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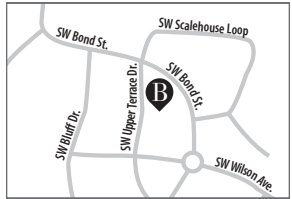
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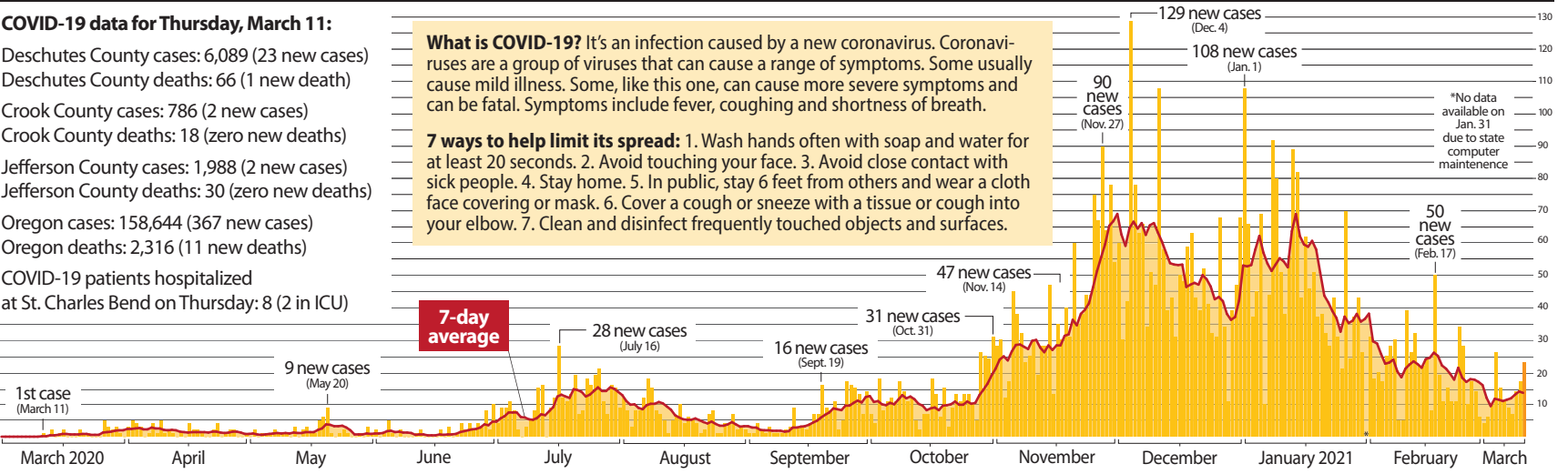
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Thursday, March 11:
Deschutes County cases: 6,089 (23 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 66 (1 new death)
Crook County cases: 786 (2 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,988 (2 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 30 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 158,644 (367 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,316 (11 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 8 (2 in ICU)

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

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 cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



With 'big one' coming, quake alert system launches in Oregon

BY ANDREW SELSKY

The Associated Press

SALEM — People in Oregon will be better prepared for earthquakes — particularly important in the Pacific Northwest because experts say “the big one” is coming — as an early warning system launched Thursday, the 10th anniversary of a devastating quake and tsunami in Japan.

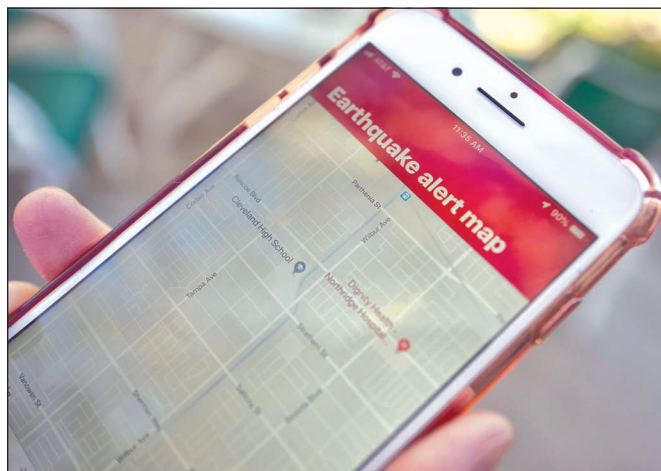
California already has the system, while Washington state will join in May to complete coverage of the West Coast. The ShakeAlert system operated by the U.S. Geological Survey uses seismographic sensors to detect significant earthquakes quickly so alerts reach smartphones and people can seek cover before the shaking starts.

“It’s very important that (the three states) are all partners in ShakeAlert, because earthquakes don’t respect geographic boundaries, and we have huge population centers all across the West Coast where earthquake risk is the highest in the contiguous U.S.,” said Gabriel Lotto, ShakeAlert user engagement facilitator for the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network.

Earthquakes in the Cascadia subduction zone, which extends from the ocean off Northern California to Canada’s Vancouver Island, have an average magnitude of around 9, making them among the world’s biggest.

A quake in that zone has a 37% probability of happening off Oregon in the next 50 years, with a slightly lower chance of one striking near Washington state, according to Chris Goldfinger, an Oregon State University professor and earthquake geologist.

“When a Cascadia event happens, the critical seconds of notice ShakeAlert warnings provide will save lives and reduce damage to important life-



Richard Vogel/AP file

An earthquake early warning system operated by the U.S. Geological Survey was activated Thursday in Oregon on the 10th anniversary of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. California already has the system. Washington state joins it in May, which will complete coverage of the West Coast of the contiguous United States.

line systems,” Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said.

The system cannot predict an earthquake but can give people a jump on seeking cover from falling objects and time to brace themselves.

When an earthquake is detected, people who have alerts activated on their smartphones will get a message saying, “Earthquake detected! Drop, cover, hold on. Protect yourself.” Mobile apps also carry the alerts.

Jenny Crayne of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry told reporters Wednesday that the system works by detecting an initial wave sent out by an earthquake.

“The P wave is first and fast. It travels out and ahead of the S wave, and it is not producing the shaking,” Crayne said. “The S wave is slower and second, and it’s the one that produces the real shaking and damage that you experience during an earthquake.”

The system’s sensors can rapidly detect that initial P wave and send that data to a process-

ing center, where algorithms can determine and estimate the geographical extent of the earthquake, the magnitude and the expected shaking intensity in different areas, Crayne said.

If an area is expected to experience significant shaking, people there will receive an alert. But those at or very close to the epicenter of the quake won’t receive the warning in time because the waves will be too close together.

ShakeAlert can also slow trains to reduce derailments, open firehouse doors so they don’t jam shut and protect water systems with automatic shutoffs.

Installing early-warning shutoffs to things like electrical utilities and wastewater systems also are being considered, said Robert de Groot of the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena, California.

In action in California, an alert was sent to some 2.5 million people as a magnitude 4.5 earthquake struck the Los Angeles suburb of El Monte last September, de Groot said.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Redmond man charged with 21 felony sex crimes

A Redmond man faces 21 felony child sex abuse counts involving the same alleged victim. Thomas Whitelaw, 34, appeared Thursday in Deschutes County Circuit Court to be arraigned on an amended indictment recently approved by a grand jury. The indictment alleges Whitelaw committed

first-degree acts of rape, sodomy and sex abuse, as well as incest, from June 2014 until Feb. 1.

Whitelaw was arrested Feb. 10 on suspicion of 12 charges, but a grand jury approved a new charging document with additional charges earlier this month. He’s scheduled to enter a plea



Whitelaw

May 11. Whitelaw is represented by attorney Karla Nash.

— Bulletin staff report

Southern Oregon man faces federal kidnapping charge

Associated Press

MEDFORD — A Southern Oregon man faces a new federal charge accusing him of forcing a man across state lines for ransom last year. The kidnapping sparked a Northern California police chase in which an officer held onto the side of a moving vehicle until the suspect pulled over, authorities said.

David Brian Scott, 46, was charged Monday in U.S. District Court in Medford with kidnapping. He is accused of forcing a 30-year-old man to travel into California in an attempt to collect a disputed \$25,000 debt, according to an FBI affidavit.

On Sept. 5, Scott made contact with the victim at a Medford warehouse by pretending to have car trouble and asking the victim to fill a jug of water for his vehicle, according to statements the victim and other witnesses gave the FBI. Scott then used a Taser on the victim and poured water on him, the affidavit says.

Scott said he was there to collect \$25,000 owed to another person and forced the

victim into the passenger seat of his Chevrolet Avalanche, according to court documents.

The victim made contact with friends in Yuba City, California, and told them that he had been kidnapped, documents said. Scott then called the victim’s friend and made threats to kill the victim, according to a witness. One friend worked to gather the \$25,000 ransom, while another friend called police.

The victim was safely released that afternoon at a Red Bluff, California, Starbucks. After the exchange, however, a Red Bluff police sergeant initiated a traffic stop on the Avalanche.

The police officer was at the driver’s-side window when Scott drove away with the officer standing on the running boards, according to a release from the Red Bluff Police Department and the FBI affidavit.

When Scott neared an Interstate 5 on-ramp, the police sergeant ordered Scott at gunpoint to stop the vehicle. Scott complied, ran away and was arrested.

Portland pays \$2.1 million in police shooting of teen

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Portland will pay more than \$2 million to settle a wrongful death lawsuit arising from the police killing of a Black teenager in 2017, but family members of Quance Hayes say they are still upset that the officer who pulled the trigger was not disciplined.

City commissioners apologized to the 17-year-old’s family on Wednesday before approving the settlement during a City Council meeting. Hayes’ death sparked protests in 2017 and was among those frequently cited by protesters who demonstrated against police brutality and racial injustice in Portland for months last summer.

A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by Officer Andrew Hearst, who fired three shots at Hayes on Feb. 9, 2017, while investigating an armed robbery.

According to previously released investigations, police discovered Hayes in an alcove in front of a home and ordered him to keep his hands up and crawl on the driveway toward

officers. When Hayes appeared to reach toward his waistband, Hearst said he fired, killing Hayes.

Officers found a fake airsoft pistol in a flowerbed about 18 inches away from Hayes, according to court records.

The lawyer for Hayes’ family, J. Ashlee Albies, called on the city this week to make meaningful changes so another Black teenager doesn’t die by police hands.

“There was no accountability,” said Steven Hayes, Quance Hayes’ uncle, according to The Oregonian.

The family’s lawyers hired forensic biomechanical engineer Jesse L. Wobrock, who reviewed Hayes’ wounds and the paths of the three bullets that hit him.

Wobrock found that Hayes was on his knees, his head and neck bent forward and his torso leaning slightly forward to comply with officer orders to “go down to his face” when Hearst fired the shots.

Hayes likely moved his hand to the ground to help him lie prone, Wobrock’s opinion said.



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