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## Natural places wiped out by wildfires

DETROIT LAKE (AP) — Oregonians are grieving the loss of some of their most treasured natural places after wildfires wiped out campgrounds, hot springs and wooded retreats that have been touchstones for generations in a state known for its unspoiled beauty.

The flames that destroyed hundreds of homes and killed at least nine people also encroached on beloved state parks, scorched some of Oregon's best-known hiking trails and raged through a whitewater rafting mecca.

"Nature IS the icon in Oregon. We have this collective grief and

some of that is (from) growing up here," said Eden Dawn, an editor at Portland Monthly magazine who wrote an essay about the wildfires. "We just didn't have New York City. We didn't have Hollywood. We didn't have these big fancy things, and Portland wasn't cool until a few years ago."

The fires damaged one of the nation's last low-elevation, old-growth forests, which includes Douglas fir trees up to 1,000 years old. A forest center built on the ruins of an old mining town that hosted thousands of Oregon children was largely reduced to

ashes.

"My memories of growing up are sitting in a river and looking at the fish go by and spotting osprey around you," Dawn said. "In this moment, when you're watching your state and your childhood burn, it's utter hopelessness. There's really nothing you can do — and that is the feeling we're all feeling."

Detroit Lake, a state park south of Portland founded in the 1950s, sustained damage to its campground, and it's unclear if the tiny town along its shores will rebuild. Cedars Restaurant & Lounge, a famous stopping

point for people traveling to the high desert of central Oregon or for those returning from backpacking in the surrounding wilderness, is also gone.

"It's a life full of memories and history, gone. We used to ski and boat every single day after I got off work all through the summer," said Sandi Elwood, who was born and raised on Detroit Lake and worked for nearly a decade at the Cedars, from the age of 14. "I learned to swim in that lake all by myself with no swimming instructor."

Oregon State Parks said Monday that 900 acres (364 hectares)

within various parks had burned. The worst hit was Collier Memorial State Park near Klamath Falls, which lost 400 acres (162 hectares) of ponderosa pine and a historic cabin.

A string of tiny towns along nearby Highway 22 provided a launching pad for hikers exploring the old-growth forests and for fishermen headed to prime destinations along the North Santiam River and its tributaries. Those communities have been largely reduced to ashes. Fisherman's Bend, a favorite fishing and recreation area, is gone too.

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Carol Ventgen, left, and Melanie Bloom, members of the League of Women Voters of Coos County, help community members register to vote Tuesday.

## Tuesday is voter registration day

ZACK DEMARS  
The World

COOS BAY — Carol Ventgen and Melanie Bloom were busy Tuesday, sitting under a tent outside the Coos Bay Public Library. The two had done this before — but this year was different.

"I have not seen this amount of traffic," Bloom said.

Their white folding table was littered with items that have taken on a new importance in 2020: bottles of hand sanitizer, tubes of antibacterial wipes and voter registration cards. Those cards were the reason they'd come out in the first place.

The pair, both members of the executive board of League of Women Voters of Coos County, was out reminding residents to update their voter registrations in recognition of National Voter Registration Day. This year, that annual day of action by civic groups falls a month and a half ahead of the general election on Nov. 3, with offices from U.S. President to city councilors all on the ballot.

"There's more divisiveness surrounding the election," Ventgen said of the residents she'd spoken to Tuesday. "Emotions seem to be running high."

For many across the country, much of that emotion stems from the truly exceptional circumstances of this election. With a pandemic that's killed more than 200,000 Americans still raging, more people than ever before are planning to vote by mail.

In some states that could be cause for concern, as some on the national level spread misinformation about the process. But Coos County Clerk Debbie Heller says Oregon voters need not worry.

"We don't foresee any postal issues whatsoever," Heller said. "We have a lot of conference calls between us and the post office."

The key to Oregon's success is experience, according to Heller. Oregon was the first state to expand to all-mail elections in 1998 and has been voting by mail ever since.

Misinformation about widespread voter fraud in vote-

### Key dates in 2020 election

Oct. 13: Last day to register to vote. Check or update your registration at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote).

Oct. 15: Ballots mailed by Coos County elections officials.

Oct. 27: Last day the U.S. Postal Service recommends mailing your ballot. After this date, drop it in a drop box instead.

Nov. 3: Election Day. Your ballot must be received by 8 p.m., either by mail or in a drop box. Postmarks do not count.

The Coos County Elections division can be reached at 541-396-7610.

by-mail elections has never been supported by substantial evidence. Elections officials have safeguards in place, like comparing every signed ballot to a registered voter's signature, Heller said.

Voters just need to be aware of deadlines and watch the mail for their ballots, Heller said, adding that this September, during the special election in Bandon, ballots were taking about two days

to process through the mail.

"Pay attention, watch for the ballot," Heller said.

The U.S. Postal Service recommends giving voted ballots seven days to get through the mail. Otherwise, the agency recommends placing completed ballots in drop boxes across the state.

The state also has options for people who might be displaced because of this month's wildfires. They can add a temporary mailing address to their voter registration, collect their mail at their local post office or call their county election official for more ballot pickup options.

Ventgen and Bloom have no concerns about voting by mail, either.

"Oregon's system really lends itself to both security and ease of voting," Ventgen said. "Oregon has had a lot of years to perfect it."

The first step — and one of the easiest — is to register, they said. The last day to do so is Oct. 13.

"Every vote matters. It really does," Ventgen said. "That way democracy works."

## Senate plans to vote on Supreme Court justice before Nov. 3 election

WASHINGTON (AP) — Votes in hand, Senate Republicans are charging ahead with plans to confirm President Donald Trump's pick to fill the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Supreme Court seat before the Nov. 3 election, launching a divisive fight over Democratic objections before a nominee is even announced.

Trump said Tuesday he will name his choice Saturday, confident of support. Democrats say it's too close to the election, and the winner of the presidency should name the new justice. But

under GOP planning, the Senate could vote Oct. 29.

"I guess we have all the votes we're going to need," Trump told WJBX FOX 2 in Detroit. "I think it's going to happen."

Republicans believe the court fight will energize voters for Trump, boosting the party and potentially deflating Democrats who cannot stop the lifetime appointment for a conservative justice. The Senate is controlled by Republicans, 53-47, with a simple majority needed for confirmation. The one remaining possible Republican holdout,

Mitt Romney of Utah, said Tuesday he supports taking a vote.

Still, with early presidential voting already underway in several states, all sides are girding for a wrenching Senate battle over health care, abortion access and other big cases before the court and sure to further split the torn nation.

It is one of the quickest confirmation efforts in recent times. No court nominee in U.S. history has been considered so close to a presidential election. And it all comes as the nation is marking the grave milestone of 200,000

deaths from the coronavirus pandemic.

During a private lunch meeting Tuesday at Senate GOP campaign headquarters, several Republican senators spoke up in favor of voting before the election. None advocated a delay.

Elsewhere, as tributes poured in for Ginsburg with vigils and flowers at the court's steps, Democrats led by presidential nominee Joe Biden vowed a tough fight. The Senate Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, said "we should honor her dying

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## Late-stage study of first single-shot vaccine begins

(AP) Johnson & Johnson is beginning a huge final study to try to prove if a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine can protect against the virus.

The study starting Wednesday will be one of the world's largest coronavirus vaccine studies so far, testing the shot in 60,000 volunteers in the U.S., South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.

A handful of other vaccines in the U.S. — including shots made by Moderna Inc. and Pfizer Inc. — and others in other countries are already in final-stage testing. Hopes are high that answers about at least one candidate being tested in the U.S. could come by year's end, maybe sooner.

U.S. health officials insist the race for a vaccine isn't cutting corners.

"We want to do everything we can without sacrificing safety or efficacy — we're not going to do that — to make sure that we end up with vaccines that are going to save lives," Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, told reporters.

But many vaccine specialists question whether the Food and Drug Administration will stick to that goal under intense pressure from the Trump administration. President Donald Trump has consistently presented a faster timeline for a new vaccine than experts say is adequate to fully test the candidates.

Trump on Wednesday tweeted the link to a news report about the Johnson & Johnson study and said the FDA "must move quickly!"

Meanwhile, testing of still another experimental vaccine, made by AstraZeneca, remains on hold in the U.S. as officials examine a safety question, even though studies have resumed in other countries.

Earlier this week, Vice President Mike Pence urged state governors to "do your part to build public confidence that it will be a safe and effective vaccine."

And Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert, added in the call to governors that he is confident in "a tried and true process" that has checks and balances built in, including an independent board evaluating the progress of each vaccine trial, as well as "the integrity of the FDA."

A recording of the call was provided to The Associated Press.

Senators were scheduled to question FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, Fauci and other administration officials later Wednesday about the pandemic response.

Even if the FDA were to allow emergency use of a vaccine by year's end, supplies would be limited and given first to vulnerable groups such as health workers. Most Americans aren't likely to receive a vaccine until sometime next year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wants states

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# Police chase ends in Coos Bay on Monday

**ZACK DEMARS**  
The World

COOS BAY — A Portland vehicle theft and police chase ended with a blown tire and an arrest Monday night.

According to Oregon State Police, a white SUV had been reported stolen to Portland police earlier in the day, and the pursuit began with a report of reckless driving on westbound Highway 38.

The driver stopped for police on southbound U.S. Highway 101, but didn't provide identification. The driver continued south, weaving around vehicles

across the McCullough Bridge into North Bend, police say.

There, North Bend Police officers deployed Stop Sticks, which partially disabled the vehicle. Once in Coos Bay, the car hit a curb on Commercial Avenue, between Highway 101 north and south near Wells Fargo and the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center parking lot, where the driver lost control, ending the pursuit, according to OSP.

No injuries were reported from the incident, according to Captain Timothy Fox, an OSP spokesperson.

The vehicle had been

reported stolen to the Portland Police Bureau earlier in the day, and officers located marijuana and inhalants in the vehicle, OSP said.

William Tillman, 34 of Portland, was arrested and lodged at the Douglas County Jail on suspicion of reckless driving and unlawful use of a motor vehicle charges. He was also cited for two Multnomah County misdemeanor warrants and cited for a number of traffic and drug infractions.

Other charges will be referred to the Coos County District Attorney's office, OSP said.



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A North Bend Police officer stands near an SUV that was pursued by police Monday.

# Hike Humbug Mountain with South Coast Striders

The World

SOUTH COAST — South Coast Striders had to reschedule the Humbug Mountain hikes. The hikes are now scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27.

Hike one of two trails at Historic Humbug Mountain. Hikes require pre-registration at <http://canopyweb.com/forms/index.html> and are limited to 15 people, but if demand is high and there are enough leaders, the hike times can

be staggered. Also, there is a "short" hike option and some hikers may prefer that.

To volunteer to lead, send an email to [hikes@coostrails.com](mailto:hikes@coostrails.com).

Hike description: There will be two hikes running at the same time.

Long hike: The hike itself is just over 5 miles long, but the elevation gain is significant (about 1,800 ft), which makes this a difficult hike. The group will hike up the east

trail, which will give good views to the south as hikers near the top. The group will then return by the west trail, which provides good views of Port Orford as they descend.

Short hike: The "short" hike isn't really that much shorter, at just over 4 miles, but the highest elevation is only 434 feet. It follows along the old coast highway and offers good views of Humbug Mountain itself, Red Fish Rocks, and the town of

Port Orford. If there isn't a volunteer to lead one of the two hikes, the short hike may be self guided, but there is a detailed trail guide.

Humbug short trail guide: <https://coostrails.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/humbug-short-trail-2.pdf>

## New hike guidelines

1. Hike groups will be limited to 15 people.
2. Hikers will be asked to complete a registration

form so organizers can control the number.

3. Hikers will be asked to maintain social distance (as much as 10-12 feet) on the trail

4. Hikers will be asked to have face covering (like a bandana) that can be pulled up at tight spots on the trail

5. Hikers should step off the trail to let others pass

## Other information

There are no restrooms

at the trailhead. The restrooms may be open at Battle Rock Park in Port Orford.

Location and time  
Meet at the Humbug Mountain trail head at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 27.

Directions: Take the Coast Highway (U.S. Highway 101) south, past Port Orford. The trail head is about 6 miles south of Port Orford.

Remember to complete registration form.

# Facebook's hazard analysis to be independently reviewed

**HILARY DORSEY**  
Country Media

TIERRA DEL MAR — The Oregon Department of State Lands announced Friday, Sept. 11, that they have decided to have Facebook's hazard analysis, conducted by ERM-West, Inc. and peer reviewed by Geosyntec Consultants, Inc., independently reviewed. The analysis was prepared in response to the drill break that occurred on April 28, during the drilling operation for the Jupiter subsea cable system in Tierra Del Mar, southwest of Tillamook.

"We don't yet know who will do that, so no ETA yet on when we may accept the analysis as final," DSL Communications Manager Ali Ryan Hansen said of the independent review.

Edge Cable Holdings, LLC, a subcontractor of Facebook, notified the Oregon Department of State Lands on April 28 of the snapped drill pipe, which was being replaced at a depth that ranged from 50-70 feet. Approximately 1,100 feet of drill pipe, a drill tip, two tools for drill steering and tracking, and approximately 6,500 gallons of drilling fluid were abandoned in the ocean.

"It was a very unusual event," said Kevin Salvadori, director of Network Investments at Facebook.

Salvadori said when the incident occurred, the team recovered as much as they could.

DSL had requested that Edge Cable provide an analysis of potential health, safety and environmental impacts due to the presence of the equipment, as well as a geotechnical survey. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department also required Edge Cable to provide an independent hazard analysis, evaluating potential impacts to

the economic, scenic and recreational values of the ocean shore.

After consulting with relevant state agencies, Tillamook County and the Army Corps of Engineers, Facebook commissioned an independent hazard study conducted by ERM-West, Inc. and peer reviewed by Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

Nikki Payne, from ERM, said the study was conducted and analyzed by a team, including a toxicologist and local geologist. The team analyzed the current situation.

According to the hazard analysis, "there are currently no adverse environmental, scenic, recreational or economic impacts resulting from the drill break or presence of remaining materials to the surrounding environment and result in future impacts."

Kevin Salvadori, director of Network Investments at Facebook, said in a previous article that when the incident occurred, the team recovered as much as they could.

In August, DSL notified Edge Cable Holdings LLC of actions needed to comply with the terms of their communications cable easement agreement. Abandonment of equipment following a drill pipe break resulted in Edge Cable effectively storing equipment under the Oregon seafloor, which was not allowed under their easement agreement.

DSL stated in an update that DSL and Edge Cable have agreed on an amendment to the easement agreement. The amendment includes: a \$250,000 payment to DSL; increasing the required surety bond from \$20,000 to \$100,000; notice requirement for any future breaks or accidents; and providing DSL with plans for drill break avoidance

and response, as well as a cable construction plan.

Edge Cable intends to submit an application for an encroachment easement, DSL added. An encroachment easement would allow the abandoned equipment to remain beneath the seafloor.

"When received, the application will be reviewed by DSL staff for completeness," DSL said. "If the application is determined to be complete, it will be circulated for review and comment."

Trevor Taylor, stewardship section manager for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, said during an OPRD commission meeting Wednesday, Sept. 16, that at this point, both DSL and OPRD are coordinating a response to the drill break. Edge Cable's permit with OPRD remains valid at this time.

Edge Cable is also requesting to drill a new bore hole, Taylor added.

"We're requesting updated plans that the new bore hole will be in a different location," Taylor said. "They're proposing it be directly below the existing bore hole."

Taylor said OPRD is preparing comments on Edge Cable's analysis, as they were some missing key elements. There is also a potential lawsuit Oregon Coast Alliance is pursuing under the Clean Waters Act.

"There is nothing rescinding our permit currently," Taylor said. "It's in place and there's nothing they've done that technically violates it, other than if there is a hazard associated with the project, we would need to respond to that, including the potential for a hazard."

OPRD will be working with Edge on that front, Taylor added.

Send comments to: [headlightreporter@countrymedia.net](mailto:headlightreporter@countrymedia.net).

# Volunteers welcome to National Public Lands Day project on North Spit

The World

COOS BAY — The Bureau of Land Management invites volunteers to help restore the North Spit of Coos Bay as part of a National Public Lands Day event from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday Sept. 26.

Volunteers will pull noxious weeds, collect native seed and pick up litter along the roadway and in the dunes. Those interested in volunteering should meet near the end of Transpacific Lane on the North Spit. BLM employees will be onsite to greet and direct

volunteers to the project location.

Precautions associated with COVID-19 prevention will be in place. Projects will be designed with social distancing in mind and there will be no tool sharing. Volunteers are welcome to bring their own tools. Per Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oregon state guidance, volunteers must wear a face covering when social distancing cannot be maintained. Volunteers should bring a face covering, water, sunscreen, hand sanitizer and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Those interested in

volunteering are asked to RSVP to Eric Baxter at [ebaxter@blm.gov](mailto:ebaxter@blm.gov) or 541-751-4437.

Organized by the National Environmental Education Foundation, National Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer public lands improvement event in the nation. Events are held the fourth Saturday in September every year and involve hundreds of thousands of volunteers nationwide who help clean up and restore public lands and recreation sites.

## DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

### Transgener playmate poses a challenge to girl's grandma

**DEAR ABBY:** My 7-year-old granddaughter, "Leyla," has a playmate who is a transgender girl. My fear is that she may find out the truth and feel betrayed by her playmate as well as me. Should I explain it to her?

It doesn't matter to me that her friend is transgender because I have always believed that a person's most important trait is having good morals. I'm an upfront and honest person. However, with respect to this subject, I feel that if I remain silent, it's as though I'm somehow betraying my granddaughter.

Leyla is very accepting of all people, and I don't believe it would change her relationship with the child as long as I explain everything to her about people who are trans. Any advice would be appreciated. -- PROGRESSIVE GRAN IN ARIZONA

**DEAR GRAN:** Do Leyla's parents know about the friendship? Assuming they do, have a chat with them, as well as the playmate's parents, to make sure you're all on the same page. I do not think you should "out" Leyla's playmate to her. But I DO think it is time you start talking to your granddaughter about gender and what makes a girl a girl and what makes a boy a boy.

At some point, her friend may feel comfortable enough about the friendship -- and herself -- to tell Leyla herself. When that happens, be prepared to answer any questions your granddaughter may have. PFLAG, an organization I have mentioned before in my column, is an excellent resource for LGBTQ issues and will be helpful to you if you reach out. Its website is [pflag.org](http://pflag.org).

**DEAR ABBY:** My worst fear has come true. My daughter just became engaged to someone we do not approve of. They have been together for three years, and it has been three years of drama -- from not working because they have to be together 24/7 to domestic violence. Must I attend the wedding? Should I help her plan it? She is my first born and I adore her, but I feel she is making a huge mistake. -- RELUCTANT

IN OHIO

**DEAR RELUCTANT:** I am going to assume that you have expressed your feelings and concerns to your daughter. If that's the case, then you must accept that she is an adult and capable of making her own decisions.

Should you help plan the wedding? Yes, as long as you are not paying for it. Should you attend even though you don't approve of her choice of husband? Absolutely! If he's a violent abuser, she is going to need family around her so she doesn't become isolated and totally under his control. Her life could depend on it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Sadly, my son passed away (suicide), leaving his two younger sisters. I am often asked how many children I have, and I'm never sure how to respond. I feel it would be disrespectful to my son's memory if I don't include him. However, if I do, it invariably leads to more questions than I care to answer. Any insight would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. -- REMEMBERING HIM

**DEAR REMEMBERING:** I am sorry for your loss. While a question about children is a way people often use to establish a common bond, it can be an emotionally loaded one. Consider offering this response: "I have three children. One of them is in heaven." If you are pressed further, it would not be impolite to respond that the subject is painful and you would rather not discuss it.

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# Coos Bay, North Bend lift burn bans

The World

SOUTH COAST — Fire officials have lifted bans on open burning within the Coos Bay and North Bend city limits, according to a release from the Coos Bay Fire Department.

Rainfall and increased moisture content have de-

creased fire risk in the area, following days of historic wildfires which swept the state.

Fire restrictions are still in place for areas of the county beyond city limits. The Coos Fire Protective Association says the risk level for the area is high, meaning debris burn-

ing, campfires outside of designated sites and other certain activities are prohibited.

The City of Coos Bay has more information on its burning regulations available online at <http://coosbay.org/departments/fire-department#burning-regulations>.



# Board of Education adopts ‘All Students Belong’ rule

SALEM — On Friday, the Oregon Department of Education filed a temporary administrative rule with the Secretary of State, adopted Thursday by the State Board of Education, that focuses on the health and safety of our students and educators by creating a safer and more inclusive school climate.

During Thursday’s Board of Education meeting, the board unanimously passed the All Students Belong temporary rule to prohibit the use of hate symbols in schools and

to establish requirements for anti-bias incidents at a district level.

Like similar initiatives currently in place in Oregon school districts, this effort was sparked by students as a response to the increasing number of incidents impacting their ability to access education in Oregon’s schools.

“Our students called us out and into action,” said Oregon Department of Education Director Colt Gill. “The Oregon Department of Education is committed to ensuring that Oregon’s

schools are safe and inclusive for all students and staff, and the All Students Belong rule is an important step in that process. The noose, Confederate flag and swastika are being used to bully and harm students and staff, and this is particularly true for students of color. Students must feel like they are safe and belong in their own schools if they are to learn, work and grow to their fullest potential. It is our responsibility to make sure that all of our school communities feel safe and

welcomed, and we support youth to set a moral standard.”

The rule requires districts to adopt and implement policies and procedures that prohibit, at a minimum, the use or display of the noose, swastika, or Confederate flag in any program or school-sponsored activities except where used in teaching curriculum that is aligned with the Oregon State Standards. This applies to both in-person and distance learning environments. The rule will take

effect today, and districts will be asked to have policies in place by January 1, 2021. A permanent rule will be introduced in several months.

ODE will continue to support school districts in developing rules, policies, and procedures over the next several months by providing guidance, educational resources, and toolkits to support implementation of these policies. Most districts have existing nondiscrimination policies and procedures for addressing

bias incidents that pose a threat to student, staff and/or community safety that can serve as a starting point for responding to incidents in which hate symbols or hate speech occur in both in-person and in distance learning situations.

“Our goal is to create stronger and safer school communities,” Gill said. “Removing these symbols is an important step in making sure that Oregon schools are for everyone, no exceptions. All students belong.”

## Oregon’s unemployment drops to 7.7% in August

### The World

PORTLAND — Oregon’s unemployment rate dropped to 7.7 percent in August from 10.4 percent in July, according to a press release from the Oregon Employment Department. The unemployment rate was more than double last year’s rate of 3.6 percent in August 2019. Meanwhile, the U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 8.4 percent in August from 10.2 percent in July.

Oregon’s total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 11,300 jobs in August, following a revised gain of 17,700 jobs in July. Over the past four months, employers added back 41 percent of the jobs that were cut in March and April, stated the release.

Over-the-month job gains in August were largest in leisure and hospitality (+4,200 jobs); retail trade (+3,300); construction (+3,200); and government (+3,000). Two industries cut a substantial number of jobs in August: wholesale trade (-1,400 jobs) and health care and

social assistance (-1,400). Leisure and hospitality — which includes restaurants, drinking establishments, hotels and recreational industries — has added back the most jobs of any of the major industries over the past four months. Despite adding 63,200 jobs during the past four months, leisure and hospitality is only a little over halfway back to its February 2020 peak employment level, prior to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Retail trade has bounced back closer to its recent peak employment level. It added 16,100 jobs over the past four months, which was nearly three-quarters of the jobs lost earlier in the year.

The third industry to add back more than half of its jobs lost, while also rebounding by more than 10,000 jobs, was health care and social assistance. This industry, despite a 1,400-job loss in August, added 18,000 jobs over the past four months, regaining nearly two-thirds of its March and

April job losses.

Not all industries have rebounded with substantial job growth over the past four months. In August, the following industries remained near their low point for the year: manufacturing, government, information, and professional and business services.

### Wildfires impact

Devastating wildfires have ravaged workplaces, homes, communities, and more than 1 million acres of land across Oregon over the past couple of weeks. This release covers the Oregon employment situation in August. It does not capture the personal and economic disruption caused by these disasters.

The Oregon Employment Department plans to release the August county and metropolitan area unemployment rates on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and the next statewide unemployment rate and employment survey data for September on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

## Gov. Brown convenes first racial justice council meeting

“Today, we embark on a process to build an Oregon that we can all love. An Oregon where we can all be loved and respected.”

### The World

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown convened the first meeting of the Racial Justice Council to address systemic racism in Oregon. In response to Oregonians’ clarion call for racial justice, police accountability, and the recognition that Black Lives Matter, Gov. Brown formed the council to take action in advancing anti-racist policies for Oregon.

“This week, as we brace for the impacts of a once-in-a-lifetime wildfire season, we are amidst a global pandemic that has sickened and killed Black, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Pacific Islander and other communities of color at disproportionate

rates,” said Governor Kate Brown. “Racism and racial disparities impact every part of our culture and our economy. The pandemic and the fires have further exacerbated these disparities. We know that most Oregonians are feeling the impacts of wind, fires, and the pandemic, but the effects are not felt equally.”

Gov. Brown went on to recognize the contributions and advocacy of members of the council, as well as thousands of Oregonians who have raised their voices in pursuit of racial justice and criminal justice reform following the murder of George Floyd.

“In honor of the memory of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and too many others, we must center racial equity as we build the state budget and develop our 2021 legislative agenda,” Gov. Brown added. “As we recruit and promote people in state agencies. And our boards

and commissions. In the very structures of state government.”

“Today, we embark on a process to build an Oregon that we can all love. An Oregon where we can all be loved and respected. As we reshape our state budget, we must support the communities currently experiencing crisis. We must ensure a better future, by focusing necessary recovery measures around racial equity and inclusion.”

The council is an advisory group to the Governor with subgroups focused on criminal justice reform and police accountability, health equity, economic opportunity, housing and homelessness, environmental equity and education. The council will provide principles and recommendations that center racial justice and economic recovery to the Governor to inform the 2021-2023 Governor’s Recommended Budget and legislative agenda.

# House passes stopgap bill to avoid shutdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sweeping bipartisan vote that takes a government shutdown off the table, the House passed a temporary government-wide funding bill Tuesday night, shortly after President Donald Trump prevailed in a behind-the-scenes fight over his farm bailout.

The stopgap measure will keep federal agencies fully up and running into December, giving lame-duck lawmakers time to digest the election and decide whether to pass the annual government funding bills by then or kick them to the next administration. The budget year ends Sept. 30.

The 359-57 vote came after considerable behind-the-scenes battling over proposed add-ons. The final agreement gives the administration continued immediate authority to dole out Agriculture Department subsidies in the run-up to Election Day. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., retreated from an initial draft that sparked a furor with Republicans and farm-state Democrats, who said she was interfering with the routine implementation of

the rural safety net as low crop prices and Trump’s own tariffs slam farm country.

“It’s a big deal. This is cash flow to mom and pop businesses all over rural America,” said Texas Rep. Michael Conaway, top Republican on the House Agriculture Committee. “They get them every year in October. They come like clockwork.”

In talks Tuesday, Pelosi restored a farm aid funding patch sought by the administration, which has sparked the ire of Democrats who said it plays political favorites as it gives out bailout money to farmers and ranchers.

In return, Pelosi won COVID-related food aid for the poor, including an extension of a higher food benefit for families whose children are unable to receive free or reduced lunches because schools are closed over the coronavirus. Another add-on would permit states to remove hurdles to food stamps and nutrition aid to low-income mothers that are more difficult to clear during the pandemic.

The deal permitted the measure to speed through the House after a swift

debate that should ensure smooth sailing in the GOP-held Senate before next Wednesday’s deadline. There’s no appetite on either side for a government shutdown.

On Monday, Democrats released a version of the stopgap measure that did not contain the farm bailout provision, enraging Republicans and putting passage of the measure in doubt. It became apparent that Pelosi did not have the votes to pass it — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., dismissed it as a “rough draft” — and negotiations continued.

Democrats complain that the Trump administration has favored southern states such as Georgia — a key swing state and home of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue — and larger producers in distributing bailout funds. Farmers are suffering from low commodity prices and the effects of higher tariffs imposed by Trump. Trump announced a new \$13 billion allotment of bailout funding at a political rally in Wisconsin last week.

The administration’s handling of farm subsidies had angered Sen. Debbie

Stabenow of Michigan, the powerful top Democrat on the Agriculture Committee. She said that the Agriculture Department didn’t need the special financing provision that sparked the furor and that the money would come in November at the latest anyway. But the financial fix had been passed before, and other Democrats, including endangered House incumbents in states like Iowa and Minnesota, pressed for it.

“Now is not the time to be playing politics with aid to farmers or the assistance needed to save our families and local economies from economic disaster,” said freshman Rep. Abby Finkenauer, D-Iowa.

The measure is the bare minimum accomplishment for Capitol Hill’s powerful Appropriations committee, who pride themselves on their deal-making abilities despite gridlock in other corners of Congress. It came after bipartisan negotiations on a huge COVID-19 relief package imploded and appear unlikely to be rekindled — especially since the death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has upended U.S. politics.

“We need to keep the government open but we also need additional COVID relief for the American people,” said Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla.

The legislation — called a continuing resolution, or CR, in Washington-speak — would keep every federal agency running at current funding levels through Dec. 11, which will keep the government afloat past an election that could reshuffle Washington’s balance of power.

The measure also extends many programs whose funding or authorizations lapse on Sept. 30, including the federal flood insurance program, highway and transit programs, and a long set of extensions of various health programs, such as a provision to prevent Medicaid cuts to hospitals that serve many poor people.

It also finances the possible transition to a new administration if Joe Biden wins the White House and would stave off an unwelcome COVID-caused increase in Medicare Part B premiums for outpatient doctor visits.

The underlying stopgap measure deals with the

30% of the federal government’s day-to-day budget that goes to Cabinet agency operations funded by Congress each year. The annual appropriations process broke down in the Senate this year and it’s unclear but probably unlikely that the \$1.3 trillion in agency spending bills will be enacted this year, even in a post-election lame duck session, especially if Biden is elected to replace Trump.

In the past, both Democrats and Republicans have sought to use government funding deadlines and must-past temporary funding bills as leverage to try to win concessions elsewhere on Washington’s agenda. Such efforts invariably fail.

Republicans in 2013 used it in a failed attempt to prevent implementation of the so-called Obamacare health law, and Senate Democrats returned the favor in 2018 in a futile effort to force debate on permitting immigrants brought into the country illegally as children to remain in the U.S.

Pelosi studiously avoided such a confrontation this time.

## Chief Justice: Ginsburg was ‘tough, brave, a fighter, a winner’

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice John Roberts says the words that best describe the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg are “tough, brave, a fighter, a winner” but also “thoughtful, careful, compassionate, honest.”

Roberts spoke Wednesday during a private ceremony in the Great Hall of the Supreme Court. After the ceremony, Ginsburg’s flag-draped casket was placed at the top of the court’s front steps so that the public can pay their respects to the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court in line with

public health guidance for the coronavirus pandemic.

Thousands of people are expected to pay their respects throughout the day to the women’s rights champion, leader of the court’s liberal bloc and feminist icon who died last week at 87.

“Her voice in court and in our conference room was soft, but when she spoke people listened,” Roberts said.

Ginsburg’s flag-draped casket arrived at the court at 9:30 a.m. and was carried into the court’s Great Hall, past her former law clerks who lined the steps.

Inside, the court’s remaining eight justices, all of them wearing masks, were together for the first time since the building was closed in March and they resorted to meetings by telephone. Because of the pandemic, however, chairs for the justices were spaced apart.

Ginsburg will lie in repose for two days at the court where she served for 27 years and, before that, argued six cases for gender equality in the 1970s. Ginsburg’s casket will be on public view from 11 a.m. to

10 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday.

Nearly 500 members of the public had gathered to pay their respects Wednesday morning.

Since her death Friday evening, people have been leaving flowers, notes, placards and all manner of Ginsburg paraphernalia outside the court in tribute to the woman who became known in her final years as the “Notorious RBG.” Court workers cleared away the items and cleaned the court plaza and sidewalk in advance of Wednesday’s

ceremony.

Inside, the entrance to the courtroom, along with Ginsburg’s chair and place on the bench next to Roberts, have been draped in black, a longstanding court custom. These visual signs of mourning, which in years past have reinforced the sense of loss, will largely go unseen this year. The court begins its new term Oct. 5, but the justices will not be in the courtroom and instead will hear arguments by phone.

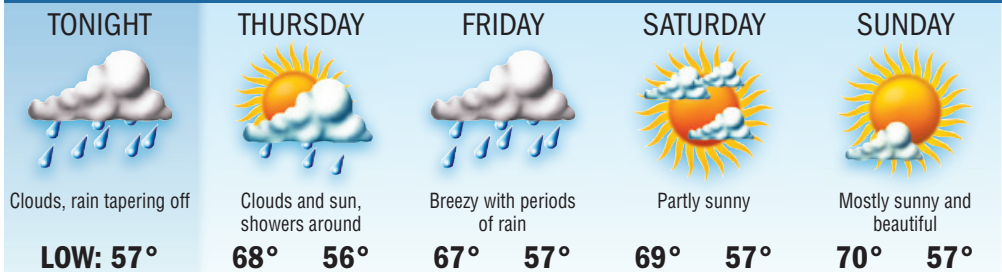
On Friday, Ginsburg will lie in state at the Capitol,

the first woman to do so and only the second Supreme Court justice after William Howard Taft. Taft had also been president. Rosa Parks, a private citizen as opposed to a government official, is the only woman who has lain in honor at the Capitol.

Ginsburg will be buried beside her husband, Martin, in a private ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery next week. Martin Ginsburg died in 2010. She is survived by a son and a daughter, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and a great-grandchild.



FOUR-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



LOCAL ALMANAC

North Bend Tuesday

TEMPERATURE

High/low	67°/55°
Normal high/low	64°/49°
Record high	78° in 1946
Record low	39° in 1993

PRECIPITATION

Yesterday	0.00"
Year to date	28.71"
Last year to date	44.68"
Normal year to date	38.51"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	7:12 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:07 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	3:39 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	none

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 23	Oct 1	Oct 9	Oct 16

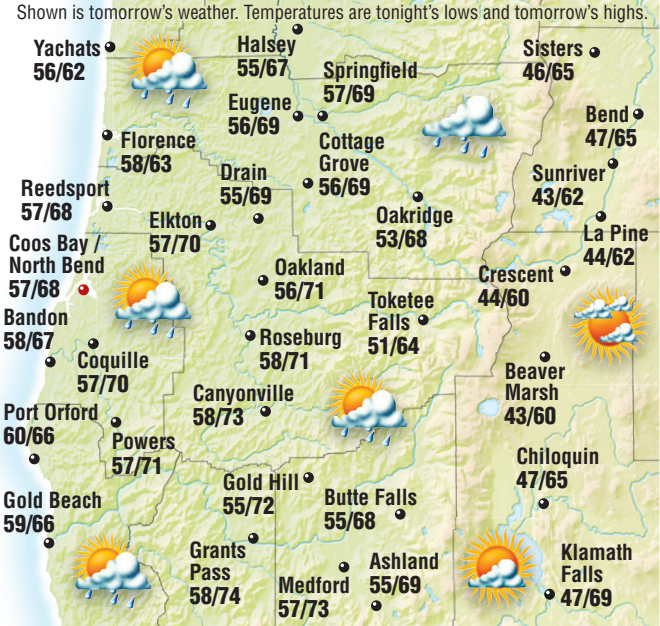
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OREGON CITIES

City	Yesterday	Thru.
	Hi/Lo Prec.	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	66/52 0.00	65/56/r
Burns	79/45 0.00	67/33/pc
Brookings	66/57 0.00	67/56/sh
Corvallis	72/55 0.00	65/53/c
Eugene	74/55 0.00	69/55/c
Klamath Falls	76/39 0.00	69/35/pc
La Grande	78/61 0.00	67/46/c
Medford	80/56 0.00	73/49/pc
Newport	63/54 0.04	62/56/r
Pendleton	78/57 0.00	70/53/pc
Portland	75/61 0.00	66/58/r
Redmond	77/47 0.00	67/39/pc
Roseburg	76/61 0.00	71/53/sh
Salem	72/55 0.00	67/56/r
The Dalles	79/57 0.00	69/54/sh

REGIONAL FORECASTS

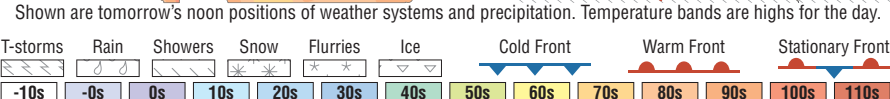
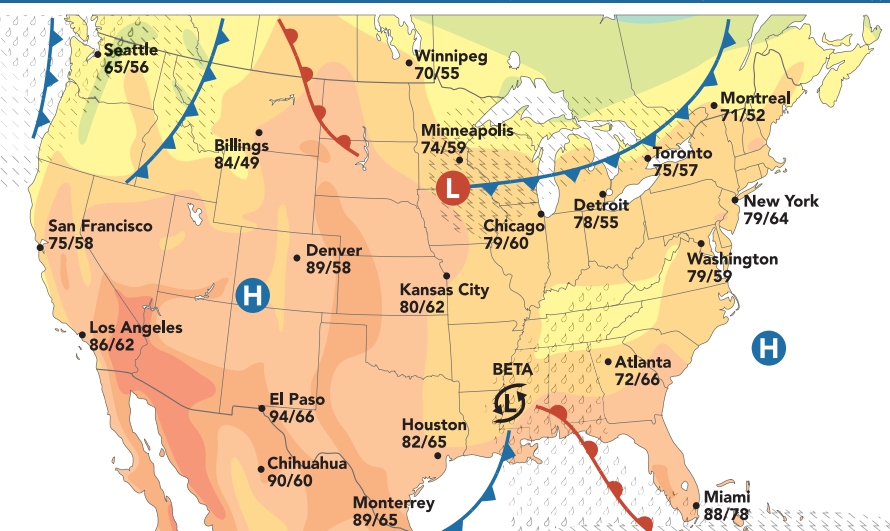
South Coast	Curry Co. Coast	Rogue Valley	Willamette Valley	Portland Area	North Coast	Central Oregon
Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.	Tonight Thu.
58° 67°	59° 66°	57° 73°	56° 69°	58° 66°	57° 64°	44° 67°



TIDES

Location	High	Thurs	Low	Fri
		ft.	ft.	ft.
Bandon	7:17 a.m. 5.3	12:31 a.m. 0.0	8:39 a.m. 5.3	1:44 a.m. 0.2
	6:25 p.m. 6.6	12:25 p.m. 3.3	7:41 p.m. 6.3	1:51 p.m. 3.4
Charleston	7:22 a.m. 5.7	12:29 a.m. 0.0	8:44 a.m. 5.8	1:42 a.m. 0.2
	6:30 p.m. 7.2	12:23 p.m. 3.5	7:46 p.m. 6.9	1:49 p.m. 3.6
Coos Bay	8:48 a.m. 5.5	1:57 a.m. 0.0	10:10 a.m. 5.6	3:10 a.m. 0.2
	7:56 p.m. 6.9	1:51 p.m. 3.1	9:12 p.m. 6.6	3:17 p.m. 3.2
Florence	8:06 a.m. 4.9	1:27 a.m. 0.0	9:28 a.m. 5.0	2:40 a.m. 0.2
	7:14 p.m. 6.2	1:21 p.m. 2.8	8:30 p.m. 5.9	2:47 p.m. 2.9
Port Orford	7:16 a.m. 5.4	12:18 a.m. 0.0	8:39 a.m. 5.5	1:32 a.m. 0.1
	6:04 p.m. 6.8	12:05 p.m. 3.7	7:22 p.m. 6.6	1:34 p.m. 3.8
Reedsport	8:10 a.m. 5.3	1:38 a.m. 0.2	9:32 a.m. 5.2	2:44 a.m. 0.4
	7:30 p.m. 7.0	1:30 p.m. 3.2	8:40 p.m. 6.7	2:43 p.m. 3.3
Half Moon Bay	7:35 a.m. 5.2	12:43 a.m. 0.0	9:00 a.m. 5.3	1:57 a.m. 0.2
	6:36 p.m. 6.7	12:32 p.m. 3.4	7:51 p.m. 6.5	1:57 p.m. 3.5

NATIONAL FORECAST



NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)  
National high: 110° at Death Valley, CA  
National low: 20° at Bodie State Park, CA

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	City	Thu.	Fri.	City	Thu.	Fri.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	87/59/s	89/60/s	Fargo	74/57/pc	76/51/pc	Pittsburgh	76/54/c	77/55/pc
Anchorage	55/45/c	55/45/r	Flagstaff	81/46/s	79/45/s	Pocatello	79/48/s	72/51/pc
Atlanta	72/66/r	80/67/t	Fresno	88/62/s	88/62/s	Portland, ME	75/54/pc	74/56/s
Atlantic City	76/63/pc	73/63/pc	Green Bay	73/59/pc	77/62/s	Providence	78/57/pc	80/58/s
Austin	84/60/s	88/63/s	Hartford, CT	78/54/pc	83/56/s	Raleigh	72/60/c	72/64/r
Baltimore	80/58/c	75/60/r	Helena	67/45/c	64/50/c	Rapid City	89/52/s	73/48/c
Billings	84/49/pc	70/51/c	Honolulu	87/76/pc	89/75/s	Redding	85/57/s	90/64/s
Birmingham	75/67/r	79/66/t	Houston	82/65/pc	85/66/pc	Reno	84/48/s	83/52/s
Boise	74/51/pc	73/56/pc	Indianapolis	77/56/s	78/60/pc	Richmond, VA	76/57/pc	73/63/r
Boston	77/59/pc	77/59/s	Kansas City	80/62/pc	85/63/s	Sacramento	86/55/s	87/61/s
Buffalo	76/60/pc	79/61/s	Key West	88/81/sh	89/82/t	St. Louis	78/57/pc	82/64/pc
Burlington, VT	74/65/pc	77/59/pc	Las Vegas	101/73/s	99/72/s	Salt Lake City	88/58/s	79/56/pc
Caribou, ME	67/38/pc	65/50/pc	Lexington	70/57/r	74/60/c	San Angelo	88/59/s	92/65/s
Casper	88/44/pc	78/51/c	Little Rock	75/59/c	81/62/pc	San Diego	79/64/pc	76/65/pc
Charleston, SC	80/69/pc	82/70/t	Los Angeles	86/62/pc	85/62/pc	San Francisco	75/58/pc	78/59/s
Charleston, WV	75/56/c	75/58/c	Louisville	71/60/c	78/64/c	San Jose	78/57/s	83/59/s
Charlotte, NC	74/61/c	74/65/s	Madison	74/59/t	78/64/s	Santa Fe	85/51/s	88/51/s
Cheyenne	86/53/s	84/51/pc	Memphis	71/61/c	80/65/c	Seattle	65/56/r	63/56/r
Chicago	79/60/pc	81/66/pc	Miami	88/78/pc	87/78/t	Sioux Falls	83/62/s	85/55/pc
Cincinnati	75/57/c	76/61/c	Milwaukee	76/51/c	77/65/s	Spokane	63/48/c	57/48/sh
Cleveland	76/58/pc	77/59/s	Minneapolis	74/59/t	83/58/pc	Springfield, IL	78/55/s	81/62/s
Colorado Spgs	85/57/s	89/56/s	Missoula	62/43/sh	58/47/sh	Springfield, MA	78/52/pc	81/54/s
Columbus, OH	78/57/c	79/59/pc	Nashville	68/62/r	77/64/sh	Syracuse	77/56/pc	80/58/s
Concord, NH	79/48/pc	80/51/s	New Orleans	83/72/t	83/72/t	Tampa	89/77/c	89/76/t
Dallas	82/64/pc	86/65/s	New York City	79/64/pc	80/65/pc	Toledo	80/55/pc	80/60/s
Dayton	79/56/c	80/61/pc	Norfolk, VA	77/64/c	74/67/r	Trenton	76/57/pc	76/57/pc
Daytona Beach	85/75/sh	87/74/t	Oklahoma City	82/60/s	87/62/s	Tucson	100/71/s	100/71/s
Denver	89/58/s	90/55/s	Olympia, WA	64/54/r	63/53/s	Tulsa	80/60/pc	85/64/s
Des Moines	82/60/s	86/63/s	Omaha	83/61/s	91/62/s	Washington, DC	79/59/c	75/63/r
Detroit	78/55/pc	78/59/s	Orlando	88/75/pc	90/75/t	W. Palm Beach	88/79/pc	87/76/t
El Paso	94/66/s	97/69/s	Philadelphia	80/60/s	79/60/pc	White	83/82/s	89/64/s
Fairbanks	44/35/c	49/33/c	Phoenix	105/78/s	105/77/s	Wilmington, DE	77/59/pc	74/59/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sm-snow, i-ice, Prec.-precipitation.

Vaccine

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to get ready now to roll out vaccinations, which will present enormous logistical challenges. On Wednesday the CDC was set to announce distribution of \$200 million in congressionally approved funds to help begin setting up operations.

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said the COVID-19 vaccine campaign will build on longstanding cooperation between the federal government and the states on immunizations. J&J's vaccine is made with slightly different technology than others in late-stage testing, modeled on an Ebola vaccine

the company created. Unlike the other three vaccines that started late-stage testing in the U.S., it requires only one shot, not two. Despite a later start to testing than some of its competitors, Dr. Paul Stoffels, J&J's chief scientific officer, told reporters that the study was large enough to yield answers possibly by early next year.

Wrong-way driver causes fatal crash

Authorities say a wrong-way driver was involved in a three-car crash on northbound Interstate 5 in Portland, Oregon, leaving one person dead, another injured and the highway closed for about two hours. KOIN reports the wrong-way driver was

reported around 3:45 a.m. Tuesday and as police were responding, there was a report of a crash. First responders found three vehicles involved. One of the drivers died at the scene. That driver was identified as 45-year-old Damian Asher Alexander of Vancouver,

Washington. The Portland Police Bureau said Tuesday afternoon that initial investigation shows Alexander was the wrong-way driver. Another driver was taken to a hospital for treatment and is expected to survive. The third driver wasn't hurt.

Vote

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wish," which was that her seat not be filled until the man who wins the presidential election is installed, in January. But that seemed no longer an option. So far, two Republicans have said they oppose taking up a nomination at this time, but no others are in sight. Under Senate rules, Vice President Mike Pence could break a tie vote. While not all Republican senators have said they will support the eventual pick, few appear willing to stand in the way of a top party priority. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell made no scheduling announcements. But hearings could start as soon as Oct. 12 by the Senate Judiciary Committee, with a vote in the full Senate by Oct. 29, according to a GOP

aide granted anonymity to discuss deliberations. After Trump met with conservative Judge Amy Coney Barrett at the White House on Monday he told reporters he would interview other candidates and might meet with Judge Barbara Lagoa when he travels to Florida later this week. Conversations in the White House and McConnell's office have been increasingly focused on Barrett and Lagoa, according to a person granted anonymity to discuss the private deliberations. Barrett, 48, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, has long been favored by conservatives. Those familiar with the process said interest inside the White House seemed to be waning for Lagoa amid concerns she did not have a proven record as a conservative jurist. Lagoa has been pushed by Florida's governor, and aides tout

her political advantages of being Hispanic and hailing from the key political battleground state. Democrats point to hypocrisy in Republicans trying to rush through a pick so close to the election after McConnell led the GOP in refusing to vote on a nominee of President Barack Obama in February 2016, long before that year's election. Romney, the GOP's 2012 presidential nominee, dismissed that argument, saying "it was not unfair" for Republicans to refuse to consider Obama's choice of Merrick Garland. The Utah Republican backed up his decision by saying it's not "written in the stars" that the court should have a liberal bent. He said Trump's pick will tip the court to become more conservative, and he said that is appropriate "for a nation which is, if you will, center right, to have a court which reflects

a center right point of view." At the private lunch, Sen. Mike Braun of Indiana said, senators advocating swift voting warned of "too many complications" if it's delayed until after the election — presumably if Biden wins the White House or Republicans lose the Senate. Conservative groups pushing for swift approval also argue the election result could be disputed with legal battles dragging on for weeks. Democrats say voters should speak first, on Election Day. Biden appealed to GOP senators to "uphold your constitutional duty, your conscience" and wait until the president is chosen. But few Republicans are willing to cross Trump. The president has criticized Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska for opposing a Sen-

ate vote before elections. Trump warned they would be "very badly hurt" by voters in November. Collins went further Tuesday saying she would vote against Trump's pick, "not because I might not support that nominee under normal circumstances but we're simply too close to the election." The parties braced for the fight ahead. At an evening rally in Pittsburgh, Trump marveled at how important the Supreme Court is to some voters, and at his own opportunity to pick a third justice. "Can you imagine?" he asked. "These sorts of fights bring Republicans together," said Sen. Todd Young, R-Ind., the party's Senate campaign chairman. At a memorial on the National Mall marking the 200,000 COVID deaths, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi paid tribute to Ginsburg and warned against

Trump's coming court challenge to the Affordable Care Act. "It's a time for us to vote health," she said. The mounting clash over the vacant seat injects new turbulence in the presidential campaign with the nation still reeling from the coronavirus pandemic and shattered economy, with millions unemployed and heightened partisan tensions and anger. Ginsburg, 87, died Friday of metastatic pancreatic cancer. She will lie in state at the U.S. Capitol this week, the first woman accorded that honor. Her casket will be on view Wednesday and Thursday on the steps of the high court. No nominee has won confirmation so quickly since Sandra Day O'Connor — with no opposition from either party — became the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court in 1981.

Wildfires

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"It's difficult to overstate how emotionally impactful this is for people who love the land in those places, whether they're locals or they're people who would only visit it once a year," said Steve Pedery of Oregon Wild. "These places are sanctuaries for people trying to find a little bit of peace and solitude in nature and the modern world." Fire also tore through Jefferson Park, a popular alpine backpacking

destination on the flanks of Mount Jefferson. The flames crept to the edges of Silver Falls — one of Oregon's most popular state parks and its largest — and burned up half the buildings at Breitenbush Hot Springs, a forest retreat where Oregonians bathed nude in natural hot springs, sat in saunas and practiced yoga. Further south, another inferno leveled the town of Blue River, east of Eugene, and singed the forests around the McKenzie River, a premier white-water rafting destination that attracts tourists from

around the nation. "So this is just a beautiful river corridor and ... some really beautiful stretches and beautiful views, and that will be very different," said Chandra LeGue, western Oregon field coordinator for Oregon Wild. "And it will have an impact on businesses and river guides for years to come." The biggest worry for many environmentalists is the condition of the old-growth forest known as the Opal Creek Wilderness. Before the fire, hikers who visited the 3,600 miles of trails were

rewarded with views of trees that were hundreds of years old with bark 6 inches thick. Deep, clear blue pools at Opal Creek were inviting on a hot day. Anxiety over the condition of the forest has been amplified by the news that George Atiyeh, a storied logger-turned-conservationist who was instrumental in saving the forest, died in the blaze. Studies of ash and carbon layers show that the area burned at least twice before, in the 1500s and the 1800s. But the conditions this time were so dry

and hot, with fierce winds pushing burning embers a mile ahead of the fire line, that the forest's future is uncertain. "It's a special place. It's a place that grabs you, and it's a magical place for so many people," said Dwayne Canfield, the executive director of the Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center, which is housed in the old mining town and hosted 3,000 Oregon schoolchildren a year. Aerial photos taken Sunday by the U.S. Forest Service show the fire burned the trees but hop-

scotched around, leaving patches of green among the black. That type of burn — a so-called mosaic pattern — is encouraging because it means the old-growth will likely recover but not quickly, Canfield said. "The forest lives on time scales much longer than humans do, and so I'm sure much of the forest will survive and recover, and it will be there for future generations," he said. "But for the people living now, it's going to be a long time before it's anything like it used to be."

NORTHWEST STOCKS

Closing and 8:30 a.m. quotes		
Stock	Close	8:30
Intel	49.94	49.51
Kroger	33.73	33.53
Microsoft	207.42	204.80
Nike	117.01	127.85

NW Natural	45.42	44.15
Skywest	31.09	30.52
Starbucks	83.95	84.42
Umpqua Hlds	10.53	10.52
Weyerhaeuser	27.72	27.58
Xerox	18.24	18.38

Levi Strauss	12.36	12.98
Dow Jones closed at	27,287.65	
NASDAQ closed at	10,959.36	
S&P 500 closed at	3,315.49	
Provided by Coos Bay Edward Jones		

LOTTERY

MegaMillions	
Sept. 22	
36-43-44-55-68	
Megaball: 12	
Multiplier: x4	
Jackpot: \$24 million	

Powerball	
Sept. 19	
11-14-23-47-57	
Powerball: 14	
Multiplier: x4	
Jackpot: \$22 million	

Megabucks	
Sept. 21	
11-16-20-34-35-46	
Jackpot: \$2.2 Million	

Win For Life	
Sept. 19	
33-44-52-61	



