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HP employees expect 300 cuts

Fab 21 tagged to close; vendor to fill in gap

BY BENNETT HALL AND MATT NEZNAWSKI
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Hewlett-Packard plans to cut 300 to 400 jobs at its Corvallis campus as it outsources some of its last remaining local manufacturing operations, several current and former employees have told the Gazette-Times.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based technology company has so far refused to confirm any details of the impending job cuts, though a

spokeswoman said last week that HP's imaging and printing group "is considering some changes in how it produces and distributes original HP supplies."

Multiple sources, however, say HP managers have told employees that one of three silicon wafer fabrication facilities at the Corvallis site will be shut down and that 35 percent to 45 percent of the 850 employees who work in the fabs will be laid off. No timetable has been announced for the cutbacks, and it isn't yet clear which employees would be let go.

The sources asked to remain anonymous for fear of retaliation



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Gowned and masked clean-room workers produce silicon wafers at a Corvallis Hewlett-Packard fabrication facility in 2001. HP reportedly plans to close one of its local wafer fabs, cutting 300 to 400 jobs.

by the company.

The city has not yet received formal notice of impending layoffs at HP, but local economic development officials are meeting

today to lay plans for assistance programs for displaced workers.

Employees were warned last week that the cuts were coming.

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Obama wins N.C., Clinton in Indiana

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INDIANAPOLIS — Barack Obama swept to a convincing victory in the North Carolina primary Tuesday night and declared he was closing in on the Democratic presidential nomination. Hillary Rodham Clinton eked out a win in Indiana as she struggled to halt her rival's march into history.

"Tonight we stand less than 200 delegates away from securing the Democratic nomination for president of the United States," Obama told a raucous rally in Raleigh, N.C. — and left no doubt he intended to claim the prize.

Clinton stepped before her own supporters not long afterward in Indianapolis. "Thanks to you, it's full speed on to the White House," she said, signaling her determination to fight on in a campaign already waged

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Lucky To Be Laughing



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Sobriety Miller gets teased by her neighbors Michelle Turpin and Kayla Chestnut, who rushed into her burning trailer, woke her up and carried her two children out of Miller's smoke-filled home Monday night.

Quick-thinking neighbor saves family

Mom and her two kids escape house fire

BY MICHAEL BOOTH
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Two-year-old Vincent Miller's bed is all that remains intact after a fire Monday night engulfed his family's southwest Corvallis home.

At 11 p.m. Monday, Michelle Turpin stepped out onto her front porch, looked across the street and

saw flames building quickly under the wooden porch of the gray mobile home of Sobriety Miller, 23, her son, Vincent, and 6-month-old daughter, Jocelyn.

The home is located at 2010 S.W. Third St., across the street from and just north of Lincoln Elementary School.

"It was like a bad movie," Turpin said. "I was just in shock."

But Turpin's actions weren't those of a shock victim. At first, she

said, it took a minute to register what she was seeing. Then she called 911 and screamed that Miller's house was on fire. The emergency operator told her to get Miller and her kids out of the house.

"I asked how — the whole front porch was on fire in seconds," Turpin said Tuesday. The front door was blocked by flames.

Turpin said she ran screaming across the street, shouting to Miller to get her kids out even before she reached the house. She

went to the back of the house and banged on the locked door, followed by the bedroom window.

Miller's next-door neighbors, including Turpin's grandmother, 73-year-old Wilma Wiggins, heard the screams and went outside.

Miller woke and opened the rear door. Turpin and another neighbor, 19-year-old Kayla Chestnut, entered the home and helped get Miller and her children out. They slipped out the back

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Voter gender gap shapes Oregon races

As primary nears, candidates wonder, 'What do women want?'

BY JULIA SILVERMAN
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PORTLAND — Vera Katz is a living legend in Oregon politics, the first female speaker of the Oregon House and the longtime mayor of Portland, so revered that a smiling statue of her watches over the joggers, cyclists and children who cruise along the banks of the Willamette River.

State Rep. Sara Gelsler of Corvallis is a mother of four and an up-and-comer in the Oregon Legislature, one of the under-35 set who emerged in her first session as a strong voice for children's health issues, already a leader in her caucus and one of its most passionate progressives.

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Glance at her platform, and one can assume Rep. Sara Gelsler, seen here at Oregon State University on April 15, is an Obama supporter. Gelsler supports Clinton.

Former educator, businessman vie for Ward 7 position

Raymond seeks control in city growth



Raymond

Jeanne Raymond lists downtown and local businesses as among the most important parts of taking Corvallis into the future. "I say it's buy local or bye-bye local," she said.

But controlling the growth of the city in a smart,

sustainable way is the key to her campaign for Ward 7 councilor.

"To me it's important to find out what is going to be the carbon footprint and impact to neighbors," she said.

An educator for 30 years,

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STORIES BY MATT NEZNAWSKI
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Schroff seeks greater voice for business

For Rick Schroff, the Corvallis City Council is teetering on the edge of an imbalance, with local business interests going under-represented in city leadership.

The word he repeats is "balance," and said he's running for council to speak for

the city's economic interests.

"I don't think they really have a strong voice on the council," he said. "Economic vitality is equally important to all wards in town and I hope Ward 7 voters understand that."

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5 An Oregon teen shot a 65-year-old man while hunting because he mistook him for a turkey. **A3**

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