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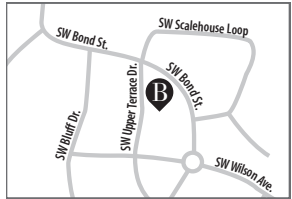
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

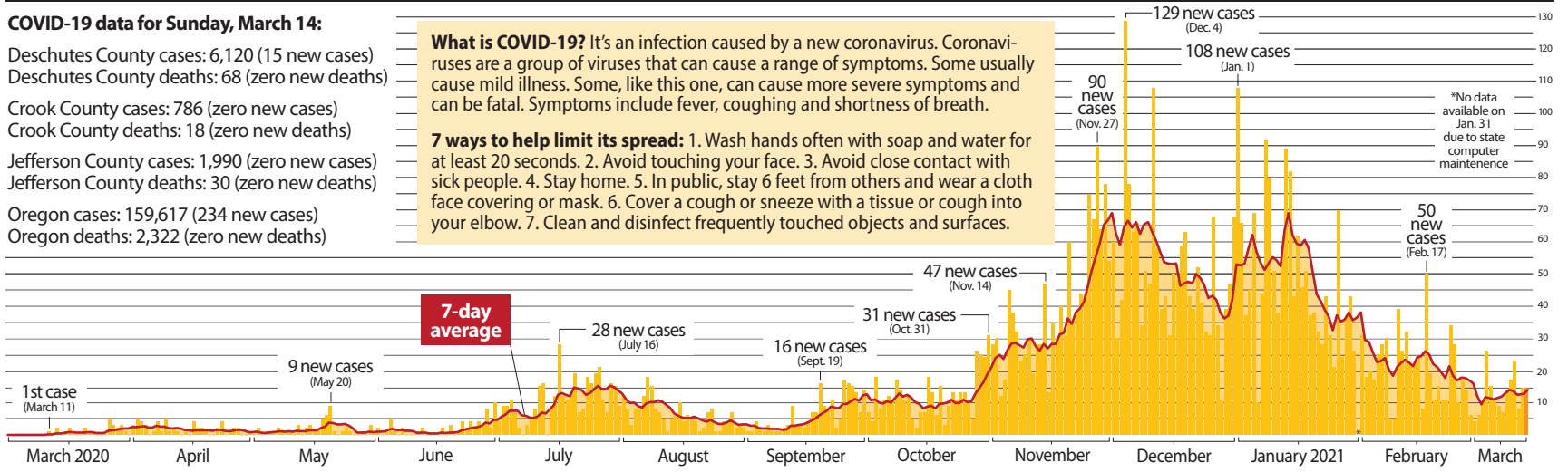
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COVID-19 data for Sunday, March 14:

Deschutes County cases: 6,120 (15 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 68 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 786 (zero new cases)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,990 (zero new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 30 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 159,617 (234 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,322 (zero new deaths)

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.



Regional Arts & Culture Council via The Oregonian
Portland's bronze statue commonly known as Umbrella Man recently got his umbrella back. The artwork's real name is "Allow Me."

Portland's 'UMBRELLA MAN' gets his umbrella back

BY DOUGLAS PERRY
The Oregonian

Umbrella Man has his umbrella again. The downtown public artwork called "Allow Me" — a 36-year-old statue of a well-dressed businessman holding an umbrella over his head as he tries to hail a cab — lost his protection from the elements late last year. The bronze statue's umbrella shaft was bent in October by an unknown vandal or vandals, and the following month the nonprofit organization Re-

gional Arts & Culture Council removed the umbrella for repairs, leaving the man holding only his broly's handle just as the rainy season started. The 6-foot-tall statue, popularly known as "Umbrella Man," has been a signature presence rain or shine in Pioneer Courthouse Square since 1984. The work was created by J. Seward Johnson Jr., a sculptor who, wrote The New York Times, "may be responsible for more double takes than anyone in history thanks to his countless lifelike creations in public places."

PORTLAND POLICE

Progressive groups demand federal investigation into kettling

BY EDER CAMPUZANO
The Oregonian

A coalition of progressive Portland groups called on U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to investigate the city police bureau the day after officers employed a controversial crowd control tactic to detain more than 100 people during a demonstration. The Oregon Justice Resource Center, ACLU of Oregon and the state chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations on Saturday called the Portland Police Bureau's use of kettling "aggressive and indiscriminate." The groups say the agency uses the tactic exclusively on left-leaning groups and reiterated long-standing criticism that Portland police treat such demonstrators much more harshly than right-wing protesters.

"What is PPB's response when our community demands safety and justice? They repeatedly engage in violent and unconstitutional tactics that morally compel the community to respond through protest, mutual aid, legal action and legislation," the groups said in a statement. They called for the U.S. Department



Dave Killen/The Oregonian file
Portland police officers, shown here at a November protest, have long been criticized for their use of the kettling tactic, which is when officers corral and detain a crowd.

of Justice to investigate "ongoing civil rights abuses that local and federal law enforcement are committing in Portland." They also demanded that state lawmakers support police reform bills backed by the 12-member Black, Indigenous and People of Color Caucus in the Oregon Legislature. "Law enforcement traumatization of

our community must be stopped," they said. Protesters gathered in the Pearl District on Friday for a direct action march with no specified target, though an on-line poster promoting the gathering was illustrated with the logo of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with a red line through it.

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— Statement by the coalition of groups including the ACLU of Oregon

Shortly after the march began, officers began corraling demonstrators and detaining those within the kettle boundaries. The tactic has long been criticized. In January, two federal judges tossed a pair of civil suits challenging police use of kettling during protests in downtown Portland in the summer of 2017. Police spokesperson Sgt. Kevin Allen said the bureau had "reasonable suspicion" that everyone inside the kettle perimeter had "committed at least one criminal violation."

\$1.3M grant will establish new homeless facility in Pendleton

East Oregonian
Superficially, the future of The Whiskey Inn doesn't look promising. The former motel's sign featuring a cowboy slumped against a post is turned inside out. Whatever visual evidence the empty parking lot offers is confirmed by a sign at the entrance that states the motel is "permanently closed." But by the end of March, the 35-room motel will be reborn as a facility that will serve the unhoused, a first of its kind in Eastern Oregon. On Wednesday, the Oregon Community Foundation announced it was granting the Community Action Program of East Central Oregon a \$1.3 million grant to purchase the former motel and turn it into a facility that will offer temporary housing to local homeless residents. Paula Hall, CEO of the com-

munity action program, said she was both excited and a little overwhelmed to receive the grant, which the foundation established as a part of its Operation Turnkey program. "It's going to be quite the undertaking," she said. In the short term, Hall said the program plans to run the building mainly as a shelter for the unhoused, a safe place where lodgers could socially distance themselves during the pandemic. Once Umatilla County is able to get the pandemic under control, Hall said the building will retain some rooms as a night-to-night shelter while also dedicating other rooms to transitional housing, a place where the unhoused can live for up to two years while they search for permanent housing. "This is not a forever home," she said.



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