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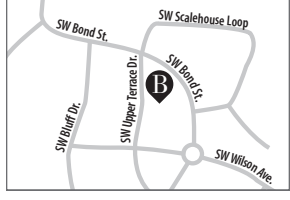
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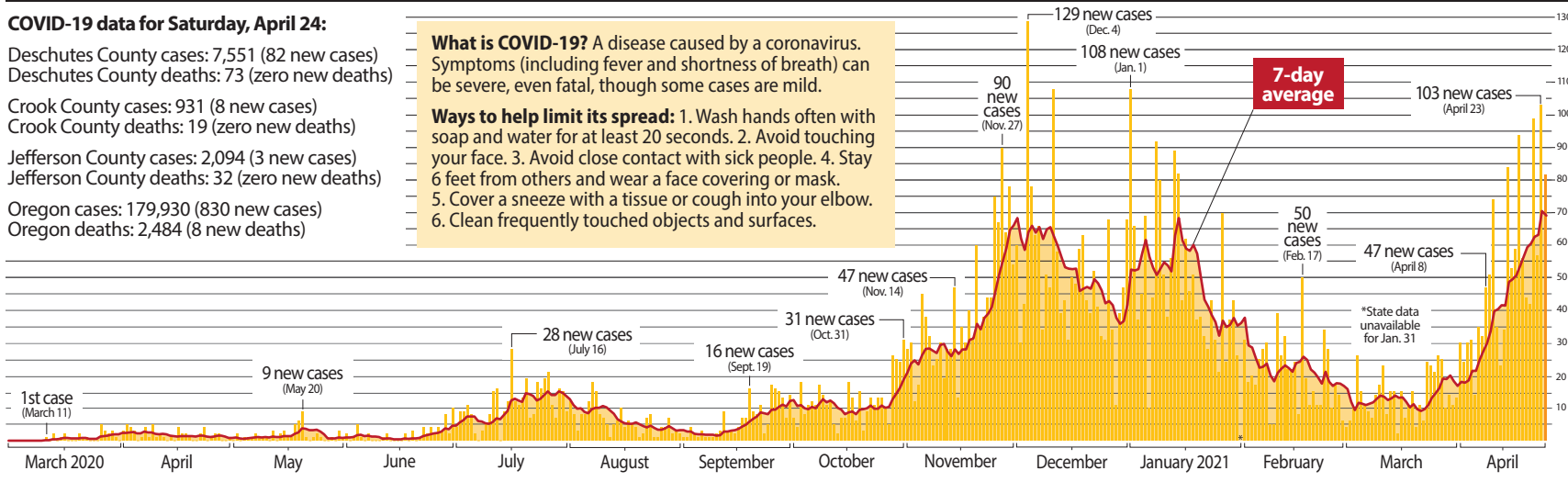
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Saturday, April 24:

Deschutes County cases: 7,551 (82 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 73 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 931 (8 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 19 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,094 (3 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 32 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 179,930 (830 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,484 (8 new deaths)

What is COVID-19? A disease caused by a coronavirus. Symptoms (including fever and shortness of breath) can be severe, even fatal, though some cases are mild.
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 6 feet from others and wear a face covering or mask. 5. Cover a sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 6. Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.



PORTLAND | MAN KILLED BY POLICE

Family calls for special prosecutor

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The family of the man fatally shot by a Portland police officer is calling on the governor and state attorney general to appoint a special prosecutor to do an independent investigation of the incident.

Robert Delgado was shot April 16 by Officer Zachary DeLong at Lents Park in Southeast Portland.

His children and other relatives gathered Friday at the Portland law offices of their attorney, J. Ashlee Albies.

The family recognizes that we don't know everything that happened and that the investigation is still underway, Al-

bies said. But she said video of the encounter and witness accounts are "deeply disturbing and alarming."

"We see that Robert is having a mental health crisis," she said. "He is clearly struggling to keep his composure and we hear the way that the police were responding."

A 911 caller reported that a man in the park was doing quick-draws with a gun but not pointing it at anyone, according to the Police Bureau. DeLong got there and radioed that Delgado wasn't following police commands. Minutes later, DeLong fired at Delgado from behind a tree about 90 feet away.

Police recovered a replica handgun with an orange tip on it and a magazine to the gun that Delgado had. Police photographed the gun in the grass but did not say exactly where it was.

Delgado suffered from anxiety and depression and had been living outside and "couch surfing," according to his family and court records. His sister said he struggled with substance abuse addiction.

Delgado is survived by four grown children.

Speaking on the family's behalf, Albies said a special prosecutor would ensure an independent review of the shooting.



Kristyna Wentz-Graff/OPB
Kennedy Garrett, 24, center, speaks about her father, Robert Delgado, during a Friday press conference held by his family. Delgado was killed by Portland Police in Lents Park earlier in the month.

Pacific Northwest blood shortage prompts 'code red'

BY MARTÍN BILBAO

The Olympian (Wash.)

Hospitals and trauma centers are in dire need of donated blood, according to the primary blood provider in the Pacific Northwest.

Seattle-based Bloodworks Northwest declared a "Code Red" alert Friday in response to a three-week-long blood shortage. The blood provider says it now has less than a 24-hour supply, far less than the four-day inventory it needs.

As of Friday, donations are short 700 units a week compared to the need, according to a news release. About 35,000 donors would need to fill appointments by Memorial Day and 78,000 by Independence Day to meet the demand, Bloodworks says.

The dearth of supply means Bloodworks cannot keep hospital inventories full, Vicki Finson of Blood Services said in the release. Bloodworks serves 90 hospitals in Western Washington and Oregon.

"Blood is being shipped to hospitals faster than it's being collected," Finson said. "We're actively communicating with hospitals to conserve blood and appealing to donors to book appointments so that doctors don't need to make difficult decisions like canceling surgeries or postponing treatments based on the blood supply."

Residents can book appointments to donate blood every 56 days, the release says. No-

tably, there is no waiting period before giving blood after receiving a COVID-19 vaccination.

Due to the pandemic, Bloodworks is no longer accepting walk-ins. A related issue is contributing to the shortage: The appointment no-show rate is the worst Bloodworks has seen since shortly after the pandemic began.

Appointments are required to accommodate a fixed number of donations per day, according to the news release. So people who fail to show up to their appointments, without canceling first, can impact the ability to collect enough blood.

If residents cannot make their scheduled appointments, they should cancel them so others can fill them, Finson said in the release.

"Maintaining a safe and reliable blood supply is critical to public health and the ability of trauma centers to respond to emergencies," said Bloodworks Northwest President and CEO Curt Bailey. "The community must immediately prioritize donating blood for the health of local patients, including individuals with cancer and other life-threatening diseases."

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Ranchers want relief from imports

BY CAROL RYAN DUMAS

Capital Press

In anticipation of a summit between U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai and her counterparts from Mexico and Canada, 18 ranching groups sent a letter to Tai and USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack seeking immediate relief from the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

The ranchers contend USMCA and its predecessor, the North American Free Trade Agreement, have "severely weakened" the U.S. cattle supply chain and harmed producers.

The letter states that since 2014 U.S. imports of Mexican and Canadian cattle and beef have averaged \$4.4 billion a year while U.S. exports of the same products to those countries have averaged less than \$2 billion a year.

On a volume basis, the U.S. has imported an average of 2.7 billion pounds of Mexican and Canadian cattle and beef annually and exported less than 1 billion pounds of the same product per year, the letter states.

"The U.S. live cattle supply chain — consisting of America's three-quarters of a million family cattle farmers and ranchers — cannot be expected to prosper when multinational beef packers, processors and importers continually source greater quantities of undifferentiated beef and cattle from Mexico and Canada," the ranchers said.

Those imports are direct substitutes for U.S. cattle and beef and act to leverage down domestic cattle prices, they said, adding that the



Agri Beef via Capital Press

Livestock groups have written to the U.S. trade representative and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack voicing concerns about the cattle trade imbalance between the U.S. and Canada and Mexico.

benefits to multinational companies come at considerable expense to U.S. cattle producers.

"United States cattle producers are being deprived the opportunity to expand production, or even to remain profitable in the face of increasing domestic beef demand, increasing beef consumption and increasing wholesale and retail beef prices," the ranchers said.

"As a direct result, U.S. cattle producers, their domestic live cattle supply chain and the rural communities they support are being irreparably harmed," they said.

The letter also points out that following last year's outbreak of COVID-19, U.S. cattle producers couldn't get a bid for their cattle from beef packers for as long as seven weeks.

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