list of True Western Towns

PENDELTON — The city of Pendleton has been named one of the nation's "Top 10 True Western Towns" by True West Magazine, according to a press release.

Pendleton was named the No. 6 community in the 2021 list, and will be featured in the February/March 2021 issue, which is scheduled to hit newsstands on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Prescott, Arizona, took the top spot.

"The Pendleton Round-Up is one of those Pacific Northwest events that you have to attend," said True West Executive Editor Bob Boze Bell. "But the town is more than that — with a living heritage that brings the Old West alive. There's no question: Pendleton is a Top True Western Town."

Jobless claims fall slightly to 793K

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell slightly last week to 793,000, evidence that job cuts remain high despite a substantial decline in new viral infections.

Last week's total declined from 812,000 the previous week, the Labor Department said. That figure was revised higher from the previously reported 779,000. The numbers point to a still-elevated number of layoffs.

— Bulletin wire reports

UNEMPLOYMENT IN OREGON

Extension of benefits easiest to manage

BY PETER WONG

Oregon Capital Bureau

As Congress starts work on President Joe Biden's proposals to extend pandemic unemployment benefits, the acting director of the Oregon Employment Department says straightforward extensions that are on the table will be easier to manage than new programs.

But David Gerstenfeld also said he and counterpart agencies in other states would like as much lead time as possible

"One of the problems we face is the timing of knowing what the program is and being able to get guidance from the Department of Labor before the benefits are supposed to be paid."

— David Gerstenfeld, acting director of the Oregon Employment Department

to prepare for any changes and avoid interruptions in benefit payments. States pay benefits but the U.S. Department of Labor oversees them.

The latest extensions, which Con-

gress approved at the end of December, are scheduled to end March 13.

Oregon pays:

- Federal benefits for self-employed and gig workers under a program

known as Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

These workers did not qualify for any benefits until they were included for the first time in the coronavirus relief act in the spring.

• Federal benefits, on top of 26 weeks of regular benefits from the state unemployment trust fund, under a program known as Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation.

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Courtesy of Aviagen/via Capital Press

WHEN PIGS FLY AND CHICKENS CROSS THE WORLD

Chickens are the largest category of live animals traded globally, but overall, trade in live animals is a colossal \$21 billion industry



Courtesy of Tony Clayton/via Capital Press

A 2017 shipment of cows aboard a ship.

BY SIERRA DAWN MCCLAIN • Capital Press

When day-old chicks cross the world, they usually travel in boxes packed inside a Boeing or Airbus wide-body jet. Tufts of yellow fluff poke through air holes. Against the roar of the cargo plane, there's a chorus of peeping.

In 2019, according to Renan Zhuang, an economist at the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council, America exported 62 million chicks and 79 million dozen hatching eggs worldwide valued at \$595 million.

Chicks were shipped to Canada, Mexico, Indonesia, Guatemala, Vietnam and elsewhere to serve as breeding stock for the meat and egg industries.

Nicolo Cinotti, secretary general of the International Poultry Council in Rome, said these breeders are "essential" to ensuring an adequate poultry

supply in many regions of the world.

Chickens are the largest category of live animals traded globally, but overall trade in live animals is a colossal — and growing — \$21 billion industry. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, in 2017, more than 1.9 billion live animals were shipped worldwide, a 140% increase from two decades ago.

But the industry is wrought with conflicts and controversies, ranging from disease restrictions and logistical hurdles to calls for bans on live animal

transports deemed inhumane. Some experts say the industry isn't going away, but it can and should be made better.

Pigs on planes

Putting hogs on an airplane is a "logistical headache," said Doug Newcom, vice president of genetics and technology at the National Swine Registry.

"You couldn't pay me to export animals," said Newcom.

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PORTLAND

Brewer lays out plans for 2 new locations

Upright Brewing also plans to drift from farmhouse-ales focus

BY ANDRE MEUNIER

The Oregonian

Upright Brewing, the subterranean brewery near Portland's Rose Quarter, is planning two expansion projects that would haul it out of a longtime basement home that's cozy — but cramped and hard to find.

At the same time, founder and owner Alex Ganum said, Upright will also continue to branch out its offerings — accelerating a shift in focus from farmhouse ales to other traditional Old World styles.

Upright will close its current taproom and open a cafe and taproom on the first floor of its current location. And Upright will open a second taproom in a vacant former northeast Portland gas station. Ganum said the satellite bar would be "a neighborhood spot, really low key and modest, with a TV for Blazer games, a couple food carts onsite" and possibly operating as a coffeehouse.

Both locations will include the farmhouse ales Upright built its name on, but will also include two cask taps. The cask offerings reflect a shift: Upright has specialized in mixed- and wild-fermentation beers with a French and Belgian influence, but those will give some ground to an array of traditional pub styles drawing from places like Germany and the United Kingdom, Ganum said.

"We've been focused on farmhouse (beers) for so long, but we have been making less over the years and branching out into more traditional beers," he said.

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United: Small electric air taxis will zip people to airports

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines said Wednesday it will buy up to 200 small electric air taxis to help customers in urban areas get to the airport.

The airline said it will help electric-aircraft startup Archer develop an aircraft capable of helicopter-style, vertical takeoffs and landings. Archer hopes to deliver its first aircraft in 2024, if it wins certification from the Federal Aviation Administration.

United said once the aircraft are flying, it and partner Mesa Airlines will acquire up to 200 that would be operated by an-

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other company.

According to an Archer presentation to investors, the orders are worth \$1 billion with an option for \$500 million more.

Archer's aircraft are designed to fly under battery power for

up to 60 miles at speeds of up to 150 mph.

The company plans to launch service in congested areas close to airports. United estimated the air taxis could shuttle people from Hollywood to Los Angeles International Airport at about half the carbon emissions per passenger.

Cowen analyst Helene Becker said Archer's aircraft could operate between New York City and United's hub operation at Newark Liberty Airport in New Jersey, or from downtown Chicago to O'Hare Airport, allowing airline customers to avoid traffic.

Trade commission finds imports don't hurt blueberry farmers

BY DON JENKINS

Capital Press

Imported blueberries are not seriously injuring U.S. growers and don't pose a threat to them, the U.S. International Trade Commission concluded Thursday.

A coalition of blueberry growers, including those represented by the Oregon, Washington and California blueberry commissions, had sought trade relief.

"We are certainly very disappointed with the ITC decision," American Blueberry Growers Alliance spokeswoman Emily Vander Weele said. "We'll move forward as an alliance."

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George Plaven/Capital Press file

A harvester shakes loose ripe blueberries. The U.S. International Trade Commission on Thursday rejected claims that foreign blueberries are seriously injuring U.S. farmers.