

STATE BRIEFING

Hiker rescued after 100-foot fall on coast

The U.S. Coast Guard saved a hiker who tumbled off a cliff on the north Oregon coast Friday, using a helicopter to pull him from the beach.

Rescue crews responded to Hug Point State Recreation Site south of Cannon Beach, where they attempted to reach the man, who had fallen more than 100 feet from a cliff, the Coast Guard said.

After first responders could not reach the man safely, a Coast Guard helicopter was dispatched to the scene. The aircrew hoisted the man to safety about 45 minutes after responders first arrived.

The man was conscious and responsive, the Coast Guard said, and was flown to Portland for medical care.

Hug Point is a popular recreation site near Cannon Beach, known for its sea caves, beaches, a seasonal waterfall and an old stage-coach road carved into rock, most of which is accessible only at low tide. Tide tables show that the incident occurred just before high tide Friday afternoon.

The beach at Hug Point is backed by steep sandstone cliffs that can be extremely unstable. There are no official trails atop the cliffs.

The Coast Guard on Saturday encouraged all visitors to the coast to "always be aware of surroundings and be mindful of dangerous terrain." Visitors should carry not only proper hiking gear but also a reliable means of contact in case of emergency, the agency said.

Explosion damages parked RV in Portland

An explosion that damaged a parked RV in a Northeast Portland neighborhood Saturday morning is now being investigated as "suspicious in nature."

The Portland Police Bureau said its arson unit was investigating a possible explosive device found outside the RV, which was parked at the 3800 block of NE 141st Drive.

Portland Fire & Rescue was dispatched to the scene about 8:41 a.m. on reports of a trailer on fire, police said. Firefighters found smoke coming from inside the RV but no flames.

The initial investigation indicated an explosion had happened outside the RV and that it came from an "explosive device." Police did not elaborate on what kind of device could have been to blame.

Portland officers arrest suspect after standoff

Nearly 30 Portland police officers surrounded a car in Southeast Portland on Friday and arrested a suspect after a standoff that lasted about 3½ hours.

Colby R. Lindsey, 30, was arrested and booked in the Multnomah County Detention Center on several counts including violation of restraining order, fourth-degree assault in domestic violence and menacing related to domestic violence.

About 4:40 p.m., police officers responded to SE 114th and Holgate after reports that a suspect in several domestic violence and gun crimes was spotted in the area.

Police arrived and saw the man driving away in a pickup. Officers surrounded him in a nearby intersection, and the suspect tried to drive into the cars to escape, police said. Police said they tried to negotiate with the man, and then sprayed him with pepper spray to get him to come out. He refused, and began spinning his tires and digging into the pavement. Police said they were concerned the truck might catch fire, and deployed CS gas.

The man was taken to the hospital for medical evaluation, police said.

— Bulletin wire reports

STATE & NATION

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Dozens rally before ex-officer put on trial

Star Tribune

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Dozens of people gathered in front of the Minnesota governor's mansion on Saturday to demand accountability for police officers, days before a former Minneapolis officer is scheduled to go on trial in the death of George Floyd.

Many of the roughly 150 people who demonstrated in Minnesota were family members of others who died during police encounters. Similar protests were being organized in cities around the country in advance of the trial of Derek Chauvin.

Floyd, a Black man, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's neck while Floyd was held face-down on the ground in handcuffs, saying he couldn't breathe. Body-camera video time stamps provided by prosecutors show Chau-

vin held his position for about nine minutes, even after Floyd stopped moving. Floyd was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter and jury selection in his trial begins Monday.

Saturday's protest in Minnesota was organized by Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence, a coalition of families who lost loved ones in police confrontations. Speakers said that in light of Floyd's death, they want other fatal police encounters reopened and examined.

On Friday, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled that a trial judge was wrong to refuse prosecutors' request to add a third-degree murder charge against Chauvin and ordered the court to reconsider adding the charge.



Jim Mone/AP file

George Floyd Square is shown Feb. 8 in Minneapolis. The trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin is scheduled to begin with jury selection Monday.

Oregon remains outlier with no COVID contact tracing app

BY ANDREW THEEN
The Oregonian

Oregon is one of just four states along or west of the continental divide that has yet to launch smartphone technology to aid in coronavirus contact tracing, leaving the state some two months behind schedule with no explanation from officials about the delay.

Gov. Kate Brown announced Oregon would test the Exposure Notifications Express technology last fall and state officials anticipated a wider rollout in January.

The program allows users to opt-in to receive notice if they've spent time in close proximity to someone who later tests positive, such as when dining at a restaurant or spending time at a college party.

California launched its notification system Dec. 10, with "millions" now using it. Washington started even earlier, Nov. 30, and more than 1.8 million residents have opted in.

Oregon officials have given only vague statements and shifting timelines. A spokesperson for the Oregon Health Authority in December said the agency was "currently working towards a January 2021 launch." In early January officials said they were "assessing the results" of a pilot project

at Oregon State University and would likely have an update by mid-month.

Last week, the health authority said those results are still being reviewed — and neither the agency nor Oregon State University responded to public records requests for documentation about the results or recommendations.

"OHA is still assessing the results of a now-completed Oregon State University pilot of the application to determine a date for rolling it out, but as mentioned previously, we are looking at spring for go-live," Tim Heider, a spokesman for the health authority, wrote in an email.

The notification system is a complementary tool to traditional contact tracing, in which public health officials interview someone who has been infected, collect the names of people who've been in close contact with that person, and then contact those people to tell them about exposure.

The smartphone system allows people who opt-in to use their cellphones to anonymously ping nearby cell phones, with the data kept

confidential. If someone later tests positive, they receive a code from local health officials that they can punch into their phone. That triggers a process for sending out notifications to people who were in close contact with the infected person — without disclosing anyone's personal information.

While officials in many states have lauded the technology's potential to help slow coronavirus spread, it's unclear how successful those programs have been.

Washington officials say they believe the exposure app is a useful tool, though it's hard to know for sure.

"The way WA Notify works is that no news is good news," Teresa McCallion, a state health spokesperson said in an email.

State officials said they weren't able to provide detailed information on how many of their 1.8 million users have received a notification, saying there are multiple ways to be notified. The main source is through contact tracers, who ask residents if they use the app.

The University of Wash-

ington is studying the nascent state program and expects to release a report this month.

"We are adding approximately 3,000 new users every week," McCallion said. "That kind of response exceeds our wildest expectations."

King County, home to Seattle, estimated roughly 20% of contact tracing interviewees indicated they had WA Notify

on their phone, local officials said.

Since December, the system has sent codes to 2,140 app users with infections so they could choose to trigger notifications for people who they came in close contact with.

"The effect of WA Notify on curbing transmission is being reviewed at the state level," a county spokesperson said.

OBITUARY

Harold "Fred" Campbell

July 31, 1936 - February 15, 2021



Fred Campbell passed away peacefully in the early hours of Monday, February 15, 2021. With his wife of 53 years and his youngest daughter at his side, he closed his eyes and found peace after a long, well-lived life.

Fred is survived by his loving wife Maureen, and children: Shannon

(Paul), Patrick (Amy), and Kathleen; and grandchildren Erin, Sean, Lily, and Miller; surviving brothers Loren and Dick Holeman; and extended family. He loved us all deeply and left a permanent mark on our hearts.

Fred was raised in Okanogan, Washington. After high school, he joined the Army before graduating from Western Washington University as a veteran. Fred then spent 21 years with the United States Forest Service. Tired of the "Rat-Race", Fred jumped at the opportunity to take early retirement. Many Bend old timers would remember him from his next adventure: running the small post office at the old Coast to Coast Hardware store on Hwy 97 south of Bend. Later, he could be seen helping Greg Gibson at his auto dealership, and also helping out at fire camps in the summer.

Fred loved to talk, laugh and tell a joke. His humor was an acquired taste, ranging from Hee Haw to inappropriate; Fred laughing after he told a joke is something that we'll all miss. Fred never met a stranger and would walk into a crowded gathering and leave with many new friends. Fred and Maureen loved garage sales, Dandy's, DQ Blizzards, and subsidizing the casinos. Fred loved his music and shared it freely; Bobby Vee's Rubber Ball, Waylon Jennings, and Roy Orbison are on all our playlists.

We all feel the empty hole his passing has left in our family but know that he has not left us alone. We have untold memories that bring smiles and laughter. He instilled strong values, work ethic and unfortunately the same embarrassing humor in his children and grandchildren.

If you are looking for a way to celebrate a life well lived, we suggest you fill an old coffee cup with Old Crow bourbon; then sit, sip, cringe, and laugh.

At Fred's request there will be no service. The family will have a private gathering at a later date. The entire family would like to thank all the health care professionals who have helped Fred over the years; especially Dr. Richard Fawcett, Dr. Molly Tilley, and the team at Partners in Care. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Partners in Care (2075 NE Wyatt Ct, Bend, OR 97701).



OBITUARY

**Michael Jerry Cowger**

February 17, 1962 - January 21, 2021

Michael Jerry Cowger from Central Oregon lost his battle with kidney failure and heart issues after 12 years on January 21, 2021. He battled hard for so long; he was so strong.

Mike was born in Oregon City, Oregon on February 17, 1962 to Jerry and Dinah Cowger. Mike grew up in Bend, Oregon until he enlisted in the US Army in 1980. Mike was honored to serve his country and retired from the Army as a Staff Sergeant in armored cavalry after 16 years, including time as a member of the Black Horse where he was stationed in Germany.

Mike was the proud father to Bethany and Ryan. Mike met his wife Lisa Cowger in Yakima, Washington and they returned to Central Oregon in 1996 to enjoy 25 years together. Mike loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Mike was preceded in death by his grandparents and father. He is survived by his mother Dinah, his brothers Rodney and Scott, wife Lisa and his children and their spouses; Bethany and Ryan, Ryan and Ashley, and five beautiful grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Mike's nephrology team of providers and staff for their care and support over the past 12 years.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, March 13 at the Redmond Grange Hall at 11am. All are welcome!

DEATH NOTICES

Robert H. Schock
of Bend, Oregon
July 24, 1928 -
February 26, 2021

Arrangements:
Niswonger-Reynolds
Funeral Home is honored
to serve the family.
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Services:
A private family gathering
will be held
*Contributions may be
made to:*
Partners in Care Hos-
pice 2075 NE Wyatt Ct.
Bend, OR 97701 or to the
community group of your
choice.

Iris May Davis
of Redmond, OR
August 23, 1944 -
February 26, 2021

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Services:
A Funeral Service will
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2021 at 1:00 PM in the
REDMOND MEMORIAL
CHAPEL

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