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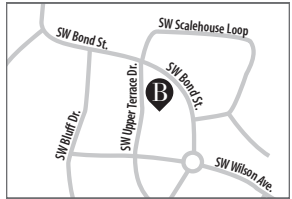
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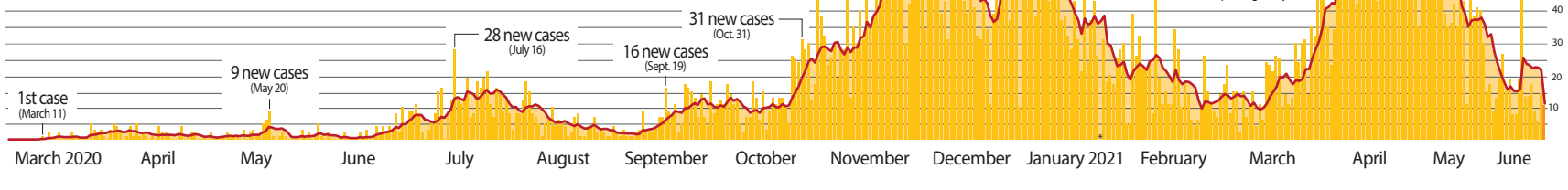
LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Thursday, June 17:
Deschutes County cases: 9,974 (11 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 81 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 1,285 (2 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 23 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,361 (3 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 38 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 205,988 (300 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,745 (1 new death)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 18 (5 in ICU)

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.



ONTARIO

Man pleads guilty to hate crime in stabbing of Black man

The Associated Press
EUGENE — A Colorado man accused of stabbing another man in a racist attack at an Oregon truck stop has pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime.
Nolan Levi Strauss pleaded guilty Thursday to a hate crime involving an attempt to kill, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office.
On Dec. 21, 2019, a man was sitting in a booth at an Arby's restaurant in a Pilot

Travel Center in Ontario waiting to talk with a manager about a job, court documents said. Strauss entered the building, approached the man from behind and stabbed the man twice in the neck, documents said.
The man tried to take the knife, and managed to prevent Strauss from stabbing him again, documents said. The victim broke free from Strauss's grip and ran across the restaurant before collapsing, documents said. The man was

flown to Boise, Idaho for emergency surgery.
A maintenance worker used a belt to secure Strauss's hands behind his back and waited for police, documents said. Strauss told the worker that he doesn't like Black people, documents said.
Strauss was arrested and admitted he was trying to kill the man because he was Black, documents said.
Strauss faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.



Police use chemical irritants and crowd control munitions to disperse protesters during a demonstration Sept. 5 in Portland.
Noah Berger/AP file

Officers resign from protest response unit

The Associated Press
PORTLAND — Officers who serve on a specialized crowd control unit in Portland who have responded to the city's ongoing, often violent protests have resigned en masse after criminal charges were filed against a team member.
The Oregonian reports the officers on the Rapid Response Team voted to resign from the team during a meeting Wednesday night.
The move to disband their own team came a day after a team member, officer Cody Budworth, was indicted, accused of fourth-degree assault stemming from a baton strike against a protester last summer. A year ago, about 70 members were on the team.
The team has been on the front lines at social justice protests held in the city after the

May 25, 2020, murder of George Floyd, a Black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck and pinned him to the pavement.
Many demonstrations devolved into clashes with officers late at night, and at times ended with vandalism, property damage and fires. The crowd control team was the unit often directed to disperse crowds after police declared unlawful assemblies or riots.
Their use of force has led to multiple civil lawsuits in state and federal court, sanctions from a judge and now an indictment.
In late October, the president of the police union, the Portland Police Association, sent the mayor and police chief a letter, urging both to "stand up and publicly support Police Bureau members who volun-

tarily serve on the Rapid Response Team (RRT)."
"Our RRT members do not volunteer to have Molotov cocktails, fireworks, explosives, rocks, bottles, urine, feces and other dangerous objects thrown at them," wrote Daryl Turner, then-president of the union. He noted that the team members volunteer for the work without any specialty pay.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFING

End-of-year classes at Cascade Middle School canceled because of power failure

Power failure and disruptions to its HVAC system forced the closure of Cascade Middle School on Thursday, the final day of the school year.
Families were advised by phone and email Thursday morning against coming to school. The school reported the power failure had caused the HVAC system to fail, resulting in electrical equipment smoke in the building. The unit was shut down and isolated. Later, the school's main transformer also failed.
End-of-year celebrations for eighth-grade students, which were planned for Thursday, are under review and will be communicated to students on Thursday, according to the school.

Prineville man pleads not guilty to child sex abuse

A Prineville man faces a slew of charges alleging he sexually abused a young girl and was physically abusive with his spouse.
Jesse James Bacchus, 33, was arraigned on a new indictment Thursday in Crook County Circuit Court. He pleaded not guilty to the 13 charges, including the Measure 11 offense of first-degree sexual abuse.
Measure 11 mandates strict sentencing for serious violent and sex-based crimes in Oregon.
Bacchus is accused of domestic violence against a woman named in his indictment, and sexual abuse of an unnamed girl who was born in 2005. The alleged conduct took place last summer in Prineville.
Thursday morning, a grand jury approved an updated indictment alleging new child abuse allegations from May. Bacchus was arraigned on the new indictment in the afternoon.
Bacchus is now charged with sodomy, coercion, menacing, unlawful use of a weapon, rape, sex abuse and reckless endangering.
He's currently listed as an inmate of the Crook County jail. A judge set his bond at \$250,000, meaning he must pay \$25,000 to be released.

Washington man accused of fatally shooting neighbor over engine revving

VANCOUVER, Wash. — A man in southwestern Washington is accused of murder after investigators say he confronted his neighbor about noise created by revving an engine.
The victim was identified in court records as 39-year-old Timothy A. Thomas, The Columbian reported.
Clark County sheriff's deputies say Thomas was shot multiple times Tuesday in Battle Ground and died at the scene.
Presley Mileck, 50, appeared Wednesday in Clark County Superior Court on suspicion of first-degree murder. Judge Daniel Stahnke set Mileck's bail at \$1 million. It wasn't immediately known if Mileck has a lawyer to comment on his behalf.
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