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United Nations marks 75 years

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations marked its 75th anniversary Monday with its chief urging leaders of an increasingly polarized, go-italone world to work together and preserve the organization's most important success since its founding: avoiding a military confrontation between the major global powers.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' appeal for a revival of multilateralism — the foundation of the United Nations — was echoed by leaders of countries large and small, rich and poor.

But despite largely positive speeches, it was clear that challenges lie ahead in collaborating to beat back the coronavirus pandemic, end numerous smaller conflicts from the Middle East to Africa, and achieve U.N. goals to eradicate extreme poverty and preserve the environment by a 2030 target.

"Today, we have a surplus of multilateral challenges and a deficit of multilateral solutions," the U.N. chief said, stressing that COVID-19 has "laid bare the world's fragilities," which can only be addressed together.

"Climate calamity looms, biodiversity is collapsing, poverty is rising, hatred is spreading, geopolitical tensions are escalating, nuclear weapons remain on hair-trigger alert," Guterres said.

Appealing for a new multilateralism that draws on civil society, cities, businesses, local authorities and young people, Guterres said "no one wants a world government — but we must work together to improve world governance.'

The United Nations marked its actual 75th anniversary — the charter's signing in San Francisco on June 26, 1945 — at a scaled-down event.

Monday's mainly virtual official commemoration was a sobering assessment of the state of the world, the impact of the 193-member world body over

seven decades and the struggles ahead. Some leaders appeared in native dress and in unusual settings, adding some color to prerecorded speeches.

The commemoration was suspended with 58 countries waiting to speak, primarily because many leaders spoke far longer than the three minutes they were allotted. No date was set to hear the remaining speakers.

As a sign of the commemoration's importance, heads of government like Chinese President Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke. U.S. President Donald Trump was first on the list of 182 speakers, but he didn't offer remarks.

In a snub to the United Nations, the United States instead was represented by its acting deputy U.N. ambassador, Cherith Norman Chalet. The White House had no immediate comment.

"In many ways, the United Nations has proven to be a successful experiment," Chalet said. But for too long, she added, it has resisted "meaningful reform," lacked transparency and been "too vulnerable to the agenda of autocratic regimes and dictatorships."

China's Xi urged U.N. members to recommit to multilateralism and "work to promote a community with a shared future for mankind."

"Unilateralism is a dead end," he said. "No country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others or keep advantages in development all to itself. Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and be the hegemon, bully or boss of the world."

Macron said the United Nations has remained true to its promises made three-quarters of a century ago: "To save future generations from the scourge of war, to assert human rights and the equality of nations, and to promote social progress in greater freedom."

But he warned that "our common home is in disarray, just like our world."

"Faced with the health emergency, faced with the climate challenge, faced with the decline in rights," Macron said, "it is here and now that we have to act, with those who want to and with those who can, by exploiting all possible spaces for cooperation."

Guterres and many others said the founding of the United Nations in 1945 and the commitment to cooperation after two world wars and the Holocaust produced results.

"Never in modern history have we gone so many years without a military confrontation between the major powers," the secretary-general said. "This is a major achievement of which member states can be proud and which we must all strive to preserve."

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Trump to announce pick by weekend

Amy Coney Barrett emerges as favorite for Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump met Monday with Judge Amy Coney Barrett at the White House as the conservative jurist emerged as a favorite to replace the late Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the Supreme Court, the start of a monumental Senate confirmation fight over objections from Democrats it's too close to the November election.

Trump said he expects to announce his pick by week's end, before the burial of Ginsburg, the court's liberal icon, at Arlington National Cemetery.

The president told reporters he was still going to be interviewing other candidates and might meet with Judge Barbara Lagoa when he travels to Florida later this week. But Barrett has long been favored by conservatives, and those familiar with the process said interest inside the White House seemed to be waning for Lagoa amid concerns by some that she did not have a proven record as a conservative jurist.

Democrats, led by presidential nominee Joe Biden, are protesting the Republicans' rush to replace Ginsburg, saying voters should speak first, on Election Day, Nov. 3, and the winner of the White House should fill the vacancy.

Trump dismissed those arguments, telling "Fox & Friends," "I think that would be good for the Republican Party, and I think it would be good for everybody to get it over with."

The mounting clash over the vacant seat — when to fill it and with whom - injects new turbulence in the presidential campaign with the nation still reeling from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed nearly 200,000 Americans, left millions unemployed and heightened partisan tensions and anger.

Up until now, the race has been largely a referendum on how Trump has managed or mismanaged the COVID-19 pandemic.

Democrats point to hypocrisy in Republicans trying to rush through a pick so close to the election after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell led the GOP in refusing to vote on

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Contributed Photo

Powers Police Chief Kevin Macho posed with volunteer administrators Mary Kohn, Carla Blanton and Ellen Baldwin in this photo in May.

Powers police chief plans to step down

Kevin Macho cites 'vastly different vision' in decision

ZACK DEMARS The World

POWERS — The City of Powers is losing another police chief, who is also its only fulltime officer. On Saturday, Kevin Macho announced his intent to resign effective Oct. 15, which will be just seven months into his tenure as chief.

"It has become clear to me that the council and I have a vastly different vision regarding the administration of the police department going forward," Macho wrote in an email to city council members.

Both Macho and Mayor Robert Kohn say the departure is on good terms, and that the departure is a matter of differing goals for the future of the department.

"He did a lot of good for the city," Kohn said. "We wish him

Macho, who joined the department in March, is the second police chief to leave the department

in less than a year. Former Chief Robert Baker was terminated by the City Council in December, a move that received criticism from many in the community.

Much of Macho's work involved expanding the police department in the city of around 700 residents. Before his arrival, the chief was typically the department's only staff person.

Now, Macho says his department has several volunteer administrators, as well as the part time work of former chief Rhett Davis and another volunteer reserve officer.

Goals for more expansion were part of the difference in vision, according to Kohn. The city doesn't have the funding to keep expanding and would have a hard time increasing its tax revenue to meet those demands, Kohn said.

Macho wouldn't say more about his reason to leave beyond what he told members of the City Council. He likened his time with the department to a "relationship between two people" that sometimes just doesn't fit.

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Ginsburg death exposes fragility of health law protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — With COVID-19 the newest preexisting condition, the Obama-era health law that protects Americans from insurance discrimination is more fragile following the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

A week after the presidential election, the Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on an effort backed by President Donald Trump to strike down the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, in its entirety. Former President Barack Obama's landmark law bars insurers from turning away

people with health problems, or charging them more.

With Ginsburg on the court, there seemed to be little chance the lawsuit championed by conservative-led states could succeed, given that she and four other justices had twice previously voted to uphold important parts of the health law. But that 5-4 majority is gone following Ginsburg's death last Friday from complications of metastatic cancer of the pancreas.

Yet it is not at all clear what the court will do. A narrow

ruling might leave most of the law intact, sparing protections for people with preexisting conditions, Medicaid expansion, health insurance subsidies and other core elements. In that case Ginsburg's death might not turn out to be a crucial difference in

the court's consideration. Nonetheless, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has accused Trump of wanting to rush a conservative replacement for Ginsburg through Senate confirmation partly so he can accomplish his unfilled vow to repeal

"Obamacare." A new justice could be seated in time for the Nov. 10 arguments.

"There's many, many people in our country — and millions more now because of coronavirus — who have preexisting medical conditions," she said Sunday on ABC. "The president has not been truthful in what he has said about that. He is in court to crush the preexisting condition as he crushes the Affordable Care Act, instead of crushing the virus."

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Oregon reports 3 more deaths

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PORTLAND — COVID-19 has claimed three more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 529, the Oregon Health Authority reported

The Oregon Health Authority also reported 201 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 on Monday bringing the state total

to 30,995.

The new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases reported Monday are in the following counties: Benton (2), Clackamas (16), Clatsop (2), Columbia (2), Coos (4), Curry (3), Deschutes (8), Douglas (2), Hood River (1), Jackson (18), Josephine (3), Klamath (2), Lane (28), Lincoln (1), Linn (1), Malheur (12), Marion (18), Morrow (2), Multnomah (35), Tillamook (1), Umatilla (4), Wasco (10), Washington (25), and Yamhill (1).

Oregon's 527th COVID-19 death is an 80-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Aug. 21 and died on Sept. 6, in his residence. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 528th COVID-19 death is a 54-year-old woman in Multnomah County who tested positive on Sept. 16 and died on Sept. 20, at Legacy Mt. Hood Medical Center. She had underlying conditions.

Oregon's 529th COVID-19 death is a 73-year-old man in Multnomah County who tested positive on Sept. 18 and died on Sept. 19, at OHSU. Presence of underlying conditions is being con-

COOS BAY — A faulty extension cord likely caused a structure fire and destroyed a home Friday night, according to a post from the Coos Bay Fire Department.

Several agencies

assist in battling

blaze in the Libby

Lane area

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Crews were called to the Libby area around 11:20 p.m. and found the home burning, according to the post. Crews had to run a hose up a steep hill that engines couldn't get up.

The home's two occupants had gotten outside safely, but were trapped near the back

of the home. Crews created a safe path for one person with water lines and escorted the second out, the post said.

Friday night fire destroys

Coos Bay area home

In addition to the home, which was a total loss, the fire destroyed a vehicle and damaged a nearby travel trailer, the post said.

Because the fire was in a remote area, crews received assistance from the Millington, Sumner, North Bay, Green Acres, North Bend and Charleston fire departments.

"Extension cords should not be used as permanent wiring and should not be placed in an area that will be impacted by foot and vehicle traffic," the Coos Bay department said in its statement.

Curry County reports two more COVID-19 cases

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GOLD BEACH — Curry County Public was notified of two new cases of COVID-19 on Monday.

Notification came through a transfer from Coos County Public Health through the official medical record system provided by the Oregon Health Authority. Both cases have been verified through lab results which were received by Curry County

Public Health at 7:15 p.m. Monday and confirmed by the Health Officer, according to a press release from Curry County Public Health Administrator Sherrié R. Ward.

Public health has reached out to the individuals, who are from the same household. They are home self-isolating and monitoring symptoms. These current cases are associated with a known outbreak in Coos County. Investigation and contact tracing is being conducted by both Curry County Public Health and Coos County Public Health. Public health will reach out to anyone suspected of exposure to COVID-19.

As of Sept. 21, the total verified number of positive cases in Curry County is currently 30, with 24 recovered cases, six active cases, zero hospitalizations and zero deaths.

"Please remember, it is important that we all follow the OHA and CDC guidelines and Governor's directives about social distancing, wearing facial coverings in public buildings and protecting yourselves by staying home to slow the spread and save lives," stated Ward

Public Health will continue to keep the public informed with all the information they can in order to keep their citizens safe.

South Slough reopens trails, restrooms to public

Visitors urged to properly dispose of trash

THE WORLD

COOS COUNTY — Trails and restrooms at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve reopened Monday, Sept. 21, following wildfire and COVID-19 closures.

South Slough Reserve trails and waterways have been closed to the public since Sept. 8, when smoky conditions and extreme fire danger closed both the reserve and the Elliott State Forest. The Elliott reopened Monday as well. according to a press release from the Oregon Division of State Lands.

South Slough Reserve's restrooms have been closed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrooms will now be open on weekdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and trash cans have been added to address a recent increase in littering. A growing number of people have visited the reserve since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional visitors coupled with limited onsite services has resulted in increased littering of trash and feces.

"It's surprising to me because it's not a problem we've had at this level ever," said Deborah Rudd, public involvement coordinator with South Slough Reserve. "Folks are typically respectful and interested in protecting the

reserve." Trash and feces impact South Slough Reserve's delicate ecosystem and water quality.

Visitors are asked to clean up after themselves and their dogs. If the restroom facilities are closed or trash cans are full, visitors should bag and carry their trash out of the reserve until they can dispose of it in an appropriate receptacle.

More information about keeping South Slough Reserve clean can be found on the Department of State Lands website.

Elliott State Forest reopens to public

SOUTH COAST — The Elliott State Forest has reopened, effective immediately.

Fire danger remains high in the Elliott State Forest, according to a press release from the Oregon Department of State Lands. Visitors to the Elliott are reminded to do their part to prevent fires by following public use restrictions. No campfires are allowed. Vehicles must remain on improved roads. Smoking is prohibited. Review fire danger levels and additional use restrictions on the Coos Forest Protective Association website before visiting.

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The department's small size creates challenges for meeting state standards and establishing policies for efficiency and accuracy, Macho said - especially with police seeing increased scrutiny amid nationwide protests against police misconduct.

"With where we're at right now with this country, there are certain things that need to be done to operate a police department professionally," Macho said.

By way of example, the department didn't have a policy for "after action" reports prior to his tenure, Macho said. He's instituted a policy for those reports, which call for supervisors to review the use of force by officers and determine if protocols were followed. The City Council will

meet Tuesday night to formally announce the upcoming vacancy and approve advertising the position.

Kohn is confident that there will be enough applicants for the position, since over 30 applied for the role in the winter. He said the position is good for officers close to retirement or who are "tired of being criticized" about the issues that many police departments have.

"We don't have a lot of the problems the big cities have," Kohn said.

As for Macho, he plans to take time with his family to figure out the next steps in his career.

"Being a police chief in a small town in the west, it's very rewarding," Macho said. "For me, I was just really enjoying the ride with this staff."



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Tropical Storm Beta brings flooding to Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Tropical Storm Beta stalled out Tuesday along the Texas coast, flooding streets in Houston and Galveston hours after making landfall amid an unusually busy hurricane

The storm made landfall late Monday just north of Port O'Connor, Texas, and has the distinction of being the first time a storm named for a Greek letter made landfall in the continental United States. Forecasters ran out of traditional storm names last week, forcing the use of the Greek alphabet for only the second time since the 1950s.

Early Tuesday, Beta was 10 miles (15 kilometers) east-southeast of Victoria, Texas, with maximum winds of 40 mph (64 kph), the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. The storm was moving toward the northwest near 3 mph (4 kilometers) and is expected to stall inland over Texas through

"We currently have both storm surge and rainfall going on right now," said National Weather

Service meteorologist Amaryllis Cotto in Galveston, Texas.

Cotto said 6-12 inches (15-30 centimeters) of rain has fallen in the area, with isolated amounts of up to 18 inches (45 centimeters). Dangerous flash flooding is expected through Wednesday,

Beta was the ninth named storm that made landfall in the continental U.S. this year. That tied a record set in 1916, according to Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach.

Beta was expected to linger over Texas then eventually move over Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi later in the week, bringing the risk of flash flood-

Forecasters warned of heavy rainfall Tuesday on the middle and upper Texas coast, which will cause significant flash flooding. Six to 12 inches of rain (15 to 30 centimeters) was expected, with some isolated areas of up to 20 inches (51 centimeters), forecasters said.

However, forecasters and officials reassured residents Beta was not expected to be another Hurricane Harvey or Tropical Storm Imelda. Harvey in 2017 dumped more than 50 inches (127 centimeters) of rain on Houston, causing \$125 billion in damage in Texas. Imelda, which hit Southeast Texas last year, was one of the wettest cyclones on record.

Storm surge up to 4 feet (1.2 meters) was possible in the Galveston and Beaumont areas through Wednesday morning, forecasters said. In Galveston, an island city southeast of Houston, there was already some street flooding Monday from rising tides and part of a popular fishing pier collapsed due to strong

Farther south on the Texas coast, Maria Serrano Culpepper along with her two daughters and dogs left their home in Magnolia Beach near Matagorda Bay on Sunday night.

Culpepper said she didn't want to be trapped in her home, three blocks from the beach, with wind, rain and possibly no electricity. She and her family evacuated to a friend's home in

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Culpepper said her home should be fine as it's on stilts 13 feet (4 meters) off the ground and was built to withstand strong

"I'm feeling OK now. I had two nights without sleeping because I was worried about (Beta) being a Category 1 hurricane. I calmed down when the storm lost power," said Culpepper, who works as an engineer at a nearby chemical plant.

On Monday, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 29 Texas counties ahead of Beta's arrival.

Beta is forecast to dump heavy rain on the southwestern corner of Louisiana three weeks after the same area got pounded by Hurricane Laura. The rainfall and storm surge prompted Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards to declare a state of emergency.

In Lake Charles, Mayor Nic Hunter worried about Beta's rainfall could set back efforts in his Louisiana community to recover after Laura, which damaged about 95% of the city's 30,000 structures. Hunter said

the worry of another storm was "an emotional and mental toll for a lot of our citizens."

Parts of the Alabama coast and Florida Panhandle were still reeling from Hurricane Sally, which roared ashore Wednesday, causing at least two deaths.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Teddy continued its path toward Canada, with a predicted landfall in Nova Scotia early Wednesday before moving into Newfoundland on Wednesday night, forecasters said. The large and powerful storm was causing dangerous rip currents along the U.S. East Coast, and tropical storm conditions were expected to begin in Nova Scotia by Tuesday afternoon, the National Hurricane Center said.

Teddy was about 365 miles (590 kilometers) south of Halifax, Nova Scotia, early Tuesday with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph (165 kph). Teddy was expected to weaken later Tuesday and Wednesday but forecasters said it would likely be a strong, post-tropical cyclone when it moves in and over Nova

US coronavirus death toll passes 200,000

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The U.S. death toll from the coronavirus topped 200,000 Tuesday, a figure unimaginable eight months ago when the scourge first reached the world's richest nation with its sparkling laboratories, top-flight scientists and stockpiles of medicines and emergency

"It is completely unfathomable that we've reached this point," said Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins University public health researcher.

The bleak milestone, by far the highest confirmed death toll from the virus in the world, was reported by Johns Hopkins, based on figures supplied by state health authorities. But the real toll is thought to be much higher, in part because many COVID-19 deaths were probably ascribed to other causes, especially early on, before widespread testing.

The number of dead in the U.S. is equivalent to a 9/11 attack every day for 67 days. It is roughly equal to the population of Salt Lake City or Huntsville, Alabama.

And it is still climbing. Deaths are running at close to 770 a day on average, and a widely cited model from the University of Washington predicts the overall U.S. toll will double to 400,000 by the end of the year as schools and colleges reopen and cold weather sets in. A vaccine is unlikely to become widely unavailable

until 2021.

"The idea of 200,000 deaths is really very sobering, in some respects stunning," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious-disease expert, said on CNN.

The figure reflects America's unenviable spot, which it has held for five months, as the world's leader by far in sheer numbers of confirmed infections and deaths. The U.S. has less than 5% of the globe's population but more than 20% of the reported deaths.

Only five countries — Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Spain and Brazil — rank higher in COVID-19 deaths per

"All the world's leaders took the same test, and some have succeeded and some have failed," said Dr. Cedric Dark, an emergency physician at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston who has seen death firsthand. "In the case of our country, we failed miserably.'

Blacks, Hispanics and American Indians have accounted for a disproportionate share of the deaths, underscoring the economic and health care disparities

Worldwide, the virus has infected more than 31 million people and is closing in fast on 1 million deaths, with over 965,000 lives lost, by Johns Hopkins' count, though the real numbers are believed to be higher because of gaps in testing and reporting.

For the U.S., it wasn't

supposed to go this way.

When the year began, the U.S. had recently garnered recognition for its readiness for a pandemic. Health officials seemed confident as they converged on Seattle in January to deal with the country's first known case of coronavirus, in a 35-year-old Washington state resident who had returned from visiting his family in Wuhan, China.

On Feb. 26, President Donald Trump held up pages from the Global Health Security Index, a measure of readiness for health crises, and declared: "The United States is rated No. 1 most prepared."

It was true. The U.S. outranked the 194 other countries in the index. Besides its labs, experts and strategic stockpiles, the U.S. could boast of its disease trackers and plans for rapidly communicating lifesaving information during a crisis. The leadership of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was respected for sending help to fight infectious diseases around the globe.

But the stealthy coronavirus slipped into the U.S. and spread undetected. Monitoring at airports was loose. Travel bans came too late. Only later did health officials realize the virus could spread before symptoms show up, rendering screening imperfect.

The virus swept into nursing homes, which suffered from poor infection control, where it began

State fire death toll now 9

SALEM (AP) — The number of fatalities from Oregon's recent wildfires has increased to nine people, the state's Office of Emergency Management confirmed Monday.

Fires continued to rage across the West Coast Monday. The Pacific Northwest Region of the Forest Service reported Monday that 27 large wildfires continue to burn 2,460 square miles across Oregon and Washington. There are more than 9,000 fire personnel battling these fires.

The Oregon Department of Forestry continues to closely monitor 10 major fires in Oregon, which is a decrease from 17. Fires are removed from the list of wildfires being monitored when they are

One of Oregon's largest wildfires, the Lionshead Fire, has burned more than 300 square miles (770 square kilometers) and is 13% contained.

Approximately 1,500 square miles (3,880 square kilometers) have burned in Oregon. Officials say, prior to this year, the average of land burned each year in Oregon for the last ten years was roughly half that.

Five people in Oregon are currently reported missing and nearly 2,700 people are being provided shelter by the American Red Cross.

About 2,300 Oregon residences have been destroyed by the wildfires, as well as 1,500 other structures, according to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

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.

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

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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Oregon businesses threaten to sue state over virus restrictions

PORTLAND (AP) — Several Oregon businesses have threatened a class action lawsuit against the state over COVID-19 restrictions implemented by Gov. Kate Brown to slow the pandemic. A lawyer representing the businesses argues that Oregon officials should draft a plan to compensate small business owners for financial hardship caused by those restrictions, The Oregonian/OregonianLive

The demand letter was filed on behalf of a Linn County salon, a Coos County bowling alley and the Wilsonville Family Fun

Center, better known as Bullwinkle's.

"As a result of your orders, my clients and many other businesses like theirs closed as ordered and thousands of workers found themselves without employment," attorney John DiLorenzo wrote in a tort claim letter to the state Friday.

Brown's office said Monday it doesn't comment on pending or potential litigation.

DiLorenzo is one of the state's most high-profile attorneys, having most recently won a \$1 billion jury verdict against the state for failing to maximize timber harvests. The state has appealed.

DiLorenzo is zeroing in on one of many state laws Brown cited in March when she ordered the shuttering of many businesses to slow the coronavirus. The closures included amusement parks, gyms, spas, malls, theaters, tattoo parlors and yoga studios.

DiLorenzo is arguing that a related provision in state law calls for reasonable compensation when the government takes real or personal property during a declared emergency.

Brown lifted many of her business restrictions beginning in May.

Cape Arago Highway reopens to traffic

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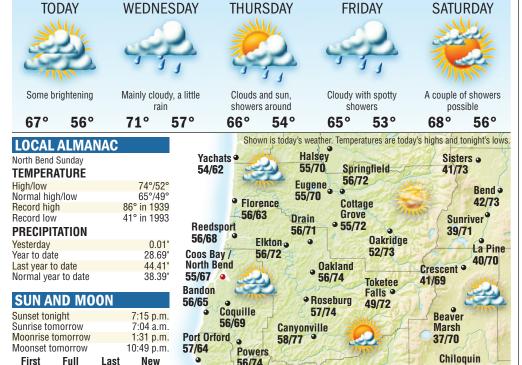
CHARLESTON — Oregon 540 (Cape Arago Highway) is now open, according to the Oregon

Department of Transportation. The highway had been closed at milepost 5.3, near the Charleston Fire District station, for one week as workers replaced the cul-

vert at Third Creek. Motorists should watch for intermittent lane closures the rest of the week. Flaggers will provide traffic control as needed.



FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR NORTH BEND



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Eugene	74/51	0.00	70/53/pc
Klamath Falls	78/32	0.00	76/40/pc
La Grande	74/46	0.00	74/46/s
Medford	86/50	0.00	77/50/pc
Newport	70/50	0.00	62/55/c
Pendleton	76/50	0.00	76/52/s
Portland	74/57	0.00	71/59/pc
Redmond	76/33	0.00	74/44/c
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NATIONAL FORECAST AccuWeather Plan your week | Get the NE Seattle 69/58 Billings 83/49 Toronto 72/53 2 Washington 72/55 TEDDY Kansas City 78/60 Atlanta 73/57 9 BETA Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Flurries * _ * _ Cold Front Showers Snow Ice Warm Front Stationary Front -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s <mark>50s 60s 70s 80s 90s</mark> NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states) National high: 108° at Needles, CA National low: 20° at Daniel, WY

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Atlanta	73/57/pc	75/61/c	Fresno	91/62/s	89/61/s	Portland, ME	66/52/pc	75/54/pc
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Des Moines	80/56/pc	79/58/s	Omaha	83/59/pc	82/60/s	Washington, DC	72/55/s	80/59/s
Detroit	74/53/pc	79/57/s	Orlando	84/69/pc	87/70/pc	W. Palm Beach	86/76/pc	86/77/pc
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Guterres cited other major U.N. victories over 75 years: peace treaties, decolonization, setting human rights standards, the end of apartheid in South Africa, eradication of diseases, a reduction in hunger, development of international law and landmark pacts to protect the environment.

But 25 years after world leaders adopted a platform to achieve equality for women, he said "gender inequality remains the greatest single challenge to human rights around the world."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel stressed that "the United Nations can be only as effective as its members are united" and urged new efforts "to do everything in our power" to find common responses and end "the most intractable security issues," including conflicts in Libya and Syria.

Guyana's President Irfaan Mohamed Ali, the head of what's called the Group of 77 and China — the main U.N. bloc of developing countries that now has 134 member states — said the commemoration "must send a strong and positive signal to the peoples of the world of our commitment to multilateralism and our resolve to strive for peace, justice and development."

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Echoing broader global concerns, the president of Equatorial Guinea, Teodoro Obiang, said, "There is no justification for the huge economic gap between rich and poor countries today."

Similarly, Seychelles President Danny Faure warned that issues like climate change know no borders.

"I assure you that the smallest, poorest and weakest of nations can contribute ideas as innovative ... as the biggest, wealthiest and most

powerful countries," Faure said.

Diplomats from the U.N. member nations managed to agree after sometimes difficult negotiations on a declaration to mark the U.N.'s anniversary, which was adopted Monday. It recalls the body's successes and failures and vows to build a post-pandemic world that is more equal, works together and protects the planet.

Richard Gowan, U.N. director for the Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank, said the declaration was weakened by the U.S. opposing strong language on climate change and Britain and

others objecting to China trying to insert language including its hallmark phrase, "win-win."

President Xi used it Monday in speaking about "Cold War mentality," declaring "what we need to do is to replace conflict with dialogue, coercion with consultation and zero-sum with win-win."

Gowan said the dispute over the declaration was minor but "captures the real question that has emerged over the U.N. in 2020, exacerbated by COVID, which is: How is this organization going to navigate an era of U.S.-China tension?"

Amid those questions,

the U.N. released results of "a global conversation" it launched in January, using surveys, polls and gatherings to determine what all kinds of people thought about the future.

Guterres said the U.N.'s 75th anniversary is an ideal time to realize goals that were expressed, including speeding up the transition to zero carbon emissions, ensuring universal health coverage and ending racial injustice.

"We face our own 1945 moment," he said. "We must meet that moment. We must show unity like never before to overcome today's emergency, get the world moving and working and prospering again."

Health Care

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Said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., "If you don't trust Republicans with your health care, you shouldn't trust them with the Supreme Court seat." Preserving safeguards for people with preexisting conditions is a top argument for Democrats trying to mobilize public opinion in states where incumbent Republican senators face tight reelection challenges. It's one the few avenues Democrats have to try to block a Supreme Court nominee in the GOP-con-

trolled chamber. The White House says Democrats are trying to scare voters. "Despite the refusal by the biased media to acknowledge it, President Trump has repeatedly said he will protect those with preexisting conditions," spokesman Judd

Deere said in a statement. Back in 2017, failed Republican bills that sought to replace the Obama law would have weakened the health law's protections for people with medical problems, said analyst Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. That GOP legislation had White House backing.

"It's become like motherhood and apple pie to protect people with

preexisting conditions, but there is a big gap in the campaign slogans and what (Republicans) are willing to support," said Levitt. "President Trump has promised to protect people with preexisting conditions, but has yet to put out a plan to do so."

The ACA provides coverage to more than 20 million people through a combination of expanded Medicaid and subsidized private insurance. Coverage has grown as people have lost job-based coverage in the coronavirus pandemic.

Although Obamacare is more than 10 years old, it remains politically divisive. In recent Kaiser polling, 49% of Americans viewed the health law favorably, while 42% did not. Yet by 53% to 38%, Americans did not want the Supreme Court to overturn the ACA.

The latest case to threaten the health law rests on arcane arguments.

The lawsuit followed congressional approval of a major tax cut in 2017, which included the reduction of an Obamacare tax on the uninsured to zero. Brought by Texas and other states, the suit argued that without the tax, the health law's requirement that most Americans carry health insurance was unconstitutional. Therefore,

the entire statute must fall. A federal district court

judge in Texas agreed with the Obamacare foes. But an appeals court in New Orleans hesitated to go that far. It struck down the ACA requirement to carry insurance, but sidestepped a decision on the constitutionality of the overall law. The appeals court sent the case back to the district judge to sift through what parts of the law should go or stay. ACA supporters appealed to the Supreme Court.

In written arguments this summer, the Trump administration said that if the health insurance requirement is invalidated, "then it necessarily follows that the rest of the ACA must also fall." The administration's brief to the Supreme Court did not mention the coronavirus.

If the high court first hears the case with eight justices and they deadlock 4-4, the court can schedule a new round of arguments when a new justice joins.

But whether Trump is reelected or former Vice President Joe Biden wins in November, the road to lasting health care changes that would improve options for Americans ultimately leads back to Congress.

If Democrat Biden wins the presidency, he'd expand the basic framework of Obama's law and add a new public health plan.

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a nominee of President Barack Obama in February 2016, long before that year's election. Biden is appealing to GOP senators to "uphold your constitutional duty, your conscience" and wait until

after the election. Ginsburg, 87, died Friday of metastatic pancreatic cancer. She will lie in state at the U.S. Capitol this week, the first woman ever accorded that honor. First, her casket is to be on view mid-week on the steps of the high court. She is to be buried next week in a private service at Arlington National Cemetery.

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. A judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit, Barrett, 48, was a strong contender for the seat that eventually went to Brett Kavanaugh in 2018. At the time, Trump told confidants he was "saving" Barrett for Ginsburg's seat.

Lagoa has been pushed by some aides who tout her political advantages of being Hispanic and hailing from the key political battleground state of Florida.

Trump said he is planning to name his pick by Friday or Saturday, ahead of the first presidential election debate. With just over a month before the election, McConnell said the Senate has "more than sufficient time.'

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.

Both sides are mobilizing for a wrenching confirmation fight punctuated by crucial issues before the court — healthcare, abortion access and even the potential outcome of the coming presidential election. Some protesters showed up early Monday morning outside the homes of key GOP senators.

At a Trump rally later Monday in Ohio, people

chanted, "Fill the seat!" Trump has said he would choose a woman, and he admitted that politics may play a role. He gave a nod to another election battleground state, Michigan, and White House officials confirmed he was referring to Joan Larsen, a federal appeals court judge there.

The president also indicated that Allison Jones Rushing, a 38-yearold appellate judge from North Carolina, is on his short list. His team is also actively considering Kate Todd, the White House deputy counsel who has never been a judge but was a clerk for Justice Clarence

Thomas. As the Senate returned to Washington on Monday, several key GOP senators, including Mitt Romney of Utah, declined to say whether they would agree

to a swift vote. Four Republicans could halt a quick confirmation and Trump criticized Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska for opposing a vote before elections. The president warned they would be

Others, including GOP Sens. Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Cory Gardner of Colorado, declined to join in opposing the president's plan.

"very badly hurt" by voters.

Trump went so far as to disparage reports that Ginsburg had told her granddaughter it was her wish that a replacement justice not be confirmed until the inauguration of a new president. With no evidence — just "it sounds to me like" — he suggested the wish came from his political foes including Rep. Adam Schiff, the House Intelligence Committee chairman.

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Microsoft	202.62	203.36					
Nike	113.37	113.69					

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Raiders open new stadium with win

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Derek Carr and the Las Vegas Raiders delivered a performance worthy of their fancy new home.

Too bad none of their fans were able to see it in person.

Carr threw three touchdown passes and the Raiders gave their new fans in Las Vegas plenty to celebrate even if they weren't allowed in the stadium by beating the New Orleans Saints 34-24 on Monday night.

The new \$2 billion stadium in the desert held its first event following the Raiders' move from Oakland without any fans because of the COVID-19 pan-

"Hopefully our fans, even though they couldn't be here tonight, hopefully see something they like," coach Jon Gruden said. "We can't wait to get them back in this place. It's such a great place to see a game."

That was one of the few things that didn't go right for the Raiders (2-0), who overcame an early 10-point deficit to the Saints (1-1) and opened the season with two straight wins for the fourth time in the past 25 seasons.

"This organization means

everything to me," Carr said. "They've stuck behind me through some hard times.

Through some times our team, we struggled, there's no doubt about it. But when you can get on the other side of things, be 2-0, as the Las Vegas Raiders, that's a pretty cool thing."

Carr was in control for most of the night, completing 28 of 38 passes for 282 yards. Darren Waller had 12 receptions for 103 yards as Carr's most trusted option.

Carr engineered four straight scoring drives in the second and third quarters to turn a 10-0 deficit into a 24-17 lead.

"Derek Carr was awesome tonight," Gruden said. "He made some some plays today that very few guys that I've coached could make. I tip my hat to him."

Picking apart the New Orleans defense with short passes, the Raiders controlled the clock and kept Drew Brees and the Saints off the field. Las Vegas converted 10 of 17 third downs and also went for it successfully twice on fourth down.

The Raiders even survived a fumbled pitch by Jalen Richard by stopping the Saints and then scoring on the ensuing drive on a 20-yard run by Richard.

After being gashed on the ground early, the Raiders did a good job against Brees, who struggled without his injured No. 1 receiver Michael Thomas.

Brees went 26 for 38 for 312 yards with one touchdown and a key interception at the end of the first half that set up a field goal for the Raiders.

"If there's one thing I wish I could take back from the game it would be that," Brees said. "Otherwise, we had a lot of metal errors. I felt like we were not playing as fast and just as sure and confident."

After the Saints cut the deficit to 31-24 on Alvin Kamara's second TD run, the Raiders took advantage of a pass interference call against Janoris Jenkins and then iced the game with a 54-yard field goal by Daniel Carlson.

"We got to do a better job coaching," coach Sean Payton said. "I don't think it's going to be a real pleasant film to watch — for some of our star players

NFL fines coaches for not wearing masks

NFL coaches thumbed their collective — and exposed noses at the NFL's mask mandate in Week 2.

The league responded with hefty fines of \$100,000 per coach and \$250,000 per club. The first three to get fined were Denver's Vic Fangio, San Francisco's Kyle Shanahan and Seattle's Pete Carroll, according to a person with knowledge of the punishment who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the coaches were not identified.

The punishment was meted out a week after the NFL reminded team personnel on the sidelines about the rules for wearing face coverings during the coronavirus pandemic, lest they put the fledgling season at risk.

More coaches and clubs can expect similar punishments as the memo last week from Troy Vincent, who oversees the league's football operations, was largely ignored throughout the weekend.

Among other offenders: Patriots coach Bill Belichick and his offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, Colts coach Frank Reich and Rams coach Sean McVay.

Capping a weekend of deliberate defiance and/or desultory disobedience, Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who said last week he felt Vincent's memo was directed at him, and Saints coach Sean Payton were shown on a split screen Monday night, both of them breaking the rules.

The Associated Press

Hamlin, Jordan partner on team for Wallace

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Denny Hamlin has joined Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan to form a NASCAR team with Bubba Wallace as the driver, a high-profile pairing of a Black majority team owner and the only Black driver at NASCAR's top level.

The partnership was announced Monday night in coordinated social media posts by Jordan and Hamlin, with Wallace adding his own comment. The posts showed a picture of Jordan alongside a firesuit-clad Hamlin in a motorhome at a race track.

"Historically, NASCAR has struggled with diversity and there have been few Black owners," Jordan said in his statement. "The timing seemed perfect as NA-SCAR is evolving and embracing social change more and more."

Jordan becomes the first Black principal owner of a full-time Cup team since Hall of Famer Wendell Scott drove his own race car in 495 races from 1961 to 1973. Scott's 1964 victory at the Jacksonville 200 is the only win by a Black driver in Cup history.

The NBA great, who earlier this year pledged \$100 million over 10 years for initiatives combating systemic racism, said the move into NASCAR is another step toward racial equality.

"I see this as a chance to educate a new audience and open more opportunities for Black people in racing," Jordan said.

Jordan joins former NBA player Brad Daugherty, a partner at JTG Daugherty Racing, as the only Black owners at NA-SCAR's elite Cup level.

"Michael and Bubba can be a powerful voice together, not only in our sport, but also well beyond it," Hamlin said.

Hamlin, a three-time Daytona 500 winner and a top contender for this year's Cup title, will be part of a single-car Toyota entry aligned with Joe Gibbs Racing. Hamlin has raced his entire career for Gibbs, a Hall of Fame NFL coach.

"Eleven years ago I met Michael Jordan at a then-Charlotte Bobcats game and we became fast friends," Hamlin wrote. "Not

Chastain gets coveted Ganassi ride

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Ross Chastain snagged one of the coveted open Cup seats on Monday in a promotion at Chip Ganassi Racing to drive the No. 42 next season.

This year marks a particularly active free agency period with heavy turnover expected among a limited number of rides. The No. 42 Chevrolet at Ganassi has been filled by Matt Kenseth, who came out of retirement to drive after Kyle Larson was fired in April.

Chastain, a 27-year-old Ganassi development driver, could have gotten the nod when the seat first opened. Ganassi instead went with stability from the veteran Kenseth to placate sponsors left skittish after Larson was fired for using a racial slur while playing a video

The opening was considered one of the top available seats in NASCAR's "silly season" period.

"I can't thank Chip enough for this opportunity. The faith he and the orga-

nization showed me back in 2018 was a real turning point in my career and I am extremely happy for the chance to join the team again," Chastain said. "Racing in the Cup Series with a serious contender has always been my goal, and I'm looking forward to joining what is a very strong team.

"I know I have my work cut out for me, but I'm ready to get to work and help bring more success to the organi-

Chastain is one of many Xfinity Series drivers hoping to jump to the Cup Series. Chase Briscoe began the year chasing eight victories, the number he believes will earn him a Cup ride, and he won his seventh race last weekend. Austin Cindric, the regular-season champion, could be in play for a promotion via Team Penske.

The No. 48 being vacated by seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson at Hendrick Motorsports is considered the top available ride.

long after, I joined Jordan Brand as their first NASCAR athlete. Our friendship has grown over the years and now we are ready to take it to the next level.

"Deciding on the driver was easy — it had to be Bubba Wallace."

Wallace is the only Black driver in the Cup Series and this season used his platform to push for racial equality. The 27-year-old successfully urged NASCAR to ban the display of the Confederate flag at its events.

Wallace is winless in 105 Cup starts over four seasons, but he has six career victories in the Truck Series. He's been hampered by mid-level equipment driving the No. 43 for Hall of Famer Richard Petty and, until this summer, the team struggled to land sponsorship.

"Bubba has shown tremendous im-

provement since joining the Cup Series and we believe he's ready to take his career to a higher level," Hamlin said. "He deserves the opportunity to compete for race wins and our team will make sure he has the resources to do just that.

"Off the track, Bubba has been a loud voice for change in our sport and our country. MJ and I support him fully in those efforts and stand beside him."

There's been speculation for months that Hamlin was organizing some sort of ownership group as he expects NA-SCAR's business model to become more favorable for team owners when the "Next Gen" car is released in 2022. NASCAR rules prohibit a current driver from owning a team and driving for another, but Hamlin works around the policy with Jordan as the principal owner.

"Starting a race team has been something that Michael and I have talked about while playing golf together over the years, but the timing or circumstances were never really right," Hamlin said. "It just makes sense now to lay the foundation for my racing career after I'm done driving and also help an up-and-coming driver like Bubba take his career to a higher level."

In a statement, NASCAR welcomed Jordan to the series.

"His presence at NASCAR's top level will further strengthen the competition, excitement and momentum growing around our sport," NASCAR said.

Jordan became a partial owner of the Bobcats in 2006 and bought the team outright in 2010, restoring the franchise to its original Hornets name. Hamlin has been a longtime season-ticket holder with courtside seats along the visitors' bench.

Jordan dabbled in racing before with Michael Jordan Motorsports. He owned an AMA Superbike team and had one win in 10 years. Jordan has twice traveled to the NASCAR season finale to watch Hamlin race for the championship. Hamlin, who's 39, is still seeking his first title.

"Growing up in North Carolina, my parents would take my brothers, sisters and me to races, and I've been a NA-SCAR fan my whole life," Jordan said. "The opportunity to own my own race team in partnership with my friend, Denny Hamlin, and to have Bubba Wallace driving for us, is very exciting for me."

Wallace, who has cobbled together about \$18 million in sponsorship deals since he made racial equality his platform, had already announced he was parting

"This is a unique, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that I believe is a great fit for me at this point in my career," Wallace wrote. "I am grateful and humbled that they believe in me and I'm super pumped to begin this adventure with them."

Jordan and Hamlin purchased a charter for their team from Germain Racing that guarantees Wallace a spot in the 40-car field every week.

Deion Sanders is new football coach at Jackson State

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Deion Sanders wiped away tears of joy and passion before speaking.

Jackson State's new football coach then stated "I believe" many times about what he envisions happening on and off the field.

'I have a commitment to excellence in each and every thing I do," the Hall of Fame cornerback said during his introduction as the Tigers' 21st head coach, a number also significant because of his jersey number and Monday's date.

"We're going to win. We're going to look good while we win, and we're going to have a

good time while we win." Sanders' introduction followed his announcement Sunday night on the first episode

of the "21st & Prime" podcast with Jamie Dukes on Barstool Sports. The player known as "Prime Time" added: "Isn't this the time? Isn't this the moment? Isn't this what's needed? It's a match made in heaven."

Currently the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian School-Cedar Hill in Texas, Sanders is taking his first head coaching job.

"I've been offered pro jobs," Sanders added, "so people know I could be an assistant in any college."

The Southwestern Athletic Conference school introduced Sanders with the trademark pomp of a historically Black university. Its marching band led a police-escorted motorcade into an arena with a boisterous yet socially distanced audience. "Coach Prime" later opened a blue blazer lined with the JSU logo to much applause.

Acting Jackson State President Thomas Hudson called the hiring "the grace of God" and cited the school's football history in landing Sanders.

'These things just come together," Hudson added, crediting athletic director Ashley Robinson and alumni. "We're just so very fortunate to really be in this space and have a man like this joining us."

In a statement, Robinson said, "We expect to compete for and win championships at Jackson State, and Coach Sanders will help us achieve those goals."

Sanders replaces John Hendrick, whose contract was not renewed this summer after going 6-9 and 5-5 in SWAC play. Sanders will begin coaching this spring after the SWAC postponed fall sports because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tigers plan to begin an eightgame schedule in February.

He takes over a Tigers program that has produced fellow Hall of Famers such as Walter Payton, Lem Barney, Jackie Slater and Robert Brazile.

Sanders was a two-time All-American at Florida State before a standout NFL career with five teams including the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys, winning a Super Bowl with each.

Chamber golf tournament is set for Sept. 26

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The seventh-annual Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament will take place Saturday, Sept. 26, at Coos Golf Club south of Coos Bay.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and a shotgun start is set for 9

The price is \$500 for a foursome and \$125 for individuals. Business sponsorships also are available.

For more information, call Jolene Krossman at 541-266-0868.