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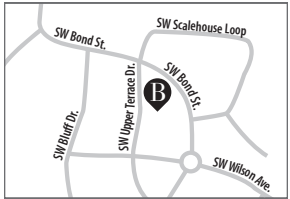
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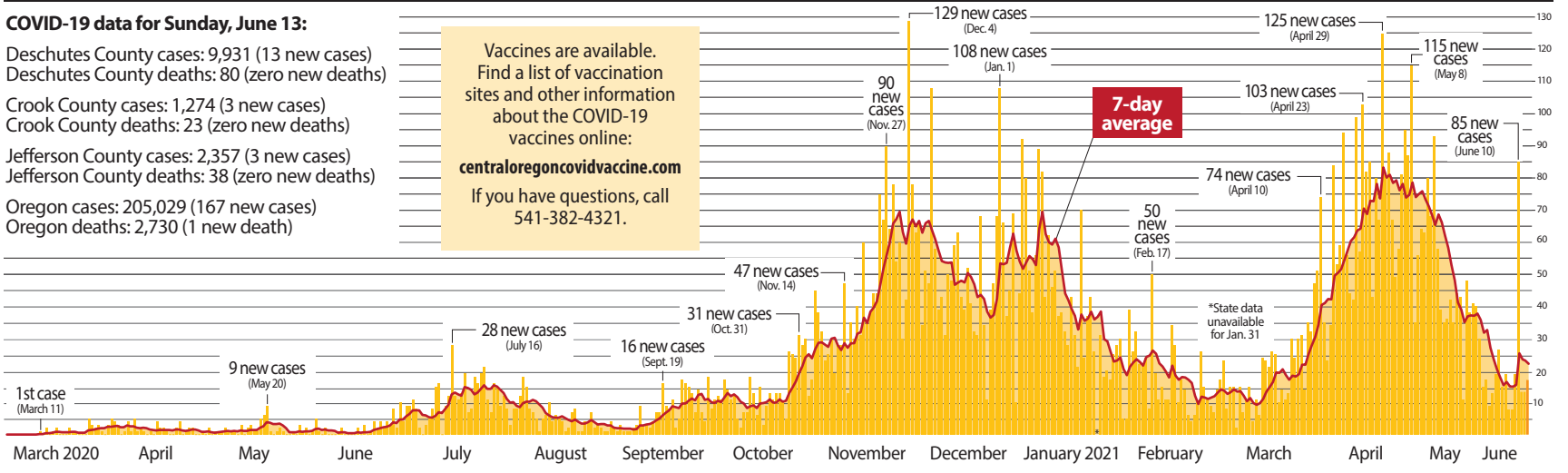
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Sunday, June 13:

Deschutes County cases: 9,931 (13 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 80 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 1,274 (3 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 23 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,357 (3 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 38 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 205,029 (167 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,730 (1 new death)

Vaccines are available. Find a list of vaccination sites and other information about the COVID-19 vaccines online: centraloregoncovidvaccine.com
If you have questions, call 541-382-4321.



PORTLAND

Controversial bust of York will likely come down, but what replaces it?

BY KRISTIAN FODEN-VENCIL

Oregon Public Broadcasting
The city of Portland is planning to eventually take down the controversial statue of York — the only Black member of the Lewis and Clark expedition — which appeared in place of a toppled statue at Mount Tabor Park this spring.

What they'll replace it with is yet to be decided.
The bust of York mysteriously appeared after the statue of Harvey Scott, a controversial newspaper editor, was toppled during the racial justice protests last summer. And it's been vandalized twice since then.

The base of the statue was vandalized in March, when someone spray painted on it, "His Blood Is on Your Hands" and "Decolonize." Then, in the past week, a woman was caught on video covering much of the plinth in purple spray paint.

Police announced Thursday that Jeanette Grode, 43, of Portland, is the suspect in the most recent act of vandalism and has been cited for criminal



Catalina Gaitán/The Oregonian

A statue commemorating York, an enslaved Black member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, was defaced last week in Portland.

mischievous and abuse of venerated objects.

Portland arts program manager Jeff Hawthorne said the statue will eventually have to come down.
"It was always intended

to be temporary, so we can't accession that sculpture the way it's currently constructed into the public art collection," Hawthorne said. "And, in fact, it will have to come down at some point."

He said the statue is made of wood and urethane, not bronze, so it won't weather well. But he added that the piece can remain there as long as it is viable and doesn't pose a danger to anyone, and that may not happen for months or years.

Hawthorne said the city is in touch with some artists, and a similar bronze version could go back in its place. But that'll be decided in community discussions with the city and the Regional Arts and Culture Council this summer.

The Harvey Scott sculpture was damaged, though not beyond repair. But the city is leaning toward deaccession, mainly because of sustained opposition to the sculpture.

Because that part of Mount Tabor is in a historical district, there are legal requirements for the city to remove the Harvey Scott sculpture from its holdings. The city needs to first indicate its intention not to return the sculpture to its old location and then have discussions about what might go in its place.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS IN EDUCATION

Title IX lawsuit filed in Oregon pits some LGBTQ allies against Biden Justice Department

BY MICHELLE BOORSTEIN

The Washington Post
The Justice Department in a recent court filing said it can "vigorously" defend a religious exemption from federal civil rights law that allows federally funded religious schools to discriminate against LGBTQ students. The filing relates to a pending lawsuit in which dozens of such students accuse conservative religious universities and colleges of discrimination and harm.

Some LGBTQ advocates were disturbed by the filing, which came Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Oregon. They want the administration to agree with them that it's unconstitutional for federally funded schools to discriminate against LGBTQ people, and that the exemption isn't defensible.

"What this means is that the government is now aligning itself with anti-LGBTQ hate in order to vigorously defend an exemption that everyone knows causes severe harm to LGBTQ students using taxpayer money," Paul Carlos Southwick, director of the Portland-based Religious Exemption Accountability Project, which filed the case in March on behalf of dozens of current and past students at conservative religious colleges and universities, said Tuesday. "It will make our case harder if the federal government plans to vigorously defend it like they have indicated."

To others, including supporters of President Joe Biden, the administration had no other option, since federal civil rights law regarding education — called Title IX — exempts



Jose Luis Magana/AP

With the U.S. Capitol in the background, LGBTQ rights supporters gather at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., for a large pride rally Saturday.

religion. They noted the purpose of the department's filing, which was to block conservative religious groups from becoming parties to the lawsuit, arguing the agency can defend the exemption on its own.

However, in a possible sign of the pressure on the administration, the Justice Department amended the document Wednesday, taking out the word "vigorously" to describe its defense of the religious exemption and retaining multiple uses of the word "adequate." It removed wording that said the Department of Education and the Christian schools "share the same 'ultimate objective' ... namely, to uphold the Religious Exemption as it is currently applied."

In a Wednesday piece titled "No, the Biden Administration Isn't Betraying Its Support for LGBTQ Rights," Slate legal writer Mark Joseph Stern said the Justice Department was "trying to prevent a Christian organization from ... mounting extreme arguments." Stern

said the religious exemption to Title IX isn't "blatantly, invidiously unconstitutional" and thus the administration has no choice but to defend it.

Regardless of the change, the legal matters at the crux of the lawsuit remain the same. At issue in *Hunter v. the U.S. Department of Education* are 40 LGBTQ students at conservative religious colleges and universities who are suing the government for its role in providing funding to schools with discriminatory policies. The schools say they have a First Amendment right to promote traditional religious beliefs about sexuality and gender. Southwick, the lead attorney in the *Hunter* lawsuit, is a graduate of George Fox University, according to a report by the Portland Tribune. GFU is a private Christian university with multiple campuses in Oregon.

"The Plaintiffs seek safety and justice for themselves and for the countless sexual and gender minority students

whose oppression, fueled by government funding, and unrestrained by government intervention, persists with injurious consequences to mind, body and soul," reads the March suit. "The Department's inaction leaves students unprotected from the harms of conversion therapy, expulsion, denial of housing and healthcare, sexual and physical abuse and harassment, as well as the less visible, but no less damaging, consequences of institutionalized shame, fear, anxiety and loneliness."

Billions in federal money for things such as scholarships and grants flow through the U.S. Department of Education.

But the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, whose members include many of the schools named, said in a May motion that the Biden administration couldn't be trusted to adequately defend the schools' beliefs, and "may be openly hostile to them." Its motion asked to intervene and be part of the case.

The Justice and Education departments declined to comment last week. However, in a March blog item, Suzanne Goldberg, acting assistant secretary of the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, wrote in recognition that LGBTQ students suffer discrimination, harassment and violence.

Shirley Hoogstra, president of the Christian college council, said Tuesday that while she was relieved to see the administration say it wants to defend religious exemptions, Christian schools impacted by the case should have a representative at the table.

TODAY

Today is Monday, June 14, the 165th day of 2021. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag.

In 1846, a group of U.S. settlers in Sonoma proclaimed the Republic of California.

In 1911, the British ocean liner RMS Olympic set out on its maiden voyage for New York, arriving one week later. (The ship's captain was Edward John Smith, who went on to command the ill-fated RMS Titanic the following year.)

In 1922, Warren G. Harding became the first president heard on radio, as Baltimore station WEAR broadcast his speech dedicating the Francis Scott Key memorial at Fort McHenry.

In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, ruled 6-3 that public school students could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT, to take effect at year's end.

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.

In 2017, a rifle-wielding gunman opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia, wounding House Whip Steve Scalise and several others; the assailant died in a battle with police. Fire ripped through the 24-story Grenfell Tower in West London, killing 71 people.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama made a four-hour visit to Puerto Rico, becoming the first president since John F. Kennedy to make an official visit to the U.S. territory.

Five years ago: A 2-year-old boy was dragged into the water by an alligator near Disney's upscale Grand Floridian Resort & Spa; the child's remains were found the following day.

One year ago: Atlanta Police released video showing the sobriety check of Rayshard Brooks outside a Wendy's restaurant that quickly spun out of control, ending in police gunfire that left Brooks dead.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Marla Gibbs is 90. House Country-rock musician Spooner Oldham is 78. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 76. Former President Donald Trump is 75. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 75. Rock musician Barry Melton is 74. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 72. Olympic gold medal speed skater Eric Heiden is 63. Jazz musician Marcus Miller is 62. Singer Boy George is 60. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 58. Actor Traylor Howard is 55. Actor Yasmine Bleeth is 53. Actor Faizon Love is 53. Actor Stephen Wallem is 53. International Tennis Hall of Famer Steffi Graf is 52. Actor Lawrence Saint-Victor is 39. Actor Torrance Coombs is 38. Actor J.R. Martinez is 38.