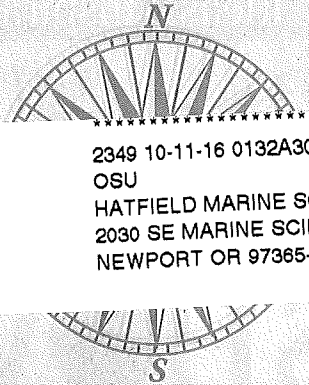


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Farmers Market staying in place

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this quaint fishing village came as a shock.
"I didn't think we'd be this busy from the start," said Austin, owner of Car Audio 101 & Auto Physician Depoe. "The U-Hauls are really going out and coming back."
On a recent day, his parking lot was jammed with inbound trailers and trucks,



Karob Austin, owner of Car Audio 101 & Auto Physician Depoe, works at his computer station on Monday, March 7.

reflecting a trend that has made Oregon the "Top Moving Destination" in the United States for the third year in a row.
According to the 39th An-

moving to the Pacific West, where cities such as Portland and Seattle are seeing a boom in the technology and creative marketing industry as well as the desire for green space," said Michael Stoll, an economist from the University of California, Los Angeles, who worked on the study.

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any move this year for a variety of reasons. Kurt Gehlken, vice president of the Farmers Market board, said the latest location has been the safest and most successful.
"We're not a bunch of gypsies out there with canopies who show up on a Saturday morning," he said. "This is an organization that's been around for 38 years."

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CRAB

Landings high, but toxin lingers

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Landings of crab off the Oregon coast during the first half of this season are the total from 2000-01. Landings were 4, 12.4 million pounds have been taken this season opened on Jan. 4 due to levels of domoic acid toxin found in the crabs. The 6.95 million pounds landed in the first eight weeks

compared to \$3.46 this year," said Troy Buell of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
The season opened with a price paid to fishermen of \$2.90 per pound, which was 20 cents less than the previous year.
He said that 33 percent of the crab landings occurred out of the Port of Astoria, while Newport was at 30 percent, Charleston 21 percent, and Brookings 7 percent. The rest of the crab landings were scattered throughout other ports.
ODFW and the Oregon Department of Agriculture continue to monitor the presence of domoic acid in shellfish,

although the amounts discovered in Dungeness crab are under the federal action level of 30 parts per million.
"We will continue doing samples every couple of weeks because it's still lingering in the crab at small levels," said Alex Manderson, an ODA shellfish specialist in Tillamook.
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"There are still significant levels above the action level for razor clams (20 ppm) and we had levels in the high 20s in a couple of crabs that were tested last month off the south coast," said Manderson.

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ENVIRONMENT

Central coast water supply is unaffected by snowpack levels

BY CALLEY HAIR
Of the News-Times

NEWPORT — The Oregon snowpack is holding at healthy levels across the state despite a warmer-than-usual February. But on the coast, where water supply comes from groundwater, residents are unlikely to reap the benefits.
"Because of the (low) elevation and the warmer climate ... the streams on the west side are dependent on rainfall," said Scott Oviatt, snow survey supervisory hydrolo-

gist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Portland.
A report released March 4 from the NRCS indicates that the state's mountain snowpack surpassed last year's peak levels. Basins across eastern Oregon experienced higher levels of precipitation than usual, while cooler temperatures at higher elevations have helped retain the snowpack from previous months.
Moving west, those strong levels start to decrease. Snowpack in the Willamette and Mount Hood regions

dropped to 76 and 77 percent of typical levels, according to the report.
The NRCS did not provide any data for the coastal region. That's because snowpack along the coast is basically nonexistent, Oviatt said, which presents an inherent challenge in measuring water levels.
An environment dependent on liquid precipitation rather than the frozen variety is harder to measure using season-long trends. Whereas

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a snowpack melts with a certain amount of predictability, rainfall is "transient" — it changes day-to-day with immediate effects on the water supply, Oviatt said.

"It's more of a flash event as opposed to a stream flow," Oviatt said.

It's much more difficult to make blanket statements about water storage levels in regions without snowpacks, said Gordon Grant, a research hydrologist with the Forest Service PNW Research Station in Corvallis.

Freshwater is generally stored in three ways, Grant said — in man-made reservoirs, in snowpacks, and in underwater aquifers. Oregon's coastal region is almost entirely dependent on the aquifers.

"Groundwater is tricky business because it's hard to measure it directly. You measure it in wells," Grant said. "It's quite variable over the landscape."

The best way to establish a pattern in groundwater levels and retention is by measuring rivers, although that's

not a perfect science this time of year either. Streams in the winter and spring are too susceptible to day-to-day weather to get an accurate long-term picture.

"The stream will go up, the stream will go down in response to precipitation," Grant said.

Dry summers offer the best chance to gage groundwater storage, because without snowpack runoff or precipitation, it's the sole supplier of streams on the coast.

"The consistency from year-to-year is reflected in the consistency of stream flow from year to year," Grant said.

Every summer, the region's streams drop to about the same lowest level regardless of the amount of rainfall during the winter, Grant said. The variable that best indicates the amount of groundwater in storage is the timing — whether the streams reach the lowest point of their flows in June, July, or August.

"They always get down to about the same level. So the year-to-year variability in low flow is actually much lower than you might think,"

Grant said.

For the rest of the state, the recent report from the NRCS paints a fairly healthy picture of Oregon's water storage in snowpacks. Experts expect Oregon's summer water supply to hold to near-normal levels. However, some hydrologists caution that could change if current high temperatures persist throughout the spring, according to the report.

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from the same period a year earlier.

The coastal region's civilian labor force increased to 20,194 in January from 19,839 in January 2015, the report states. At the same

percent in January.

Wheeler County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the state in January at 3.7 percent. Grant County notched the highest rate at 8.1 percent.

Statewide, the unemployment rate fell to 5.1 percent in January from 5.9 percent in January 2015. Nation-

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Clinic staff and Samaritan leadership will be on hand to provide information.

The open house will feature bone density heel scan program and Living Well with Chronic Conditions opportunity to tour the new facility and connect with services.