



BLOCKBUSTER DOWN TO 1

Remember when there was a Blockbuster on every corner? At its peak, the video rental giant had 9,094 stores worldwide, including one here in McMinnville.

After Sunday, there will be one Blockbuster store located in Bend, Oregon, after two stores in Alaska are scheduled to close.

"It's pretty exciting that we're the last holdout," said Sandi Harding, general manager of the Bend's store in an interview with CNN. "Daily, we have people coming in and going, 'Oh my gosh. You're a Blockbuster. How are you still here?'"

Many local resident may recall we once had a Blockbuster store here in McMinnville in what is now commonly called the Foodland Plus shopping center. However, back in the Blockbuster days, it was the Bi-Lo shopping center.

Blockbuster announced it was closing its local store in June 2006. At the time, Walmart still had a Movie Gallery in the front of its store. Movie Gallery pounced on Blockbuster's misery by announcing it would honor all Blockbuster coupons

Alas ... Movie Gallery is gone too, its spot at Walmart turned into a bank.



THAT'S ONE DISGRACED PAPA

Papa John's is delivering on its effort to distance itself from company founder John Schnatter.

After news surfaced that Schnatter used a racial slur, Papa John's is pulling his face from its logos and TV ads. The pizza chain said there are no plans to change the company name.

It's been a tough stretch for Schnatter, who tried to blame Papa John's slumping pizza sales on the controversy surrounding NFL players kneeling during the national anthem.

Schnatter reasoned fewer people are watching NFL games and, therefore, buying less pizza. It is not known if Schnatter favors building a wall or separating children caught illegally crossing the border from their families.



STOCKS EDGE HIGHER

NEW YORK (AP) —

Stocks wrapped up another solid week Friday as industrial and energy companies ticked higher, but corporate earnings got off to a sluggish start as reports from several major U.S. banks failed to excite investors.

Wells Fargo skidded after reporting a drop in earnings as fallout continued from its phony accounts scandal.

However, Microsoft continues to soar, climbing to \$105.43.

Investors expect another round of great profit growth this quarter, but they're not sure what will come next with the U.S. and China in a trade war without any signs of resolution.

Mosquito story creates buzz



If there's one thing I've discovered in the newspaper industry, it's that it's difficult to determine how a story will be received.

Sometimes I can work hours on a story, think it's marvelous, and never receive a single comment. My "masterpiece" ends up being a dud. Other times I can throw together a story in 10 minutes and it will generate conversation for weeks. Go figure.

The latter would be true for an article I wrote three weeks ago about the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator, a story I only wrote to pass the time. But I've found there's great interest in this product and people are eager to learn if it can really beat back mosquitos.

The company suggested allowing around three weeks before judging the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator on its effectiveness and I'm here to report I'm extremely pleased. I would say I'm tickled to death, but I've always thought that would be a painful way to go.

I'd give it two thumbs up, or 9.5 out of 10 stars, whichever ranking system you prefer. A magician couldn't make mosquitoes disappear any faster than the Spartan Mosquito Eradicator. I can now enjoy relaxing on my patio without getting swarmed, bitten and overwhelmed by these bugs.

What makes the product even better is it's so simple to use. All you have to do is fill two tubes with warm water and hang them on opposite sides of your property. The instructions say two eradicator can treat up to 1 acre so that covers most backyard areas. It took me about 5 minutes to get the tubes out of the box and hang them in two bushes.

I would highly recommend this product and say the price is reasonable at \$19.95 for the enjoyment it brings. If you crave fewer mosquitos, buy this thing.

As a full disclaimer, I should say I reviewed the Mosquito Eradicator after the company sent me a free sample. If you have a product you'd like me to evaluate, send a free sample to James Clark, 105 College Street, McMinnville, 37110. I am agreeable to testing almost any product, including new tires, lawnmowers, TVs, tablets, and speakers.

CRAIG POPE RAISES THE ROOF

After years of experience in the metal roofing business, Craig Pope received untimely news just before



Craig Pope has opened Tree City Metals near the old Handy Rental building in Newtown. If you need metal for a roof, siding, mini barn, carport and more, he can be reached at 668-ROOF.

Christmas. He was laid off from the job he had held for 14 years.

It wasn't what he expected to find under the tree, but Craig has worked to turn the unfortunate set of circumstances into the gift of his own company. Tree City Metals is now open at 92 Volunteer Drive in the Newtown area.

"I wasn't really ready to buy two trucks, two trailers and a forklift, but that's what I had to do," said Craig. "I enjoy this line of work. I've met a lot of people and made a lot of contacts. Metal roofing is the way to go. It comes with a 40-year warranty, but it's going to last a whole lot longer than that. I've seen metal roofs in the Bell Buckle area that have been on for 100 years."

Craig can provide the metal for roofs, barns, carports, and all types of structures. He also sells wood and metal trusses, metal shutters and sliding door hardware. Delivery is available.

Craig says the bulk of what he sells is for residential customers. Turnaround time is two to three days.

One thing he says customers will appreciate about metal roofs is how the paint has become so much more durable over the past decade. He says any product exposed to the sun will experience some fading over



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time, but paint technology now allows metal roofs to maintain their luster for much longer.

While Craig doesn't do installation himself, he works with several respected contractors who have been reliable over the years.

"My goal is to always provide good service, which is something a lot of people in this business are getting away from," said Craig.

Tree City Metals is located at 92 Volunteer Drive just as you're getting into Newtown. It's next to the old Handy Rental and is easy to find thanks to the billboard in its front parking lot. Craig can be reached by cellphone at (931) 581-0312.

A NEW OPTION FOR WELLNESS

Aches and pains are no fun. The nation's opioid problem is proof people enduring discomfort will go to great lengths to relieve chronic pain.

But there are other methods to achieve relief than popping pills. One is a type of massage called myofascial release which is practiced by Jeanette Jordan on East Main Street.

This type of therapy focuses on connective tissue that runs throughout the body from the toes to the top of the skull. This tissue is essentially one giant piece, meaning a problem in your leg can eventually lead to pain

in your shoulder.

"I like to use the analogy of a knitted sweater," said Jeanette. "If you have a piece getting pulled out at the bottom, it will affect how it fits on the top. It's the same way with this. It's all one system. The soft tissue is like the guy wires of the body. It's what keeps everything in place."

Jeanette says myofascial release can ease all sorts of ailments including fibromyalgia, migraines, arthritis, carpal tunnel, and neck, back and pelvic pain. She says there is no one-size-fits-all treatment and someone recovering from a car crash or major surgery will require more regular visits than someone without so much pronounced pain.

Jeanette likes to begin with a posture analysis to determine how you're distributing weight and holding your head. From there, she will work on gently returning misaligned tissue to its proper location for the overall benefit of wellness. It's a similar approach to chiropractic care only it address tissue and not joints. "There's not a whole lot myofascial release doesn't help," said Jeanette.

In keeping up to date on the latest news, Jeanette says recent research suggests some memories may even be stored in our body tissue instead of our brain. She said that's a reason some people may twitch in a certain area when they think of a powerful memory.

Jeanette says this information is coming to light because more studies are being conducted on live patients. She said an abundance of previous research had been conducted post-mortem, but the body undergoes such drastic change after death the information might not be as valid as previously believed.

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The Spartan Mosquito Eradicator is as good as advertised. After three weeks, the mosquitoes in my yard have left town.



If you're looking for fire-breathing fun, the Dragon's Lair has a new location at Plaza Shopping Center. It's now two doors down from Fiesta Ranchero, your home for chips and salsa. Pictured is store owner Garner Loudermilk holding two classic comic books available for sale.



Jeanette Jordan practices the myofascial release form of massage therapy, which promotes relaxation and total-body wellness. She can be reached for an appointment by calling 212-4584 and has an office at 122 East Main Street.