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#### BRIEFING

## Warrenton to curb vacation rentals

The Warrenton City Commission is expected to approve code changes that will restrict single-family homes in residential areas from being turned into vacation rentals.

The changes would allow nonowner-occupied vacation rentals in commercial zones in the coastal community, but not in residential zones. Homestay lodging would be permitted in residential zones as long as the owner or representative lives on the property and is available 24/7.

The goal is to prevent vacation rentals from eating up limited housing stock.

A Clatsop County housing study in 2019 found that vacation rentals and second homes are taking up a substantial share of the housing stock and driving up rental and home prices. Nearly a third of homes in the county were vacant, according to the study, and construction of second homes is outpacing those for long-term residents.

#### EU accuses Apple of antitrust breach

European Union regulators accused Apple on Friday of violating the bloc's antitrust laws, alleging the iPhone maker distorts competition for music streaming by imposing unfair rules for rival services in its App Store.

The EU's executive commission said it objected to Apple's rules for music streaming services that compete with its Apple Music service, saying they end up costing consumers more and limiting their choices.

The charges underscore the long-running feud over app payments



## Bad beer is brewed for good cause

New Belgium Brewing highlights climate change with starchy Torched Earth Ale

#### **BY KERRIN JEROMIN**

Special To The Washington Post There's nothing quite like a cold beer to finish a long workweek. Unless, of course, that beer reminds you of the threats of climate change, whether suffocating heat waves, explosive wildfires, mega-droughts, devastating floods or their risks to human health and the environment.

That's actually the goal of Torched Earth Ale, a new beer from New Belgium Brewing Co., based in Fort Collins, Colorado. With each sip, you'll get a not-so-subtle reminder that your favorite brew may no longer taste the same if we don't take immediate action to slow climate change and adapt to its effects.

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Prominent Pendleton building to be sold via

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between Apple and popular music streaming service Spotify, which filed a complaint that sparked the investigation — one of four the company is facing from the EU.

Apple rejected the charges, saying it was proud of its role in helping Spotify grow into a music streaming giant. The company also pointed out Spotify doesn't pay Apple a commission for 99% of its paid subscribers.

#### Incomes surge as relief rolls out

U.S. consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in nine months while incomes soared by a record amount in March, reflecting billions of dollars in government support payments aimed at putting the country firmly on the road to recovery.

Consumer spending rose 4.2% last month, the Commerce Department said Friday, the best showing since a 6.5% spending increase in June. Spending had fallen 1% in February as frigid winter weather disrupted sales.

Incomes surged by a record-breaking 21.1% in March after having fallen 7% in February. The big gain reflected delivery of billions of dollars in relief payments with individuals getting up to \$1,400 payments from the \$1.9 trillion support package President Joe Biden pushed through Congress last month.

The strong gains offer yet more evidence that the economy is poised for a rapid recovery following last year's pandemic-triggered recession.

— Bulletin wire reports



#### **PHOTOS, from top:**

Inside the original Mo's Seafood and Chowder in Newport, celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2021.

The original location of Mo's is still in business in Newport's historic bayfront on the Central Oregon Coast.

The simple cup of clam chowder is key to the history of the restaurant. Jamie Hale/The Oregonian

a knock on the window, and turned to see the sheriff. It didn't look good.

his family near Eureka, Nevada, McEntee heard

"He asked me, "Do you have chowder in that trailer?" said Dylan, whose great-grandmother Mo Niemi founded Mo's Seafood and Chowder. "I said, 'I do'. He said, 'Oh, my wife would kill me if I didn't buy some."

It was one of the many memorable moments from a spring of road trips forced by COVID-19, a Hail Mary move designed to save the family business that began in Newport in 1946. What should have been a year of preparation for Mo's 75th anniversary celebration, became instead a year of worry, doubt and the very real possibility that Mo's wouldn't see that milestone.

"In March 2020, we had to lay off almost every single person," said Gabrielle McEntee, Mo's great-granddaughter. "This was probably the most heart-breaking day of my life as a restaurant owner."

It was think quick or turn off the lights.

"We decided to take some of our homemade products on the road," Gabrielle McEntee said. "We went to towns where we had friends and family that could help us get their friends and family to buy what we called Beach Bundles."

The bundles included chowder base, Rogue root beer, Mo's label Oregon Coast tuna, garlic cheese butter, homemade bread and mini marionberry cobblers.

"The cool thing about Beach Bundles is we always donated something to that town ... to a food share or food bank," Gabrielle said. "From March until the end of June, we traveled all over Oregon, Idaho, Washington, Utah. The sales literally saved the business."

Not just the business, but an Oregon legacy.

If you've spent any time in Oregon, you probably know the history of the original Mo's. It begins in the 1940s, when Mo (short for Mohava) Niemi opened a small diner on Newport's Bayfront.

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## auction

#### **BY ANTONIO SIERRA**

East Oregonian

One of Pendleton's most prominent buildings is on the market, and it can be bought for as little as \$2 million.

On behalf of Pendleton Grain Growers, Realty Marketing/Northwest is auctioning off PGG's mostly vacant Pendleton facility for the reserve price of \$1.995 million, a slight reduction from the company's \$2.1 million asking price.

The 3-acre property includes a 42,000-square-foot building that once housed the grain co-op's headquarters, retail showroom, automotive service center and warehouse. Once a thriving organization with agricultural and retail operations across Eastern Oregon, the Pendleton facility has sat mostly vacant for about a half-decade after it decided to shutter retail operations in 2014 and voted to completely dissolve the co-op in 2016.

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## COVID-19, sandwich craze leave U.S. short on chicken

#### **BY REIS THEBAULT**

The Washington Post It's not like we weren't warned.

The doomsayers predicted a chicken wing shortage months ago. But it turned out to be so much worse. It's not just wings, but chicken in general.

It seems the poultry paucity has arrived, heralded by a series of fast-food executives describing in earnings calls their stores' struggles to stock enough chicken — nuggets, tenders, wings, patties, all shapes and sizes — to keep pace with legions of peckish Americans.

"Demand for the new sandwich has been so strong that, coupled with general tightening in domestic chicken supply, our main challenge has been keeping up with that demand," said David Gibbs, CEO of Yum Brands, whose KFC restaurants recently rolled out a new

fried-chicken sandwich.

Chicken has for years been the most popular meat in the United States, and experts and analysts have cited several reasons for the current deficit. Some are related to the coronavirus — pandemic-spurred disruptions in the market and supply chain and an increased demand for a comfort food that is takeout — or delivery-friendly. Others, industry watchers say, include increased competition, volatile feed prices and even the deadly winter storms that swept over the South in February, halting the work of chicken processors.

And then there's the proliferation of the fried chicken sandwich. The Washington Post dubbed 2019 the Year of the Chicken Sandwich — and for good reason. Popeyes kicked things off that August, releasing a new chicken sandwich that quickly took over the internet. Then it hit the streets, with eager customers queuing up for blocks to buy a sandwich. Just over two weeks after the new menu item dropped, Popeyes announced it had sold out.

Even now, the craze persists, with Popeyes continuing to duke it out with Chick-fil-A for sandwich supremacy and KFC and McDonald's entering the fray with new offerings.