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Biden wins, says 'time to heal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Joe Biden defeated President Donald Trump to become the 46th president of the United States on Saturday and offered himself to the nation as a leader who "seeks not to divide, but to unify" a country gripped by a historic pandemic and a confluence of economic and social turmoil.

"I sought this office to restore the soul of America," Biden said in a prime-time victory speech not far from his Delaware home, "and to make America respected around the world again and to unite us here at home.'

Biden crossed the winning threshold of 270 Electoral College votes with a win in Pennsylvania. His victory came after more than three days of uncer-

tainty as election officials sorted through a surge of mail-in votes that delayed processing.

Trump refused to concede, threatening further legal action on ballot counting. But Biden used his acceptance speech as an olive branch to those who did not vote for him, telling Trump voters that he understood their disappointment but adding, "Let's give each other a chance."

"It's time to put away the harsh rhetoric, to lower the temperature, to see each other again, to listen to each other again, to make progress, we must stop treating our opponents as our enemy," he said. "We are not enemies. We are Americans."

Biden, 77, staked his candidacy less on any distinctive political ideology than on

galvanizing a broad coalition of voters around the notion that Trump posed an existential threat to American democracy. The strategy, as well as an appeal to Americans fatigued by Trump's disruptions and wanting a return to a more traditional presidency, proved effective and resulted in pivotal victories in Michigan and Wisconsin as well as Pennsylvania, onetime Democratic bastions that had flipped to Trump in

Biden's victory was a repudiation of Trump's divisive leadership and the president-elect now inherits a deeply polarized nation grappling with foundational questions of racial justice and economic fairness while in the grips of a virus that has killed more than 236,000 Americans

and reshaped the norms of everyday life.

Kamala Harris made history as the first Black woman to become vice president, an achievement that comes as the U.S. faces a reckoning on racial justice. The California senator, who is also the first person of South Asian descent elected to the vice presidency, will become the highest-ranking woman ever to serve in government, four years after Trump defeated Hillary Clinton.

Harris introduced Biden at their evening victory celebration as "a president for all Americans" who would look to bridge a nation riven with partisanship and she nodded to the historic nature of her ascension to the vice presidency.

"Dream with ambition, lead

with conviction and see yourselves in a way that others may not simply because they've never seen it before," Harris told Americans. "You chose hope and unity, decency, science and, yes, truth ... you ushered in a new day for America."

After he spoke, the cars at the drive-in rally — a pandemic campaign invention — began to honk their horns and a fireworks display lit up the night sky. Biden was on track to win the national popular vote by more than 4 million, a margin that could grow as ballots continue to be counted.

Nonetheless, Trump was not giving up.

Departing from longstanding democratic tradition and signaling a potentially turbulent trans-Please see **Biden** Page A7

School reopenings will take time, school leaders say

ZACK DEMARS The World

With students and parents itching to get back into the classroom after months of online schooling, many have turned their attention once again to the data and requirements behind the decisions to reopen schools.

Oregon's new school reopening metrics would allow Coos County schools to welcome students in kindergarten through sixth grade back into in-person classes — but a transition isn't going to be that simple, district and health officials say.

The new metrics, announced by state officials last week, make it easier for schools to reopen for in-person instruction, based on a county's rate of COVID-19

"Right now, technically, Coos County would be eligible for K through 6 learning," Eric Gleason, assistant director at Coos Health & Wellness, told a press conference Thursday. "This would mean that, depending on the school districts and the plans that they implement and when they want to try to get everything going, they could get the elemen-

tary kids back in school." After four weeks of acceptable COVID-19 case numbers, Gleason says that districts could phase in middle and high school students to in-person learning,

But if Coos County's cases continue to rise, that process could stop — meaning districts need to be careful about when they choose to open up classrooms to those grade levels.

"If the numbers go up into the 100 to 200 (cases per 100,000 county residents) range, they have to stop all of the expansion," Gleason said.

Coos County's numbers are already approaching that range: The two-week period ending on Oct. 31 saw about 90 cases per 100,000 in the county, putting it around the upper end of what's allowed for in-person teaching expansions.

And the metrics are based on county-wide case rates, not just cases linked to schools - meaning that an increase in county case rates from holiday parties and small group gatherings could

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Located on U.S. Highway 101 in North Bend, Bryan's Home underwent a full renovation on the inside and out.

Home for veterans nears completion

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NORTH BEND — A once-dilapidated home sitting on the highway has undergone a significant transformation, and the home's owners are nearly ready for it to start transforming lives,

Inside on most days, Patrick Wright is working. Either working on the building itself, or working to secure funding for future projects, Wright's goals come out of his own experience as a Marine Corps veteran.

"I got a four-day class in how to be a civilian," Wright says. Aware of the challenges that

veterans face in life after service and after experiencing his own years of homelessness, Wright set out in 2016 to end homelessness among Coos County's veterans.

Now, in spite of the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Wright's nonprofit is nearing completion on Bryan's Home, a multi-family living space for veterans getting out of homelessness. Operation Rebuild Hope plans to finish the facility in the next month, if it can secure the funding to do so.

Named after Bryan Bertrand, a Coos Bay native who was the first Oregonian to die in the middle eastern wars after 9/11,

the building will have eight rooms for residents: two for men, two for women, two for disable veterans and two for veterans

with families. The building is designed as a step-up from the nonprofit's other housing solution, an emergency housing facility that offers shared living space for up to 90 days. The rooms at Bryan's Home are meant to be more permanent, and more individual, Wright says.

"We're not just giving them a bed to sleep in and hoping their

life gets better," Wright said. Instead, the home includes services, and a community of other residents.

Camilo Pardo has been the nonprofit's case manager for

about a month. "If I get one success story, it really is rewarding," Pardo said. "I consider myself a success story."

Pardo gets his inspiration to do the work from his own experience, he said. He spent seven years in the Marine Corps, and had a challenging period when trying to navigate his return to civilian life.

Since then, he spent time as a research manager at Oregon Health & Sciences University and began doing some counseling. Once he heard about the

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Coast Guard recognizes Charleston marina lifesaver

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The World

CHARLESTON — Curtis Green held back his emotion Friday as he relived a harrowing experience from last year. His face grew somber as a U.S. Coast Guard member told a small crowd gathered about Green's lifesaving actions.

"It was everything I could do to keep my eyes from misting up," Green said.

On Friday, the Coast Guard recognized Green with a rare Distinguished Public Service Award in a small ceremony in the

Charleston Station. The award was a recognition of Green's lifesaving efforts in a 2019 accident in the Charleston Marina.

In late December of that year, Coast Guard crews responded to a call of a capsized fishing vessel, the Darean Rose. It had run aground on the sandbar, and was laying on its side, largely submerged.

When crews got to the vessel, they found four men, drenched on the remaining dry portion of the boat, according to Joseph Benavidez, a member of the Coast Guard crew that responded to

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Captain Olav Saboe, right, pins a Distinguished Public Service Award on Curtis Green in recognition of his 2019 lifesaving efforts in the Charleston Marina.



Photo gallery: Trick-or-treaters find new fun amid pandemic Photo gallery: 'Speeders' steam through Coos Bay for toy drive AT THEWORLDLINK.COM

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NASA mission is topic of **SWOCC** lecture Thursday

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COOS BAY --- An astronomy expert will give a public lecture Thursday about an upcoming NASA mission in search of life-supporting conditions on Jupiter's moon, according to Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Dr. Tracy Becker, a group lead at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and a part of the NASA Europa Clipper mission's team, will give the lecture. Her research has included studies on asteroids, Saturn's rings and Jupiter's moons, according to a press release from the college.

The Europa Clipper mission's goal is to inves-



Courtesy of Southwestern Oregon Community College

Jupiter's icy moon, Europa.

tigate whether Jupiter's icy moon Europa could have life-sustaining conditions. Becker's talk will discuss why Europa is the the destination for the mission and how NASA plans to study its habitability, according to the college.

The talk will be livestreamed by the college at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 at livestream.com/swocc/ physicsandastronomy2020-21.

wins bid for BLM timber

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NORTH BEND — The Bureau of Land Management Coos Bay District sold 1.75 million board feet of timber during a sealed auction bid on Friday, Oct. 30.

3H Forestry and Land Management of Myrtle Point was the high bidder for the "Slate Gray" timber sale. The sale price of \$612,571.95 was nearly twice the appraised value for the timber. Three other companies also submitted qualifying bids.

The sale is located on Oregon and California Revested (O&C) lands in Douglas County.

It takes about 16,000 board feet of lumber to frame a 2,000-square-foot house. One million board feet is enough timber to

build approximately 63 family sized residential homes.

Myrtle Point company

BLM manages 2.4 million acres of forests and woodlands in western Oregon under two different management programs the O&C lands and public domain lands. BLM officials said the lands include some of the most productive forests in the world, containing a diversity of plant and animal species, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness areas and cultural and historic resources. In addition to opportunities for timber sales, the lands host multiple other uses including recreation, mining and grazing.

BLM officials said a sustainable forestry program is critical to the economies in western Oregon. Local

communities rely on the jobs and timber that come from BLM forests, and BLM is committed to providing predictable and sustainable timber harvest opportunities.

Revenue generated from timber sales on O&C lands is split between 18 counties and the general fund of the U.S. Treasury, as designated under the O&C Lands Sustained Yield Management Act of 1937. Counties use the revenue to fund essential county services.

Revenue generated from timber sales on public domain lands is deposited with the U.S. Treasury.

For more information on BLM's timber program, visit https://www.blm.gov/ programs/natural-resources/ forests-and-woodlands/tim-

South Coast ESD seeks committee member

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The South Coast Educational Service District Budget Committee is looking for a member for the area from the southern part of Coos County — the Bandon, Powers, Coquille and Myrtle Point areas — to

serve on the budget committee for 2020-21.

South Coast ESD provides services to 10 area school districts in special education, technology, administration and curriculum. The agency's primary goal is to support school districts so that students thrive,

parents get the support they need, school districts are provided important and necessary services and the community is successful.

The budget committee reviews the proposed budget, listens to comments and approves the budget. The committee reviews

the proposal to ensure the district is planning to spend money for expressly stated district goals.

People interested in serving on the committee can contact Kathy Metzger by phone at 541-266-3951 or email at kathleenm@scesd. k12.or.us.

NORTH BEND POLICE LOG

Nov. 8

12:33 p.m. Suspicious conditions in 2700 block of Ash Street

Nov. 7

9:22 a.m. Hit and run in 2200 block of Laura Lane 12:58 p.m. Criminal mischief in 3100 block of Pine Street

2:31 p.m. Criminal mischief in 1800 block of Meade Avenue

Nov. 6

12:42 a.m. Criminal trespass in 3200 block of Tremont Avenue

2:15 a.m. Warrant service, CCSO arrested Allen C Edwards on warrant

charging unlawful possession of meth and FTA. 9:37 Counterfeit money turned in

Nov. 5 6:37 a.m. Disturbance

in 1700 block of Sherman Avenue 7:28 a.m. Criminal mis-

chief at both Rite Aid and Lilie's Market 7:50 a.m. Disorderly conduct at Virginia Avenue

and Grant Street 9:27 a.m. UEMV in 1600 block of McPherson

Avenue

10:41 a.m. Suspicious conditions at Sheridan Avenue and Connectickit Street

1:12 p.m. Suspicious conditions at Connecticut and Sheridan Avenues

1:37 p.m. Suspicious conditions in 2000 block of Union Avenue

4:34 p.m. Suspicious conditions in 700 block of Connecticut Avenue 8:07 p.m. Suspicious

conditions in 2400 block of Broadway Avenue 8:39 p.m. UUMV in 2500 block of Delores

Lane 8:43 p.m. Warrant service, arrested Nick D. Linnehan on warrant

charging FTA.

Nov. 4 12:41 a.m. Criminal trespass at Ferry Road Park 10:53 a.m. Disorderly conduct in 2000 block of Sherman Avenue

10:55 a.m. Criminal trespass in 2200 block of

Newmark Street 11:08 a.m. Assault in 1000 block of Oregon

Avenue 1:09 p.m. Accident in 1500 block of Virginia

Avenue 2:35 p.m. Suspicious conditions in 1700 block of Johnson Street

5:24 p.m. Suspicious conditions at Sheridan Avenue and Florida Avenue

6:53 p.m. Accident at Virginia and Broadway avenues.

TUESDAY, NOV. 10

South Coast ESD Board of Directors — 6 p.m., regular meeting, 1350 Teakwood Ave. in Coos Bay, conducted virtually with minimal staff attending in person. The meeting link is available at www.scesd.k12.or.us/ board-of-directors/ or call 541-266-3951 or email kathleenm@scesd.k12. or.us for additional information.

North Bend City Council — 7 p.m., regular meeting, followed by Urban Renewal Agency meeting, held in council chamber. Due to COVID-19 and meeting size limitations, people can watch the meeting online at https://www. youtube.com/channel/UC-BQ3YfjsfZPmyNBIbUd-FCwA. People wishin gto make wirtten or public comments can sign up at the following link: https:// www.northbendoregon.us/ cityrecorder/webform/remote-public-comment

Coos County Board of Commissioners — 10 a.m., executive session for performance evaluation of public officer or employee, Courthouse Room 106.

Coos County Board of Commissioners — 1:30 p.m., hearing on public health fees, large conference room.

Lakeside Water Dis**trict** — 3:30 p.m., rate increase hearing followed by a regular board meeting. Lakeside Water District Office, 1000 North Lake Road, Lakeside. Due to limited crowd size, people are encouraged to attend by phone conference call at 1-844-219-5837, access code 5736731776#

Lower Umpqua Library District Board of Directors — 6 p.m., regular meeting Reedsport Library, 395 Winchester Avenue. Meeting also available on Zoom, with Zoom meeting information located on the library website www.luld. org and Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/ LowerUmpquaLibrary the day of the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

Bunker Hill Sanitary District — 7 p.m., regular ship Engineers & Planners, 1330 Teakwood Avenue, Coos Bay.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Port of Bandon Commission — 5 p.m., Regular meeting via Zoom. To join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom. us/j/84515964531?pwd=ZjJZb2tJbnFNQz-B2L1U4c291N3VBdz-09then enter Meeting ID: 845 1596 4531 and Password: 817493. Or dial +1 (253) 215-8782 and enterMeeting ID: 845 1596 4531 thenPassword: 817493. We are asking all those attending to please use the Dial In Option. For more information or assistance on joining meeting,

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Halloween party brings at least 5 virus cases to Coos County

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A Halloween party in Douglas County was the source of at least five new COVID-19 infections in Coos County, health officials say.

Around 50 people attended the party and are under monitoring for the virus, and at least seven people total are already confirmed to have contracted it.

"When we have these holiday weekends, we get pretty nervous because of this kind of behavior," said Eric Gleason, assistant director at Coos Health & Wellness. "We try to inform the community to maybe not do the things like this that end up exactly like this one ended up. It is just an indication that these kinds of events can be a bad idea, it can be dangerous."

Health officials are working with the event's organizers to determine if participants were taking any COVID-19 precautions or if any other cases have resulted from the party.

The new cases in Coos County join others for a total of 15 new cases reported over the weekend. 297 individuals in the county have contracted the virus since the beginning of the pandemic, and three people are currently hospitalized with it.

Oregon also continued to see new cases over the weekend weekend: Statewide, over 50,000 people have contracted the virus since the pandemic began.

And the state broke its daily case record again, too: The state reported 988 new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday. The previous record of 805 was set on Thursday, and the record before that was set on Oct. 30

The state also reported 770 cases on Sunday and 723 on Monday. 31 of the state's 36 counties reported new cases overt

the weekend — Gilliam, Lake, Lincoln, Sherman and Wheeler did not.

The significant increases — the average number of cases per day is rising, too — signal increasing community spread, largely from small, informal gatherings, state health officials say.

"We've seen a fair number of cases that would be a result of gatherings, gatherings and travel," Gleason said.

The increases have pushed state officials to impose new restrictions on certain counties.

On Friday, Governor Kate Brown announced a two-week "pause" on social activities in Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Jackson and Umatilla counties. The new rules place restrictions on indoor dining facilities and other indoor recreational facilities.

The pause also means private social gatherings must be limited to one household. Washington, Baker, Union, Clackamas and Linn counties may also have to join the new restrictions if cases in those counties continue to rise.

Statewide, 734 Oregonians have now died with the virus, an additional 24 since Thursday.

Douglas County reported 54 new cases of the virus over the weekend, bringing its total to 482 since the start of the pandemic. 10 people in that county have died with the virus.

Curry County reported three new cases on Thursday afternoon, bringing that county's total to 74 since the pandemic began.

"The answers have been the same for so long. 'How do we make sure our numbers are down?' You do the five things that we have been pressing for the last nine months," Gleason said. "You either want to do those, or you don't."

"We can't stop caring."

County	Cases	Total deaths	Negative tests	
Baker	181	3	2,499	
Benton	516	6	19,853	
Clackamas	3,925	71	81,699	
Clatsop	287	0	7,307	
Columbia	310	2	9,268	
Coos	290	1	9,670	
Crook	139	5	3,466	
Curry	74	2	2,515	
Deschutes	1,459	13	41,826	
Douglas	472	10	16,414	
Gilliam	17	0	391	
Grant	53	0	1,165	
Harney	47	0	1,051	
Hood River	303	1	6,163	
Jackson	2,339	8	44,736	
Jefferson	634	11	6,059	
Josephine	315	4	15,897	
Klamath	471	3	12,372	
Lake	49	0	1,145	
Lane	2,858	29	86,325	
Lincoln	526	13	10,252	
Linn	985	17	22,486	
Malheur	2,080	38	6,701	
Marion	6,796	117	65,599	
Morrow	579	7	2,195	
Multnomah	11,156	185	190,052	
Polk	783	15	13,104	
Sherman	23	0	419	
Tillamook	87	0	3,860	
Umatilla	3,642	45	16,300	
Union	540	2	5,541	
Wallowa	64	2	1,324	
Wasco	380	17	6,309	
Washington	6,897	88	121,676	
Wheeler	1	0	192	
Yamhill	1,170	15	23,022	
Total	50,448	730	858,853	
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Governor announces new restrictions in 5 counties

SALEM (AP) — Following a record-breaking day of COVID-19 cases in Oregon, officials on Friday announced new restrictions that will be implemented in at least five of the state's counties as part of a two-week pause on social activities.

The updated safety measures, which begin Nov. 11, include halting visitations to long-term care facilities, reducing the capacity of indoor dining at restaurants to 50 people, encouraging all business to mandate work from home and urging Or-

egonians not to gather with people who do not live in their household, but if they do to limit it to six people.

"Let me be clear, we cannot allow this disease to continue to spread so rapidly in our communities. Lives are at stake," Gov. Kate Brown said.

Currently, statewide safety measures in Oregon include banning indoor get-togethers of more than 10 people, the closure of restaurants and bars by 10 p.m., a capacity limit for restaurants and gyms set at 100 people inside and

mask requirements for people five years or older in indoor public spaces, universities, office spaces and outdoor areas where physical distancing can not be maintained.

Under the updated measures, indoor dining at restaurants along with other indoor activity facilities such as gyms, fitness organizations, bowling alleys, ice rinks, indoor sports, pools and museums will all be reduced to a 50 person capacity.

Get-togethers with people should also be limited

to six people, the health authority said. If people have multiple get-togethers, which is discouraged, it should be the same social circle of six people.

These pause measures will be in effect through Nov. 25, for Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Jackson and Umatilla counties.

The mayor of Portland, which is located in Multnomah County, applauded the governor for implementing the two-week restrictions.

"The best defense we have is prevention. We

the spread of the virus from person to person. We all want to spend more time with friends and family, especially as the holiday season approaches," said Ted Wheeler. "To ensure we're able to gather with friends sooner rather than later, we all need to heed the Governor's direction to minimize our indoor gatherings and limit our social interactions over the next few weeks. This is the right step.

must all do our part to stop

presumptive cases.

Five additional counties—Washington, Baker,

Union, Clackamas and Linn—are close to the COVID-19 thresholds that would necessitate adding them to the two week pause. The Oregon Health Authority will determine Monday if any of these counties will be added.

The threshold for counties being added to the two-week pause is counties with a case rate above 200 cases per 100,000 people over a two-week period, or more than 60 cases over a two-week period for counties with less than 30,000 people.

Doctors fear more death from virus in the Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — With coronavirus cases running rampant in the Dakotas and elected leaders refusing to forcefully intervene, the burden of pushing people to take the virus seriously has increasingly been put on the families of those who have died.

The ranks of those who know what it means to lose someone they love to COVID-19 are on the rise. North Dakota and South Dakota have the nation's worst rate of deaths per capita over the last 30 days. Despite advances

in treating COVID-19 patients, hundreds more people have died in recent weeks than during any other period — a grim exclamation point on the virus outbreak slamming the northern Plains and Upper Midwest.

In the Dakotas, the virus has shown few signs of slowing down. With winter approaching and hospitals scrambling to make room for COVID-19 patients, medical experts worry that virus deaths will continue to climb in a region where people have been slow to adopt mitigation measures

like wearing masks. The Republican governors of both states have derided government orders to help halt the outbreaks, leaning on ideals of limited government.

The deaths have increasingly hit closer to home among many tight-knit communities: a priest in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fargo; a former school principal in De Smet; an elementary school employee in Sioux Falls; a North Dakota state legislative candidate.

"Sometimes I think it's not true," said Chris

Bjorkman, who lost her husband, John Bjorkman, 66. "Sometimes I think he's going to walk through the door, but he hasn't yet, so I just keep waiting."

Bjorkman's family, who live in De Smet, a town in eastern South Dakota where Laura Ingalls Wilder once had a homestead, decided to publicly share his struggle with the virus because he loved serving the community. After a career as a teacher and school administrator, Bjorkman was a well-known figure, remembered for his fun-loving ways and care for children.

"I want people to know what COVID can do and how serious it is," Chris Bjorkman said.

The family experienced the crunch facing the health care system as John Bjorkman was flown to a hospital in Minnesota after his condition worsened. The family posted regular Facebook updates as he was transferred to an intensive care unit in

Sioux Falls and placed on a ventilator.

Doctors are unsure how many more cases like Bjorkman's that they can handle.

"At this time, we're headed in a direction of overwhelming our health care systems and I think that's closer than what people understand," said Dr. Michael Pietila, a critical care physician at the Yankton Medical Clinic.

The hospital systems in the Dakotas are an intricate network of critical access facilities in rural areas and small hospitals that depend on transferring patients to a handful of large hospitals in the region.

The rush of virus patients has dialed up the emotional and physical stress on hospital staff, even as they try to stay free from infections. During an interview with The Associated Press, Pietila was interrupted by the ping of an email notifying him that a number of hospital employees had tested positive

for the virus.

"The COVID patients come in and they're sick for a long time — weeks at a time," he said. "A lot of these COVID patients don't get better. There's a lot of sorrow."

North Dakota reported that 309 people died from COVID-19 in the past 30 days, more than all other periods combined. The state shot to the top of the nation in deaths per capita in the last 30 days, with roughly 41 deaths per 100,000 people, according to data from Johns Hopkins. On Saturday, North Dakota reported 15 additional deaths and 1,615 new cases across the state.

South Dakota reported 252 deaths, a 98% increase in the last 30 days. It had a death rate of roughly 29 people per 100,000 over the last 30 days, according to the Johns Hopkins data. The state on Saturday recorded thirteen more deaths in addition to 1,337 new cases of COVID-19.

Judge in Hillsboro ignores statewide mask mandate

HILLSBORO (AP) — The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating reports that a circuit court judge is endangering the health of workers and jurors by ignoring a statewide mask mandate in his courtroom.

The Oregonian/OregonianLive reports in a story on Saturday that Washington County Circuit Judge Charles Bailey describes the mask mandate as a "nanny state" requirement.

He doesn't wear a face covering and isn't requiring others to do so in his courtroom in Hillsboro in western Oregon.

Bailey told attorneys and jurors in the Oct. 29 recording that it was up to them whether they wanted to wear a mask. The incident occurred as coronavirus infections surge in the state.

"We don't need the nanny state looking over you," Bailey told attorneys.

Seventeen prospective jurors then entered the courtroom.

"As you all can see, I'm not wearing a mask," Bailey told them. "It's very uncomfortable for me to wear, so I know they're uncomfortable for you all. And so when you're in my courtroom, I treat everybody as adults, which

you all get to make adult decisions that you think are the best for you and those around you."

It's not clear if any jurors took off their masks.

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A word, please

By June Casagrande

Here come the holidays. Or as some might put it, the Holidays. Or, less commonly, the holiday's. Either way, it's a great time to make embarrassing errors in social media posts, emails, cards, business correspondence and marketing copy. Here are some terms you'll want to write right this time of year.

Happy holidays. Just because they both start with an H doesn't mean both Hs should be capitalized. And no apostrophe, please.

Turkey Day. Think of this as a nickname. Like real names, nicknames are proper nouns. Each word in proper noun starts with a capital letter, which is why the D in Day is uppercase.

Season's greetings. This one's not as easy. When we say "season's greetings," we mean it as a catch-all nod to multiple holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's. But just because you're talking about plural holidays doesn't mean you're talking about plural seasons. For purposes of this greeting, they're all one season. So when you hear "season's," the final S isn't there to indicate a plural. It's there to indicate a possessive: the greetings of the season. Always put an apostrophe before the S and, of course, remember to lowercase the G in greetings.

Christmas Day. Technically, you could think of the "day" as a not-proper noun, justifying a lowercase D. But that's not how most editors would see it. Even more so than Turkey Day, Christmas Day is a proper name in its own right, requiring a capital D.

Christmas Eve. Use a capital E. This is a proper noun.

'Tis. When you type an apostrophe at the beginning of a word, spell-checker often assumes you meant to type a single quotation mark. The software changes the mark to one that curves like the letter C. That's not an apostrophe. That's a single quotation mark. To fix this once without tinkering with the settings in your computer, type the apostrophe twice then delete the first one.

Merry. This isn't a proper

noun. You often see it capitalized because it's the beginning of a sentence. But anywhere else, the M is lowercase: We wish you a merry Christmas.

New Year, New Year's, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day. Stick with capital letters in most cases: Happy New Year! Happy New Year's. On New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day. If you're just talking about the year itself and not the holiday, you probably want to use all lowercase: I hope business picks up in the new year. Associated Press supports lowercase "new year" at times. But "happy New Year" is probably best.

Hanukkah. Anytime you have a word adopted from a language that uses a different alphabet, English spellings can be subject to debate. For example, don't get me started on Qadaffi, which starts with the same Arabic letter represented as a Q in al-Qaeda though many English language news outlets spell it with a G: Gadaffi. A Hebrew word like Hanukkah draws the same confusion for translators: How do you represent letters that don't exist in your own alphabet? Do you go with Hanukkah, Chanukah or Hanukah — all of which are correct? I don't know. But in cases like this, style guides like the Associated Press Stylebook pick one for consistency's sake to ensure Page 1 of a newspaper doesn't have one spelling while Page 3 has a different one. AP says to go with Hanukkah, which is also the preferred spelling listed in Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. So unless you have strong feelings about Hebrew transliteration, that's as good a spelling as any.

Black Friday, Cyber Monday. Black Friday is in Merriam-Webster's dictionary, capital B, as a proper noun. Cyber Monday, a newer term for an unofficial shopping holiday, is not in Merriam-Webster's. But if you want my two cents, go with the capital C: Cyber. It's used like Black Friday, so why not capitalize it like Black Friday?

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Journalism has never been more important

By Frank Perea

Weekly newspapers carry the news and views of communities reported on by decent people with local passion.

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portant role as the community watchdog, holding government in check and shining the light on all the actions of our governors. That is the intention of the First Amendment.

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It is my philosophy that a local newspaper should promote its community and should inform on issues that are relevant to people and the community as a whole.

Understanding and capturing the diverse interests within Coos Bay and advocating for good government are things we do not take lightly. We advocate for groups and organizations that disagree to get together and encourage working together.

"Journalism matters because democracy matters. The two are inseparable."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters completed impeachment process

The anticipated "wave" didn't quite make it but enough people voted to say "enough is enough" anyway. Over 75 million and counting. The impeachment at the beginning of the year is now in force. It took "we the people" to enact the removal from office that the Senate Republicans lacked the honor and integrity

Looking forward to the end of January next year when we will no longer have to listen to the daily lies and fabrications. Good bye Donald John Trump. America is so much better than you.

Terry Moore North Bend

State should protect beavers

Why the Beaver State Should Protect its Beavers:

Beavers are synonymous with Oregon's wilderness. They're on our flag, they're our state animal and they gave us our nickname: the Beaver State. But while

we've been happy to welcome beavers into our reputation, we've done little to keep them around.

Oregon hosts an abundance of suitable habitat for beavers. But current hunting and fishing rules allow largely unregulated harvesting of beavers across the state, with few protected areas. Additionally, the population status of beavers in Oregon is unknown because the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the agency responsible for managing the state's fish and wildlife, has not been monitoring live beaver populations and distribution.

Beavers are nature's engineers. They improve water quality, diversify habitat, create fire breaks against wildfires and maintain or increase stream flows for our fish. Science has shown that habitats that are created and maintained by beavers lead to improved water quality and decreased flood peaks and intensity, helping humans and natural communities be resilient in combating the impacts of climate change. While beavers are not listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act or Oregon's Endangered Species Act, they are critically important members of forest ecosystems.

There are less than 170 licensed beaver hunters and trappers in Oregon, out of a population of 4.2 million. The majority of Oregonians care about habitat loss, lack of water, declining fish populations and responsible resource management. All of these issues could be improved by increasing the amount of protected beaver habitat in our state. Right now, protected beaver habitat includes only Ochoco National Forest, and some rivers and streams in Mt Hood National Forest and Umatilla National Forest

Beavers have done their part to protect our health, our livelihoods and our natural resources. It's time we do our part for them and amend state regulations to increase protected habitat on our public lands.

> Sristi Kamal Portland

Renowned correspondent Seymour Topping dies

NEW YORK (AP) — Seymour Topping, among the most accomplished foreign correspondents of his generation for The Associated Press and the New York Times and later a top editor at the Times and administrator of the Pulitzer Prizes, died on Sunday. He was 98.

Topping passed away peacefully at White Plains Hospital, his daughter Rebecca said in an emailed statement.

As a correspondent for the AP in 1949, he was eyewitness to the fall of Nanking, then the capital of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government, to Mao Zedong's Red Army. It was the key victory in the Communist conquest of China, and Topping was first to report it to the

After the Communists consolidated their hold and publicly aligned with Soviet leader Josef Stalin, Topping and other American correspondents were ousted from the mainland,

with Topping arriving in Hong Kong in late 1949. From there, after a home leave visit to the United States and an urgent detour to Canada to visit and marry his future wife, Audrey, he returned to the AP bureau in Hong Kong.

He was hoping that the Chinese Communist authorities would agree to his request to go back to China. While awaiting their answer, Topping accepted an assignment in French Indochina.

As he recounted it in a 1972 memoir of his reporting career in Asia, "Journey Between Two Chinas," the AP wanted him to "go to a funny little country whose name was sometimes mixed up by our editors in New York with Indonesia. It was Indochina. There was some kind of trouble in Vietnam, and would I go there for a month?" He and Audrey had just checked into the Con-

tinental Hotel in Saigon in

February 1950 when a plastic bomb thrown by a cycle driver ripped through a café across the square, shaking the hotel. He rushed out to a scene of chaos.

"French soldiers and sailors, dead and wounded, lay amid overturned tables and shattered glass inside the café and outside on the sidewalk terrace where they had been sipping drinks," he wrote. "The war was on in the South in full fury."

Over the next two years, Topping wrote presciently about the strength of the insurgency against the French colonial occupiers of Indochina and the long and bloody struggle that would continue almost without interruption until the final U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam in 1975.

After postings to London as diplomatic correspondent and West Berlin as bureau chief for the AP, Topping in 1959 joined the Times, where he was to work for the next 34 years.

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Ruth R. Anderson

March 4, 1919 - November 6, 2020



Ruth Riggs Anderson, 101, of North Bend, died November 6, 2020 in North Bend. A Memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will be at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Coos Bay. She was born March 4, 1919, in Page, Nebraska, the daughter of Aden and Katherine (Kohler)

Ruth was a graduate of University of Nebraska School of Nursing and later completed a degree in Public Health Nursing at University of California. During World War II she served in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps. In 1943 she married Elmer Ager Anderson and from this union came three daughters. Care of her family always came first in her life's priorities.

Her nursing career was part-time and volunteer work. For years she taught Mother and Baby Care classes for the Berkeley California Chapter of the American Red Cross and was a school nurse in the Richmond, California, School District. In 1978 she and her husband moved to the Coos Bay-North Bend area for his retirement. There she worked for the Coos County Health and Mental Health Departments and served as R.N. volunteer for the Red Cross Bloodmobile and South Coast Hospice. She was very interested in quality care for the elderly, especially in their own homes, and was a member of the Geriatric Health Care Advisory Committee at SWOCC (Southwestern Oregon Community College). Her career as an R.N. continued through her 90th year.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Elmer A. Anderson, in July, 2005; a little grandson, Trevor Alan

Kenney, in 1988; and niece, Tammy Ann Crisp, in July 2020.

She is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathe Anderson and Gary Dunks of Upland, California; Connie and Jim Kenney of Wilsonville, Oregon, Christine and Roy Molina of Ankeny, Iowa; six precious grandchildren, Kathy Molina-Powell (husband Jay Molina-Powell), Sarah Molina, Roy Vincent Molina, Selicity Icefire, Galen Kenney, and Bin Kenney; great-grandson, A.J. Molina-Powell; and great-granddaughter, Alma Nova Molina-Powell. She is also survived by a sister, Nova Riggs Crisp, of Portola Valley, California and a dear friend at Evergreen Court, Jack Thomas.

The family suggests any memorial remembrances to South Coast Hospice, 1620 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420.

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Lynn Suzann (Hopper) Yager

February 11, 1961 - November 5, 2020



A small funeral service with the family has been held for Lynn Suzann (Hopper) Yager, 59, of Coos Bay. She will be buried with her late husband, Robert Ellis, at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Eagle Point, Oregon.

Lynn was born February

11, 1961 in North Bend, the daughter of Raymond and Wilma (Eldridge) Hopper. She was raised and educated in North Bend and graduated from North Bend HS in 1979. Lynn's favorite job as a teenager was working at Lucky Steer. Lynn worked with her sister-in-law at a laundry service. Lynn also worked at Safeway in customer service. Her last job was at the Coos County Courts in Coquille where she was in charge of jury selection. She filled her office and the juror room with her cheerful personal touches and where anyone

who walked into her office knew her favorite color was orange.

She married Daniel Gorman in 1981. Together they had three daughters, Heather, Emalee, and Lacey. They later divorced. In 1992 she met and Married Robert Ellis and they welcomed a 4th daughter Alyssa, and combined families. Together they raised their nine children. After Robert passed away in 2003, Lynn was blessed to marry again in 2007 to Richard Yager who cared for her up to the end of her life.

Lynn was always someone who very easily made friends. She was a confidante to many. She had a loving, nonjudgmental way about her that drew people in.

As a mother to her four girls and "Grammy" to her six grandchildren she was a safe haven. She loved each of her girls and grandkids to the fullest and spent time invested in each one of their individual lives. She truly found her family to be her life's biggest and best accomplishment.

She was a strong women who dealt with a nearly 30 year cancer diagnosis in the most graceful and courageous way. She never let her illness get in the way of how she lived each day. She lived her life being present in the moment with those that she loved.

Lynn touched many lives and it is regrettable that her service could not be attended by so many of her dear friends. Memories, pictures, and condolences of Lynn can be shared online at grammylynnyager.blogspot.com.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Yager; daughters, Heather and James Johnson (children, Lincoln and Myla), Emalee and Jess Seybolt (children, Whitley, Layton, Harper), Lacey Gorman, Alyssa and Cory Pritchett (daughter, Austin); mother, Wilma Hopper; sister, Terry and Jamie Evans; brothers, Keith and Laurie Hopper, Wayne and Patty Hopper; and many nieces and Nephews

She was preceded in death by her father, Ray; brother, David; husband, Robert; and nephew, Kevin Hopper.

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Famed 'Jeopardy' host Alex Trebek dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Alex Trebek, who presided over the beloved quiz show "Jeopardy!" for more than 30 years with dapper charm and a touch of schoolmaster strictness, died Sunday. He was 80.

Trebek, who announced in 2019 that he had advanced pancreatic cancer, died at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by family and friends, "Jeopardy!" studio Sony said.

The Canadian-born host, who made a point of informing fans about his health directly, spoke in a calm, even tone as he revealed his illness and hope for a cure in a video posted March 6, 2019.

In the video, Trebek said he was joining the 50,000 other Americans who receive such a diagnosis each year and that he recognized that the prognosis was not encouraging.

But Trebek said he intended to fight it and keep working, even joking that he needed to beat the disease because his "Jeopardy!" contract ran for three more years. Less than a week later, he opened

Yukari F. Lindsley, 89,

of North Bend died No-

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acknowledging the outpouring of kind words and prayers he'd received. "Thanks to the - be-

the show with a message

lieve it or not — hundreds of thousands of people who have sent in tweets, texts, emails, cards and letters wishing me well," Trebek said. "I'm a lucky guy."

The program tapes weeks of shows in advance, and the remaining episodes with Trebek will air through Dec. 25, a Sony spokeswoman said.

Messages of grief and respect from former contestants, celebrities and the wider public quickly followed news of his loss.

"Alex wasn't just the best ever at what he did. He was also a lovely and deeply decent man, and I'm grateful for every minute I got to spend with him," tweeted "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings. "Thinking today about his family and his Jeopardy! family — which, in a way, included millions of us."

"It was one of the great privileges of my life to spend time with this courageous man while he fought the battle of his life. You will never be replaced in our hearts, Alex," James Holzhauer, another "Jeopardy!" star, posted on Twitter.

John Legend tweeted that he was "obsessed with Jeopardy as a nerdy kid growing up in Ohio.

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I've loved and revered Alex Trebek since I can remember. What an iconic

"Jeopardy!" bills itself as "America's favorite quiz show" and captivated the public with a unique format in which contestants were told the answers and had to provide the questions on a variety of subjects, including movies, politics, history and popular culture.

They would answer by saying "What is ...?" or "Who is?"

Trebek, who became its host in 1984, was a master of the format, engaging in friendly banter with contestants, appearing genuinely pleased when they answered correctly and, at the same time, moving the game along in a brisk no-nonsense fashion whenever people struggled for answers.

He never pretended to know the answers himself if he really didn't, deferring to the show's experts to decide whether a somewhat vague answer had come close enough to

too seriously," he told an interviewer in 2004. "I don't want to come off as a pompous ass and indicate that I know everything when I don't."

The show was the brainstorm of Julann Griffin, wife of the late talk show host-entrepreneur Merv

Griffin, who said she suggested to him one day that he create a game show

"Jeopardy!" debuted on NBC in 1964 with Art Fleming as emcee and was

where people were given

the answers.

an immediate hit. It lasted until 1975, then was revived in syndication with Trebek. Long identified by a full head of hair and trim mus-

tache (though in 2001 he startled viewers by shaving his mustache, "completely on a whim"), Trebek was more than qualified for the job, having started his game show career on "Reach for the Top" in his native country.

Moving to the U.S. in 1973, he appeared on "The Wizard of Odds," "High Rollers," "The \$128,000 Question" and "Double Dare." Even during his run on "Jeopardy!", Trebek worked on other shows. In the early 1990s, he was the host of three — "Jeopardy!", "To Tell the Truth" and "Classic Concentra-

"Jeopardy!" made him famous. He won five Emmys as its host, including one last June, and received stars on both the Hollywood and Canadian walks of fame. In 2012, the show won a prestigious Peabody Award.

He taped his daily "Jeopardy!" shows at a frenetic pace, recording as many as 10 episodes (two weeks' worth) in just two days. After what was described as a mild heart attack in 2007, he was back at work in just a

He posted a video in January 2018 announcing he'd undergone surgery for blood clots on the brain that followed a fall he'd taken. The show was on hiatus during his recovery.

It had yet to bring in a substitute host for Trebek — save once, when he and "Wheel of Fortune" host Pat Sajak swapped their TV jobs as an April's Fool prank.

In 2012, Trebek ac-

knowledged that he was considering retirement, but had been urged by friends to stay on so he could reach 30 years on the show. He still loved the job, he declared: "What's not to love? You have the security of a familiar environment, a familiar format, but you have the excitement of new clues and new contestants on every program. You can't beat that!'

Although many viewers considered him one of the key reasons for the show's success, Trebek himself insisted he was only there to keep things moving. "I'm introduced as the

host of 'Jeopardy!', not the star," he said in a 2012 interview. "My job is to provide the atmosphere and assistance to the contestants to get them to perform at their very best," he explained. "And if I'm successful doing that, I will be perceived as a nice guy and the audience will think of me as being a bit of a star."

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren be counted as correct. "I try not to take myself EATH NOTICES

CONDO COMMUNITY FEELS EFFECTS OF STRESS DURING THE PANDEMIC

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I own a condo in a building with 22 units. Because of COVID, one of the HOA board members has posted signs stating "rules" throughout the building. The rules are typical for these trying times, but the number of signs is obsessive. Many of the residents dislike the signs, but my husband was the one who wrote a nasty letter to the HOA about how many are posted.

The board member who was responsible for posting the signs was a friend of mine. Her feelings were hurt, and she has made some snide remarks about the letter. A group of women meet weekly for happy hour, and she and I are both part of that group. I feel caught in the middle. My husband has had a hard time getting over being mad about the signs, and I know the HOA member is angry at him. I just want to go to happy hour and drink and gossip. Why can't we all just get along? -- IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: We are living in trying times, and many people -- your husband included -- aren't their better selves right now. The HOA board was fulfilling its obligation to the community by posting health and safety signs. They are meant to educate not only homeowners but also visitors to the building, but too often they tend to become like "wallpaper" and are ignored. You are not caught in the middle. Your husband owes that woman an apology for getting snarky. But it probably won't happen unless you insist upon it. (If it doesn't, you can always do it "for" him the next time you all meet for happy hour.)

DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man who was 14 years older who treated me like I have never been treated before. He opened doors for me, took me on actual dates, paid for things, met all my friends and family, and took me on my first

vacation at 39 years old. He was very cuddly and such a gentleman. He even introduced himself as my "boyfriend" to some of my friends.

Seven months ago, we had our first argument and he asked me how I felt about him. I said I loved him and he returned with, "I like you a lot." He said he didn't feel as strongly as I did and doesn't want a relationship.

When we broke up shortly after, he said he wanted to be friends. But he still called and invited me over for sex regularly for the next six weeks. I was very hurt, but I finally cut ties because emotionally I couldn't handle it. He still wants to be friends but I cannot. He still will do anything for me and wants the benefits of being together without the labels.

It has been more than two months and I'm heartbroken. If I call him, he answers and talks like we are the best of friends, and it kills me. How do I get over him? Is it worth trying to see if we will work out? -- BROKEN IN UTAH

DEAR BROKEN: This "gentleman" made clear that his feelings for you are not as strong as those you have for him. You are involved with someone who is honest about wanting nothing more than the status quo. If you're willing to settle for being only FWB -- which, I suspect, you have too much intelligence and self-esteem to do -- go along with what he's offering (which is very little). But if you do, know full well that it won't "work out."

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High court support for health law in doubt

- Until six weeks ago, defenders of the Affordable Care Act could take comfort in some simple math. Five Supreme Court justices who had twice preserved the Obama-era health care law remained on the bench and seemed unlikely votes to dismantle

But Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death in mid-September and her replacement by Amy Coney Barrett barely a month later have altered the equation as the court prepares to hear arguments Tuesday in the third major legal challenge in the law's 10-year existence.

Republican attorneys general in 18 states, backed by the Trump administratio n, are arguing that the whole law should be struck down because of a change

made by the Republican-controlled Congress in 2017 that reduced the penalty for not having health insurance to zero.

A court ruling invalidating the entire law would threaten coverage for more than 23 million people. It would wipe away protections for people with preexisting medical conditions, subsidized insurance premiums that make coverage affordable for millions of Americans and an expansion of the Medicaid program that is available to low-income people in most states.

"No portion of the ACA is severable from the mandate," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton told the court in a written filing. The Republicans are pressing this position even though congressional efforts to repeal the entire

law have failed, including in July 2017 when then-Arizona Sen. John McCain delivered a dramatic thumbs-down vote to a repeal effort by fellow Republicans.

Barrett is one of three appointees of President Donald Trump who will be weighing the latest legal attack on the law popularly known as "Obamacare." Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh are the others. It's their first time hearing a major case over the health law as justices, although Kavanaugh took part in the the first round of suits over it when he was a federal appeals court

Of the other justices, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stepehen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor have voted to uphold the law.

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas have voted to strike it all down.

The case is being argued at an unusual moment, a week after the presidential election, with Democrat Joe Biden on the cusp of winning the White House. Control of the Senate also is hanging in the balance.

The political environment aside, the practical effects of the repeal of the tax penalty have surprised many health care policy experts. They predicted that getting rid of the penalty would lead over time to several million people dropping coverage, mostly healthier enrollees, and as a result, premiums for the law's subsidized private insurance would rise because remaining customers would tend to be in poorer

But that hasn't happened

Enrollment in the law's insurance markets stayed relatively stable at more than 11 million people, even after the effective date of the penalty's elimination in 2019. According to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, enrollment dropped by about 300,000 people from 2018 to 2019. Kaiser estimates 11.4 million people have coverage this year.

Enrollment has fallen by more than 1 million people in the Trump years, but most of that happened before the penalty was repealed, not after.

Premiums have also remained stable since the penalty was repealed.

An additional 12 million people have coverage through the law's Medicaid expansion.

Some policy experts

are now reassessing the importance of the coverage requirement and its fines. The thinking is that the law's benefits — coverage for preexisting conditions and subsidized premiums may be more powerful motivators for consumers than the penalty.

"Enrollment doesn't seem to have skewed towards sicker people as many expected without a mandate penalty," said Larry Levitt of the Kaiser Foundation. "The carrot of the subsidies has been much more powerful than the stick of the mandate."

Barrett's confirmation hearings featured a sort of role reversal, with Democrats predicting the law's doom with Barrett on the court and Republicans playing down the prospects for a ruling that would completely upend the law.

Pfizer says COVID-19 vaccine appears 90% effective

(AP) - Pfizer said Monday that early results from its coronavirus vaccine suggest the shots may be a surprisingly robust 90% effective at preventing COVID-19, putting the company on track to apply later this month for emergency-use approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

The announcement, less than a week after an election seen as a referendum on President Donald Trump's handling of the crisis, was a rare and major piece of encouraging news lately in the battle against the scourge that has killed more than 1.2 million people worldwide, including almost a quarter-million in the United States alone.

"We're in a position potentially to be able to offer some hope," Dr. Bill Gruber, Pfizer's senior

vice president of clinical development, told The Associated Press. "We're very encouraged."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. government's top-infectious disease expert, said the results suggesting 90% effectiveness are "just extraordinary," adding: "Not very many people expected it would be as high as that."

"It's going to have a major impact on everything we do with respect to COVID," Fauci said as Pfizer appeared to take the lead in the all-out global race by pharmaceutical companies and various countries to develop a well-tested vaccine against the virus.

Dr. Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's senior adviser, said that Pfizer's vaccine could "fundamentally change the direction of this crisis" by March, when the U.N. agency hopes to start vaccinating high-risk groups.

Still, Monday's announcement doesn't mean for certain that a vaccine is imminent: This interim analysis, from an independent data monitoring board, looked at 94 infections recorded so far in a study that has enrolled nearly 44,000 people in the U.S. and five other countries. Some participants got the vaccine, while others got dummy shots.

Pfizer Inc. cautioned that the protection rate might change by the time the study ends. Even revealing such early data is highly unusual.

Dr. Jesse Goodman of Georgetown University, former chief of the FDA's vaccine division, called the partial results "extremely promising" but ticked off

many questions still to be answered, including how long the vaccine's effects last and whether it protects older people as well as younger ones.

Also, whenever a vaccine does arrive, initial supplies will be scarce and rationed, with priority likely to be given to health care workers and others on the front lines. Pfizer has estimated that 50 million doses of its two-shot vaccine could be available globally by the end of 2020, which could cover 25 million people.

Global markets, already buoyed by the victory of President-elect Joe Biden, exploded on the news from Pfizer. The S%P 500 surged 3.7% after the opening bell, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up more than 1,300 points. Pfizer jumped more than 9%.

Other vaccine stocks were up as well.

Trump, who had suggested repeatedly during the presidential campaign that a vaccine could be ready by Election Day, tweeted: "STOCK MARKET UP BIG, VACCINE COMING SOON. REPORT 90% EF-FECTIVE. SUCH GREAT NEWS!'

Biden, for his part, welcomed the news but cautioned that it could be many months before vaccinations become widespread in the U.S., and he warned Americans to rely on masks and social distancing in the meantime.

News of the possible breakthrough came ahead of what could be a terrible winter in the U.S., with tens of thousands more coronavirus deaths feared in the coming months. Confirmed infections in the United

States were expected to eclipse 10 million on Monday, the highest in the world. Cases are running at all-time highs of more than 100,000 per day.

The timing of Pfizer's announcement is likely to feed unsubstantiated suspicions from Trump supporters that the pharmaceutical industry was withholding the news until after the election. Donald Trump Jr. tweeted: "The timing of this is pretty amazing. Nothing nefarious about the timing of this at all right?'

Pfizer Chairman and CEO Albert Bourla said on CNBC that the election was always an artificial deadline and that the data was going to be ready when it was ready. The independent data monitors met on Sunday, analyzing the COVID-19 test results so far and notifying Pfizer.

Donald Trump supporters refuse to accept defeat

(AP) - Chanting "This isn't over!" and "Stop the steal," supporters of President Donald Trump protested at state capitols across the country Saturday, refusing to accept defeat and echoing Trump's unsubstantiated allegations that the Democrats won by

From Atlanta and Tallahassee to Austin, Bismarck, Boise and Phoenix, crowds ranging in size from a few dozen to a few thousand some of them openly carrying guns — decried the news of Joe Biden's victory after more than three suspense-filled days of vote-counting put the Democrat over the top. Skirmishes broke out in some cities.

In Atlanta, outside the state Capitol in the longtime Republican stronghold of Georgia, chants of "Lock him up!" rang out among an estimated 1,000 Trump supporters. Others chanted, "This isn't over! This isn't over!" and "Fake news!" The streets were awash with American flags and

Trump banners. No immediate violence was reported, though at one point, police moved to separate Trump opponents from supporters. Biden held a slim lead in Georgia, which hasn't gone for a Democrat since 1992.

Jordan Kelley, a 29-yearold from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, drove three-plus hours to Atlanta to attend the pro-Trump rally.

'There's election fraud going on here," said Kelley, claiming that voters in Georgia, a state with a GOP governor and secretary of state, had improperly counted the ballots to put Biden ahead. "Even though I live in Tennessee, I'm an American, and I want to make sure Americans have a voice in the election."

He planned to make the 10-hour trip to Washington next week to demonstrate

on the steps of the Supreme Court, where Trump and his lawyers have vowed to eventually make his case.

Underscoring the hard feelings on both sides of the nation's deep political divide, anti-Trump protesters in Washington booed, yelled obscenities, shouted "Loser! Loser!" and gave the finger to Trump's motorcade as the president returned to the White House from a golf outing Saturday.

Two signs posted in front of Trump's Washington hotel read "Don't be a sore loser" and "Face Reality."

For his part, Biden pleaded for unity and reconciliation in a televised address Saturday night, saying it is time for Americans to "put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature" and "stop treating our opponents like enemies."

"Let this grim era of demonization in America begin to end here and now," he said.

Contrary to the claims of Trump supporters, there has been no evidence of any serious vote fraud. And some Republican elected officials around the country began to distance themselves from Trump and urge him to accept the outcome gracefully.

The utter rejection of Biden as the legitimate president by Trump and his supporters appears to represent something new in American political history, said Barbara Perry, presidential studies director at the University of Virginia's Miller Center.

"We typically haven't had a leader who loses the presidency who then tells his followers, 'This is false. This has been stolen from us," Perry said. "Incumbent presidents have been mad, so mad they didn't go to the inauguration, but not like this, where they are leading those people to say this is fraudulent."

A couple of thousand

Trump supporters gathered at the Pennsylvania Capitol in Harrisburg. Pennsylvania played a crucial role in Biden's victory.

"If we don't stop this today, it'll all be over," Bruce Fields, 66, said of news organizations declaring Biden the winner. "Otherwise we can kiss freedom goodbye."

About two dozen heavily armed men, some wearing camouflage, joined the rally.

At the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix, a crowd swelled to more than 1,000 within hours. Biden won Arizona on his way to victory in the Electoral College.

"It's very suspicious that President Trump, with the red wave we've been seeing in Arizona, is struggling," Kelli Ward, former state senator and chairwoman of the Arizona Republican Party, told boisterous pro-Trump demonstrators. "I want to know if there is any discrepancy with the numbers coming out of the machines.'

More than 1,000 people gathered at the Texas Capitol in Austin, with police keeping Trump and Biden supporters on opposite sides of the street. Several hundred demonstrators turned out in Salem, Oregon, for a "Stop the Steal" rally.

Even in a place that wasn't close, Trump supporters gathered in droves to express support for him and vent frustration over the outcome of the election. Outside North Dakota's Capitol in Bismarck, the state's all-Republican congressional delegation joined chanting, sign-carrying protesters.

A few skirmishes broke out between Trump backers and pro-Biden and Black Lives Matters demonstrators, with one BLM supporter attempting to handcuff himself to a Trump supporter. The two men began wrestling on the ground.

Whitney, B.I.G. inducted into Rock Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) - In a normal year, the newly inducted Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class would have hit the stage and perform the wellknown songs that made them famous and helped them enter the prestigious

organization.

Not in 2020. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, this year's all-star group was inducted Saturday night in a taped HBO special that told the stories of Whitney Houston, Notorious B.I.G. and the Doobie Brothers' rise to fame and how acts like Nine Inch Nails, T. Rex and Depeche Mode heavily impacted the music industry and generations after them.

As she inducted Houston into the Rock Hall, Grammy-winning singer Alicia Keys gave a beautiful, heartfelt speech about one of the best singers in pop history.

"We all know what a miraculous singer Whitney was, perhaps the greatest voice of our all-time. We all know how her unprecedented success brought Black women into the absolute highest reaches of the music industry's pantheon," said Keys, who wrote a song for Houston's last album. "We all know that her music will live forever — that music, that everlasting voice is her final generous gift to us. And she will now be one of the brightest lights ever to shine in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame."

Houston, one of the best-selling acts in music history who died in 2012 at age 48, released her debut album in 1985 and recently became the first Black artist to have three diamond-certified albums.

Her mother and aunt, Cissy and Pat Houston, accepted the award on her

"This is something that Whitney always wanted," Pat Houston said. "I remember in 2009 we were in London and Whitney looked at me and said, 'This is really special but there's only one thing missing — I got to get into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame."

"She did it," Cissy Houston added.

Other acts were posthumously inducted Saturday

The Notorious B.I.G. was shot to death in 1997 at 24 and in a few years became one of the top voices in rap and pop. He was inducted by close friend and collaborator Diddy.

"Nobody has come close to the way Biggie sounds, to the way he raps, to the frequency that he hits. Tonight, we are inducting the greatest rapper of all-time," Diddy



Biden names coronavirus advisory board

BOSTON (AP) — As he begins his transition to the presidency, Joe Biden is pivoting from a bitter campaign battle to another, more pressing fight: reining in the pandemic that has hit the world's most powerful nation harder than any other.

On Monday, Biden announced the members of his coronavirus task force that will develop a blueprint for fighting the pandemic. It includes doctors and scientists who have served in previous administrations, many of them experts in public health, vaccines and infectious diseases.

Notable among the members is Rick Bright, a

vaccine expert and former head of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority. He had filed a whistleblower complaint alleging he was reassigned to a lesser job because he resisted political pressure to allow widespread use of hydroxychloroquine, a malaria drug pushed by President Donald Trump as a COVID-19 treatment.

Public health officials warn that the nation is entering the worst stretch yet for COVID-19 as winter sets in and the holiday season approaches, increasing the risk of rapid transmission as Americans travel, shop and celebrate with loved ones.

"The next two months are going to be rough, difficult ones," said Dr. Albert Ko, an infectious disease specialist and department chairman at the Yale School of Public Health. "We could see another 100,000 deaths by January."

The U.S. is now averaging more than 100,000 new coronavirus infections a day, frequently breaking records for daily cases. Hospitals in several states are running out of space and staff, and the death toll is soaring. So far, the U.S. has recorded more than 9.8 million infections and more than 237,000 deaths from COVID-19.

"Dealing with the

coronavirus pandemic is one of the most important battles our administration will face, and I will be informed by science and by experts," Biden said in a statement Monday.

He pledged during the campaign to make testing free and widely available; to hire thousands of health workers to help implement contact-tracing programs; and to instruct the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide clear, expert-informed guidelines, among other proposals.

As the Democratic nominee, Biden made Trump's mishandling of the pandemic a central focus of his campaign. But much of what Biden has proposed will take congressional action, and he's certain to face challenges in a closely divided House and Senate.

"I'm not running on the false promises of being able to end this pandemic by flipping a switch. But I do promise this: We will start on day one doing the right things," he said during a campaign event last month.

Dr. Phillip Coule, chief medical officer at Augusta University Medical Center in Georgia, said he hopes the nation can get past the political divisions that have complicated the response to the virus now that the election is over.

"Now that we are post election, let's just handle this based on the science and not the politics of this disease and the pandemic," he said.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said he believes even the most ardent COVID-19 deniers will strike a more conciliatory tone as Trump's election defeat sinks in.

"I think the political pressure of denying COVID is gone," he said Sunday on ABC's "This Week." "I think you'll see scientists speak with an unmuzzled voice now. And I think the numbers are going to go up, and Americans are going to get how serious this is.'

Fraud claims aimed at keeping Trump base loyal

WASHINGTON (AP)

 The Trump campaign's strategy to file a barrage of lawsuits challenging President-elect Joe Biden's win is more about providing President Donald Trump with an off-ramp for a loss he can't quite grasp and less about changing the election's outcome, according to senior officials, campaign aides and allies who spoke to The Associated Press.

Trump has promised legal action in the coming days as he refused to concede his loss to Biden, making an aggressive pitch for donors to help finance any court fight. Trump and his campaign have leveled accusations of large-scale voter fraud in Pennsylvania and other states that broke for Biden, so far without proof.

But proof isn't really the point, said the people. The AP spoke with 10 Trump senior officials, campaign aides and allies who were not authorized to discuss the subject publicly and spoke on condition of

anonymity.

Trump aides and allies also acknowledged privately the legal fights would — at best — forestall the inevitable, and some had deep reservations about the president's attempts to undermine faith in the vote. But they said Trump and a core group of allies were aiming to keep his loyal base of supporters on his side

even in defeat. There has been no presidential election in recent memory in which such widespread fraud was alleged. The closest was the 1960 election in which Democrat John F. Kennedy beat Republican Richard Nixon, and there were scattered allegations that fraud helped Kennedy

Moments after the AP called the race for Biden, Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani stood in front of campaign banner taped over the garage door of a landscaping company in Philadelphia, wedged near a cremation center and an adult book store called "Fantasy Island," with a handful of poll watchers and declared they'd been kept too far away to check for any inaccuracies. Something fishy was going on, he said.

"We have no way of knowing, because we've been deprived of the right to inspect ballots," he said.

Partisan poll watchers are designated by a political party or campaign to report any concerns they may have. They are not poll workers who actually tally ballots. Monitoring polling places and election offices is allowed in most states, but rules vary and there are certain limits to avoid any harassment or intimidation. They are not allowed to interfere with the conduct of the election and are typically required to register in advance with the local election office.

This year, because of the coronavirus that has killed more than 230,000 people across the country, there was litigation in a few states, including Pennsylvania, over where poll watchers could stand to ensure social distancing.

Lawyers could potentially argue the vote tally should be cast aside over fraud observed by poll watchers, but in order to win that argument they'd need strong evidence, not just allegations the monitors weren't allowed to see clearly enough. Judges are loathe to disenfranchise any voters and there would need to be substantial proof that fraud had so damaged the count it must be set aside. And it would have to happen across

multiple states. Democratic poll watchers, who were also given the same access, have not raised concerns. Giuliani called evidence of fraud circumstantial at the news conference. He said he'd be filing suit in federal court, but the issue has already been before judges.

A federal judge in Philadelphia Thursday night ordered the two sides to work out an agreement on the number of poll watchers and how close they could be to the counting. The judge also voiced concerns about the safety of poll workers during the pandemic if poll watchers were allowed to peer over their shoulders.

On Fox News Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures' Sunday, Giuliani said two additional lawsuits were in the process of being drafted, in addition to existing litigation in Pennsylvania.

By the end of this week, Giuliani predicted the campaign would have filed "four or five" lawsuits, with a total of 10 possible. Republican lawyers planned a Monday news conference to announce additional litigation.

Voter fraud is extremely rare, and when it does happen, people are generally caught and prosecuted and it does not change the outcome of the election. Typically, it involves someone wanting to honor the wishes of a loved one who recently died and either knowingly or not commits a crime by filling

out that ballot.

Trump campaign officials have also alleged that more than 21,000 had been cast in the name of the dead in Pennsylvania. The claims stem from a conservative legal group's lawsuit against the Secretary of State, accusing her of wrongly including some 21,000 supposedly dead residents on voter rolls.

The federal judge who has the case, John Jones, has said he was doubtful of the claims. He said the Public Interest Legal Foundation that brought the claims was asking the court to accept that there were dead people on voter rolls, and he asked for proof and questioned why they had waited until the "eleventh hour" to file suit.

"We cannot and will not take plaintiff's word for it —in an election where every vote matters, we will not disenfranchise potentially eligible voters based solely upon the allegations of a private foundation," he wrote in an Oct. 20 ruling.

Biden

fer of power, he issued a combative statement saying his campaign would take unspecified legal actions. And he followed up with a bombastic, all-caps tweet in which he falsely declared, "I WON THE ELECTION, GOT 71,000,000 LEGAL VOTES." Twitter immediately flagged it as misleading.

Trump has pointed to delays in processing the vote in some states to allege with no evidence that there was fraud and to argue that his rival was trying to seize power — an extraordinary charge by a sitting president trying to sow doubt about a bedrock democratic process.

Trump is the first incumbent president to lose reelection since Republican George H.W. Bush in

He was golfing at his Virginia country club when he lost the race. He stayed out for hours, stopping to congratulate a bride as he left, and his motorcade returned to the White House to a cacophony of shouts, taunts and unfriendly hand gestures.

In Wilmington, Delaware, near the stage that, until Saturday night, had stood empty since it was erected to celebrate on Election Night, people cheered and pumped their fists as the news that the presidential race had been called for the state's former senator arrived on their cellphones.

On the nearby water, two men in a kayak yelled to a couple paddling by in the opposite direction, "Joe won! They called it!" as people on the shore whooped and hollered. Harris, in workout gear, was shown on video speaking to Biden on the phone, exuberantly telling the president-elect "We did it!"

Across the country, there were parties and prayer. In New York City, spontaneous block parties broke out. People ran out of their buildings, banging on pots. They danced and highfived with strangers amid honking horns. Among the loudest cheers were those for passing U.S. Postal Service trucks.

People streamed into Black Lives Matter Plaza near the White House, near where Trump had ordered the clearing of protesters in June, waving signs and taking cellphone pictures. In Lansing, Michigan, Trump supporters and Black Lives Matter demonstrators filled the Capitol steps. The lyrics to "Amazing Grace" began to echo through the crowd, and Trump supporters laid their hands on a counter protester, and prayed.

Americans showed deep interest in the presidential race. A record 103 million voted early this year, opting to avoid waiting in long lines at polling locations during a pandemic. With counting continuing in some states, Biden had already received more than 75 million votes, more than any presidential candidate before him.

Trump's refusal to concede has no legal implications. But it could add to the incoming administration's challenge of bringing the country together after a bitter election.

Throughout the campaign, Trump repeatedly refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power, arguing without evidence that the election could be marred by fraud. The nation has a long history of presidential candidates peacefully accepting the outcome of elections, dating back to 1800, when John Adams conceded to

his rival Thomas Jefferson. It was Biden's native Pennsylvania that put him over the top, the state he invoked throughout the campaign to connect with working class voters. He also won Nevada on Saturday pushing his total to 290 Electoral College

votes. Biden received congratulations from dozens of world leaders, and his former boss, President Barack Obama, saluted him in a statement, declaring the nation was "fortunate that Joe's got what it takes to be President and already carries himself that way.'

Republicans on Capitol Hill were giving Trump and his campaign space to consider all their legal options. It was a precarious balance for Trump's allies as they try to be supportive of the president -- and avoid risking further fallout -- but face the reality of the vote count.

On Saturday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had not yet made any public statements -- either congratulating Biden or joining Trump's complaints. But retiring GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who is close to McConnell, said, "After counting every valid vote and allowing courts to resolve disputes, it is important to respect and promptly accept the result."

More than 237,000 Americans have died during the coronavirus pandemic, nearly 10 million have been infected and millions of jobs have been lost. The final days of the campaign played out against a surge in confirmed cases in nearly every state, including battlegrounds such as Wisconsin that swung to Biden.

The pandemic will soon be Biden's to tame, and he campaigned pledging a big government response, akin to what Franklin D. Roosevelt oversaw with the New Deal during the Depression of the 1930s. He announced that, as his transition kicks into high gear, he would on Monday appoint his own coronavirus task force.

But Senate Republicans fought back several Democratic challengers and looked to retain a fragile majority that could serve as a check on some of Biden's ambitions

The 2020 campaign was a referendum on Trump's handling of the pandemic, which has shuttered schools across the nation, disrupted businesses and raised questions about the feasibility of family gatherings heading into the holidays.

The fast spread of the coronavirus transformed political rallies from standard campaign fare to gatherings that were potential public health emergencies. It also contributed to an unprecedented shift to

voting early and by mail and prompted Biden to dramatically scale back his travel and events to comply with restrictions. The president defied calls for caution and ultimately contracted the disease himself.

Trump was saddled throughout the year by negative assessments from the public of his handling of the pandemic. There was another COVID-19 outbreak in the White House this week, which sickened his chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Biden also drew a sharp contrast to Trump through a summer of unrest over the police killings of Black Americans including Breonna Taylor in Kentucky and George Floyd in Minneapolis. Their deaths sparked the largest racial protest movement since the civil rights era. Biden responded by acknowledging the racism that pervades American life, while Trump emphasized his support of police and pivoted to a "law and order" message that resonated with his largely white base.

The third president to be impeached, though acquitted in the Senate, Trump will leave office having left an indelible imprint in a tenure defined by the shattering of White House norms and a day-today whirlwind of turnover, partisan divide and Twitter blasts.

Trump's team has filed a smattering of lawsuits in battleground states, some of which were immediately rebuffed by judges. His personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, was holding a news

conference in Philadelphia threatening more legal action when the race was called.

Biden, born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and raised in Delaware, was one of the youngest candidates ever elected to the Senate. Before he took office, his wife and daughter were killed, and his two sons badly injured in a 1972 car

crash. Commuting every night on a train from Washington back to Wilmington, Biden fashioned an everyman political persona to go along with powerful Senate positions, including chairman of the Senate Judiciary and Foreign Relations Committees. Some aspects of his record drew critical scrutiny from fellow Democrats, including his support for the 1994 crime bill, his vote for the 2003 Iraq War and his management of the Clarence Thomas' Su-

Biden's 1988 presidential campaign was done in by plagiarism allegations, and his next bid in 2008 ended quietly. But later that year, he was tapped to be Barack Obama's running mate and he became an influential vice president, steering the administration's outreach to both Capitol Hill and Iraq.

preme Court hearings.

While his reputation was burnished by his time in office and his deep friendship with Obama, Biden stood aside for Clinton and opted not to run in 2016 after his adult son Beau died of brain cancer the year before.

Trump's tenure pushed Biden to make one more run as he declared that "the very soul of the nation is at stake."







World leaders hope for fresh start with Biden

(AP) - World leaders on Sunday cheered Joe Biden's election as U.S. president as a chance to enhance cooperation on climate change, the coronavirus and other problems after four years of President Donald Trump's rejection of international alliances.

Trump had yet to concede defeat, but Western and Asian allies expressed hoped for a fresh start following Trump's "American First" trade policies, withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement and attacks on NATO and the World Health Organization.

In Asia, a region on edge about the strategic ambitions of China's ruling Communist Party, the elected leaders of Japan, South Korea and Taiwan invoked "shared values" with Washington and expressed hope for close relations.

"I look forward to working with you to further strengthen the Japan-US Alliance and ensure peace, freedom, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond," said Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga on Twitter. President Moon Jae-in of South Korea said he looked forward to working together "for our shared values."

Word of the victory in Pennsylvania that pushed Barack Obama's former vice president past the threshold of the 270 Electoral College votes needed to take over the Oval Office spread around the globe, sparking celebrations.

There was no immediate official reaction from Beijing, which is mired in conflicts with the Trump administration over trade, security and technology. But Chinese social

media users welcomed the change. A post on the Sina Weibo microblog service, signed Gong Teng Xin Yi, said, "Congratulating Biden, the old friend of Chinese people on winning the election."

After Trump said he won "by a lot," the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily responded on Twitter, "HaHa."

President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan, the self-ruled island Beijing claims as part of its territory, expressed hope to "further our friendship." Biden had congratulated Tsai on her reelection in January, saying Taiwan is "stronger because of your free and open society." Washington has no formal relations with Taiwan, but Trump raised the profile of informal contacts by sending Cabinet officials to the island, an act that irritated

Beijing

There also was no immediate reaction from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was friendly with Trump. Other leaders who supported Trump, including President Rodrigo Duterte of the Philippines, congratulated Biden, indicating they rejected Trump's claim the election wasn't over.

Most Western allies welcomed a fresh start with Washington. Many have been dismayed at Trump's criticism of decades-old military and economic alliances.

"We want to work in our cooperation for a new trans-Atlantic beginning, a New Deal," said German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on Twitter.

Others expressed hope Biden might revive cooperation on health, climate and other issues following Trump's rejection of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement and pressure on Canada, Mexico, South Korea and other partners to renegotiate trade terms.

"I look forward to working with President-elect Biden, Vice President-elect Harris, their administration, and the United States Congress as we tackle the world's greatest challenges together," Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who was the target of personal insults by Trump, said on Twitter.

Prime Minister Scott
Morrison of Australia told
reporters he looked forward
to a "great partnership"
with Washington. He cited
challenges including the
coronavirus and "ensuring
a free and open" Indo-Pacific region, a reference to
China's disputes with its
neighbors over control of
vast tracts of ocean.

"American leadership is indispensable to meeting these challenges," Morrison said.

Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan said he looked forward to working together to end illegal tax havens and on peacemaking in Afghanistan.

Other leaders who sent congratulations included German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

Embattled Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his U.S.-backed rival, Juan Guaido, both congratulated Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. Maduro said Venezuela, which is under crippling U.S. sanctions aimed at forcing him out of office, was "ready for dialogue and understanding" with the United States.

Trump's election night party adds to virus scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP)
— It was supposed to be a scene of celebration.

Instead, the Trump campaign's election night watch party in the White House East Room — with few masks and no social distancing — is being eyed as a potential coronavirus super-spreading event and yet another symbol of President Donald Trump's cavalier attitude toward a virus that is ripping across the nation and infecting more than 100,000 people a day.

Ben Carson, the secretary for Housing and Urban Development, is the latest attendee to test positive, a department spokesman confirmed. The event has been under scrutiny since

another attendee, the president's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, contracted the virus, which has now killed more than 237,000 people in the U.S. alone.

Carson's deputy chief of staff Coalter Baker said the secretary "is in good spirits" and "feels fortunate to have access to effective therapeutics which aid and markedly speed his recovery."

The White House has repeatedly refused to say who else has tested positive, even as the virus continues to spread. The latest White House cluster, coming just a month after Trump's own diagnosis and hospitalization, includes a top Trump campaign official as well as a handful of

undisclosed White House staff, officials said.

The White House has been increasingly secretive about outbreaks. Many White House and campaign officials, as well as those who attended the election watch party, were kept in the dark about the diagnoses, unaware until they were disclosed by the press

That the virus would continue to spread in the White House — even though senior staff and those who come into close contact with the president and vice president are frequently tested — has come as no surprise to public health officials who have balked at the White House's lax approach.

And polls suggest that attitude was a serious drag on the president's reelection bid as voters chose to deny Trump a second term in favor of his Democratic rival, now President-Elect Joe Biden.

"The administration was cavalier about the risks of the virus for themselves and for the country. And that's one reason why we have so many cases," said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, a public health professor at Johns Hopkins University's school of public health.

Even Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said he has been avoiding the White House since August "because my impression was their approach to how to handle this was different from mine and what I insisted that we do in the Senate, which is to wear a mask and practice social distancing,"

Trump had long claimed, without basis, that the virus was being hyped by Democrats to hurt his reelection chances and would miraculously "disappear" after Nov. 3.

Meadows in particular has long tried to play down the severity of the virus. He rarely wore a mask in public, except during the period immediately following Trump's infection. At one point, he refused to speak to reporters on Capitol Hill after they requested he wear a mask.

He was again without

one during Tuesday evening's East Room event, where more than 100 of Trump's most loyal supporters, family members and Cabinet secretaries gathered to watch the election results come in and see him deliver what they had hoped would be a victory speech.

It was a festive atmosphere, with half-empty glasses of wine and other beverages strewn across cocktail tables in front of news cameras. Meadows, who spent time with Trump's family beforehand, was seen working the room, including giving several fist-bumps to those in attendance, before Trump took the stage early Wednesday morning.

Harris pays tribute to Black women in first speech as VP-elect

(AP) - Vice president-elect Kamala Harris on Saturday paid tribute to the women, particularly Black women, whose shoulders she stands on as she shatters barriers that have kept mostly white men entrenched at the highest levels of American politics for more than two centuries.

"Tonight I reflect on their struggle, their determination and the strength of their vision to see what can be unburdened by what has been," Harris said, wearing a white suit in tribute to women's suffrage. She called it a testament to President-elect Joe Biden's character that "he had the audacity to break one of the most substantial barriers that exists in our country, and select a woman and his vice president."

"While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last," Harris said in her first post-election address to the nation.

The 56-year-old California senator, also the first person of South Asian descent elected to the vice presidency, represents the multiculturalism that defines America but is largely absent from Washington's power centers. Her Black identity has allowed her to speak in

personal terms in a year of reckoning over police brutality and systemic racism. As the highest-ranking woman ever elected in American government, her victory gives hope to women who were devastated by Hillary Clinton's defeat four years ago.

Harris told little children to "dream with ambition, lead with conviction, and see yourselves in a way that others may not simply because they're never seen it before."

After Biden's speech, she was joined on stage by her family, including her two grandnieces who wore white dresses.

A rising star in Democratic politics for much of the last two decades, Harris served as San Francisco's district attorney and California's attorney general before becoming a U.S. senator. After she ended her own 2020 Democratic presidential campaign, Joe Biden tapped her as his running mate. They will be sworn in as president and vice president on Jan. 20.

Biden's running mate selection carried added significance because he will be the oldest president ever inaugurated, at 78, and hasn't committed to seeking a second term in 2024.

Harris often framed her

candidacy as part of the legacy of pioneering Black women who came before her, including educator Mary McLeod Bethune, civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer and Rep. Shirley Chisholm, the first Black candidate to seek a major party's presidential nomination, in 1972.

She paid tribute to Black women "who are too often overlooked but so often prove they are the backbone of our democracy."

Despite the excitement surrounding Harris, she and Biden face steep challenges, including a pandemic that has taken a disproportionate toll on people of color, and a series of police killings of Black Americans that have deepened racial tensions. Harris' past work as a prosecutor has prompted skepticism among progressives and young voters who are looking

to her to back sweeping institutional change over incremental reforms in policing, drug policy and more.

Jessica Byrd, who leads the Movement for Black Lives' Electoral Justice Project and The Frontline, a multiracial coalition effort to galvanize voters, said she plans to engage in the rigorous organizing work needed to push Harris and Biden toward more progressive policies.

"I deeply believe in the power of Black women's leadership, even when all of our politics don't align," Byrd said. "I want us to be committed to the idea that representation is exciting and it's worthy of celebration and also that we have millions of Black women who deserve a fair shot."

Harris is the second Black woman elected to the Senate. Her colleague, Sen. Cory Booker, who is also Black, said her very presence makes the institution "more accessible to more people" and suggested she would accomplish the same with the vice presidency.

Harris was born in 1964 to two parents active in the civil rights movement. Shyamala Gopalan, from India, and Donald Harris, from Jamaica, met at the University of California, Berkeley, then a hotbed of 1960s activism. They divorced when Harris and her sister were girls, and Harris was raised by her late mother, whom she considers the most important influence in her life.

"When she came here from India at the age of 19, she maybe didn't quite imagine this moment. But she believed so deeply in an America where a moment like this is possible," Harris said Saturday night.

Kamala is Sanskrit for

"lotus flower," and Harris gave nods to her Indian heritage throughout the campaign, including with a callout to her "chitthis," a Tamil word for a maternal aunt, in her first speech as Biden's running mate. When Georgia Sen. David Perdue mocked her name in an October rally, the hashtag #MyNameIs took off on Twitter, with South Asians sharing the meanings behind their names. The mocking of her

name by Republicans, including Trump, was just one of the attacks Harris faced. Trump and his allies sought to brand her as radical and a socialist despite her more centrist record, an effort aimed at making people uncomfortable about the prospect of a Black woman in leadership. She was the target of online disinformation laced with racism and sexism about her qualifications to serve as president.







South Florida feels the wrath of Eta

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Torrential rain from Tropical Storm Eta caused dangerous flooding across Florida's most densely populated urban areas on Monday after it made landfall in the Florida Keys. Cars were stranded and entire neighborhoods were swamped as flash floods rose in areas where the water had no place to drain.

The system's wide reach and heavy rains posed a serious threat across South Florida, an area already drenched from more than 14 inches (350 millimeters) of rain last month. Eta could dump an additional 6 to 12 inches (150 to 300 millimeters), forecasters

"In some areas, the water isn't pumping out as fast as it's coming in," warned Miami Dade Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz.

Eta's center hit land late Sunday as it blew over Lower Matecumbe, in the middle of the chain of small islands that form the Florida Keys. It was moving into the Gulf of Mexico early Monday near where the Everglades meet the sea, with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph (100 kph). It was centered south of Naples, moving west-northwest at 13 mph (20 kph).

Forecasters said it could re-intensify into a minimal hurricane as it slowly moves up the southwest Gulf Coast, centered just far enough offshore to maintain its strength while dumping vast amounts of water across the lower third of the Florida peninsula.

Fort Lauderdale Mayor Dean Trantalis called it a 100-year rain event, drenching already saturated streets. City officials dispatched some 24 tanker trucks with giant vacuums to soak up water from the past few weeks, but many were being pulled off the roads as conditions worsened overnight.

Some older neighborhoods simply don't have any drainage. The city passed out 6,000 sandbags to worried residents over the weekend but water seeped into homes and stranded cars in parking lots and along roadways.

"Once the ground becomes saturated, there's really no place for the water to go," Trantalis said. "It's not like a major hurricane. It's more of a rain event,

and we're just doing our best to ensure that the people in our community are being protected."

A tractor-trailer was left dangling off the elevated Palmetto Expressway in Miami early Monday morning, the Florida Highway Patrol reported. The driver lost control on the rain-slickened road and suffered minor injuries, CBS 4 in Miami reported.

"Please take this storm seriously," urged Palm Beach County Emergency Management Director Bill Johnson. "Please don't drive through flooded roadways."

Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez said he was in frequent contact with county water officials about the struggle to drain the flooded waters, which has stalled vehicles. washed over intersections and crept into some homes.

Firefighters pulled a person from a car that had driven into a canal Sunday night in Lauderhill, Florida, north of Miami. The patient was hospitalized in critical condition, according to a statement from Lauderhill Fire.

In the Florida Keys, the mayor ordered mandatory evacuations for mobile home parks, campgrounds and RV parks and those in low-lying areas. School districts closed, saying the roads were already too flooded and the winds could be too gusty for buses to transport students. But the islands were spared any major damage, and officials expected shelters to close and schools to reopen by Tuesday.

Eta also wasn't done yet

with Cuba, just 90 miles south of Florida, where the storm continued to swell rivers and flood coastal zones on Monday. Some 25,000 were evacuated with no reports of deaths, but rainfall continued, with total accumulations of up to 25 inches (635 mm) predicted.

Eta initially hit Nicaragua as a Category 4 hurricane before wreaking havoc around Central America. Authorities from Panama to Mexico were still surveying the damage after days of torrential rain. Official death tolls totaled at least 68 people, but hundreds more were missing and many thousands were in shelters after flash floods tore through communities of improvised homes on unstable

Astronauts prepare for second SpaceX crew flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Four astronauts arrived at Kennedy Space Center on Sunday for SpaceX's second crew launch, coming up next weekend.

For NASA, it marks the long-awaited start of regular crew rotations at the International Space Station, with private companies providing the lifts. There will be double the number of astronauts as the test flight earlier this year, and their mission will last a full six months.

"Make no mistake: Every flight is a test flight when it comes to space travel. But it's also true that we need to routinely be able to go to the International Space Station," NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said in welcoming the astronauts to Kennedy.

The crew of three Americans and one Japanese are scheduled to rocket away Saturday night, provided approaching Tropical Storm Eta doesn't interfere. It will be a speedy trip to the space station, a six-orbit express lasting under nine hours.

The astronauts have named their Dragon capsule Resilience given all the challenges of 2020: coronavirus and social isolation, protests against racial injustice, and a particularly difficult election and campaign season. They have been in quarantine for a week or two and taking safety precautions — masks and social distancing — long

before that.

"It's been a tough year for everybody for a lot of different reasons," crew commander Mike Hopkins said after flying in from Houston. "We felt like if the name of our vehicle could give a little hope, a little inspiration, put a smile on people's face, then that is definitely what we wanted to do."

The four will remain in orbit until spring, when their replacements arrive aboard another SpaceX Dragon capsule. The cargo version of the capsule also will keep making regular deliveries of food and supplies.

spaceX's Benji Reed

said the company expects to launch seven Dragons over the next 14 months: three for crew and four for cargo.

"Every time there's a Dragon launch, there will be two Dragons in space," said Reed, director of crew mission management.

NASA's other hired taxi service, meanwhile, Boeing, isn't expected to fly its first crew until next summer. The company plans a second unpiloted test flight in a couple months; the first one suffered so many software problems that the Starliner capsule failed to reach the space station.

NASA turned to private companies for space station deliveries — cargo, then crew — following the shuttle fleet's retirement in 2011. U.S. astronauts kept hitching rides on Russian rockets at increasingly steep prices. The last Soyuz ticket cost NASA \$90 million.

SpaceX finally ended NASA's nearly decade-long launch drought for astronauts last May, successfully delivering a pair of test pilots to the space station from Kennedy for a two-month stay. The returning capsule was scrutinized by SpaceX following its splashdown, resulting in a few changes

for this second flight. Engineers discovered excessive erosion in the heat shield from the searing reentry temperatures; the company shored up the vulnerable section for the upcoming launch, said SpaceX's Hans Koenigsmann, a vice president. Improvements also were made to the altitude-measuring system for the parachutes, after the chutes opened a little too low on the first astronaut flight. More recently, the Falcon rocket had two engines replaced because of contamination from a red lacquer used in processing. The engine swaps delayed the flight two weeks.

Perhaps the biggest surprise from the first SpaceX crew flight was all the private boats full of gawkers who surrounded the capsule in the Gulf of Mexico following splashdown in August. Koenigsmann promises a bigger keep-out zone and more patrols for future returns.

The second crew has three veteran fliers and one first-timer:

Hopkins, 51, is an
Air Force colonel and former space station resident who grew up on a hog and cattle farm in Missouri.
Navy Cmdr. Victor

— Navy Cmdr. Victor Glover, 44, is the pilot and the lone space rookie; he's from the Los Angeles area and will be the first African American astronaut to move into the space station for a long stay.

— Shannon Walker, 55, a Houston-born-and-raised physicist, also has lived before on the space station; her husband, retired astronaut Andrew Thomas, helped build the outpost.

— The Japanese Space Agency's Soichi Noguchi, 55, another former station resident, will become the first person in decades to launch on three kinds of rocketships; he's already flown on a U.S. space shuttle and Russian Soyuz.

They will join two Russians and one American

who arrived at the space station last month from Kazakhstan.

Hopkins and his crew will ride to the launch pad in Teslas — SpaceX founder Elon Musk's other company — in spacesuits color-coordinated with the spacecraft. But beneath all the good looks is "lots of amazing capability," according to Glover.

"It's a very sleek capsule. But it's got the advantage of having great leaps in technology since the last time we built spacecraft here in this country," Walker said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Noguchi, who along with Walker joined the crew just this year, is particularly excited about riding a Dragon. In Japan, the dragon is an esteemed mythical creature — "almost a ride to the heaven."

"It's quite a privilege to learn how to train the Dragon actually, how to ride a Dragon," he said. "SpaceX did pretty good job teaching from scratch to dragon rider in six months."

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Veterans

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open position at Operation Rebuild Hope, that "tugged on (his) heart" a little more, giving him reason to move to Coos County, he said.

Now, as case manager, Pardo spends his time re-navigating many of the systems he went through after leaving the military — but this time, he does it for the nonprofit's residents. Getting one individual into addiction treatment has been one of the organization's biggest successes, thanks to Pardo.

"We've been able to knock down a lot of barriers," Pardo said. "I'm busy."

Even things that seem like they should be simple come with barriers that can be all but impossible to navigate for homeless veterans without a guide like Pardo. Getting into certain treatment programs, for example, requires multiple appointments and legal documents, and the process has to start over if even one of those steps is missing.

Making sure that veterans have the appropriate identification and VA forms all falls in Pardo's area of expertise, too. He's working to become a certified case manager during his first year with the nonprofit.

"There's always forks in the road," Pardo said. "To help everybody else take the right road, that's what keeps me going."

The nonprofit has helped about two dozen veterans so far — though they "never leave Operation Rebuild Hope," Wright says.

For the nonprofit's leaders, Bryan's Home isn't only about the veterans it'll be able to house

it's about the impact the construction can have on the

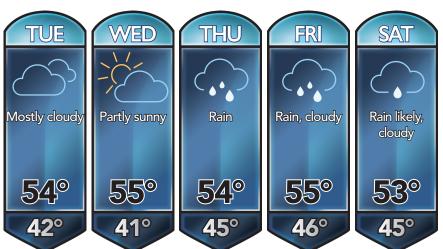
community, too. 'It's a community building," said Angie Archer, ORH's marketing manager and a veteran of the Air

Many of the materials used to renovate the 150-year-old building and much of the labor involved was donated, Archer said. Whatever wasn't donated came from local companies, even if out-of-area companies could have been more efficient.

The organization wants the building to have a ripple effect, by keeping the project's funding within the community, Archer and Wright said. The two grew up in the area and graduated from local high schools.

"Nobody's going to come into Coos Bay to do it," Archer said.

While the house is almost



done, there's still a bit of work to go. The interior doors they've ordered, for example, won't be ready until December unless they can find another supplier.

The nonprofit's also had a challenging time securing the right funding during the COVID-19 pandemic, Wright said. Some state and nonprofit grants dried up

when the pandemic hit, and others changed their criteria for prioritizing projects.

Now, the group needs around \$30,000 to finish the job. After Bryan's Home is done, ORH plans to expand its emergency housing to include spaces for women and is in the development process for a tiny home village, the last step in the

organization's housing plan.

Wright hopes that community members and state grant agencies will recognize the project's potential value and chip in to the effort.

'It's not always just what our mission is," Wright said. "It's what the value of our mission is to the community."



Zack Demars, The World

Bryan's Home will have space for two families. Executive Director Patrick Wright says he has a family of seven that could be ready to move in right away once his crews can finish the project.



Crews put finishing touches on the kitchen's ceiling in Bryan's Home. The industrial kitchen will allow residents to gain experience in a restaurant-style environment that could be applied to jobs, according to Executive Director Patrick Wright.

the commanding officer

Green

the call. Just a few minutes before they arrived, three of those men were trapped inside the vessel's wheel-

"They were all kind of, you could tell, in shock," Benavidez said.

The three men owe their survival in large part to Green: An employee at the nearby Russel's Marine Fuel and Supply, Green saw the sinking vessel and jumped into the water. That was a "high" moment, Green said — one when he felt the adrenaline pushing him to help the men.

"It doesn't seem like that big of a task until you're out there doing

it," Green said.

Once he swam out to the fishing boat, Green began hitting the wheelhouse window with a hammer dozens of times as it filled with water, the three men still inside.

But then, on the deck of the boat, Green hit a low point: His foot got stuck in some of the gear on the deck, and he felt water creeping up his leg. He still couldn't free his foot.

"It was the minute my foot got stuck, I wanted to get off that boat as bad as they did," Green said.

Still, Green kept hitting the window. Eventually, he gave up on the hammer, and used his fist instead. With a bloody arm, he'd broken the window open and was able to pull



Zack Demars. The World

Curtis Green holds the certificate and medal he was awarded by the U.S. Coast Guard.

the men through. That was another

"high" moment, he said. "I felt like Oprah Winfrey," Green said. "You get a life! You get a life!"

With Green's help, the three men escaped with only minor cuts and bruises. When Coast Guard leaders heard about Green's actions that day, they agreed to honor him with the Distinguished Public

Service Award, according

to Captain Olav Saboe,

at Sector North Bend. "Curtis (Green) really

epitomizes what each and every one of us, that is wearing a coast guard uniform, why we joined," Saboe told guests at Friday's ceremony. "It's to save others — 'so others may live' is our unofficial motto, and Curtis definitely exemplified that."

After the ceremony, Green said he was grateful for the recognition, but was largely focused on the three men who escaped the boat and the community that came together to help them afterwards. He still connects with the men, he said.

"I'd like to receive this in their honor," Green told the small crowd of Coast Guard members

and family members. "They had a lost crab season and stuff, I really appreciate the way the community came together for those fishermen, and I think that even as bad as it was there was so much good that came out of that for our community."

fishermen in the community would've done the same thing, Green said the experience gave him an appreciation for the work of rescue crews and law enforcement (as well as a reason for him to start researching life insurance policies).

Noting that many other

'I don't know if I could do it again," Green said. "It's not a job for me. I'll leave the cold water for these guys."

School

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put the brakes on sending more kids into classrooms. Still, district leaders

options. "I'm cautiously optimistic that we will have our fourth and fifth graders return," said North Bend School District

Superintendent Kevin

are considering their

Bogatin. Before that can happen, Bogatin says the district has a lot to figure out. District officials have

to make sure that there's enough space in school buildings for appropriate social distancing, and that heaters and building ventilation systems work well enough to circulate air, even when windows are closed for the winter.

The district also has to focus on teachers, some of whom have concerns about coming back into contact with students and increasing their risk of catching the virus.

"We will be watching the metrics pretty closely over the next few weeks," he said. "I think there's a lot of benefits that our kids get from seeing each other, from seeing their teachers."

Leaders in that district tentatively announced Nov. 30 as a possible return date for kindergarten through sixth grade, though Bogatin said that's highly dependent upon what procedures the district can work out and how the county's health data progresses.

Coos Bay School District leaders haven't announced any plans for opening more classrooms, but said last week they'd be reviewing the metrics and the district's options.

In the Coquille School District, school leaders are hoping to jump on the chance to reopen some grade levels. Coquille Valley Elementary announced a plan Wednesday to allow some fourthto sixth-grade students to return to in-person classes on a half day schedule.

"The turnaround time is fairly quick as our two week data that says we can open could change on November 13," principal

Geoff Wetherell and vice principal Maureen Marsh wrote in a letter to Coquille Valley Elementary families. "If we are not open for grades 4-6 by then, the new data could prevent that from taking place."

The school's plan allows for families in those grades to choose between students continuing with online learning or spending half of each day in a school classroom.

According to CHW's Gleason, each new week's data is highly dependent on whether or not all county residents are heeding the advice of health officials by wearing masks, socially distancing and avoiding interpersonal gatherings.

"I think it's going to be imperative that we get the elementary school youth back to where they need to be, Gleason said. "I'm cautiously optimistic that we can make this work, but it is ultimately going to take all of us together as a whole — Coos County needs to work together to make sure that our youth have that opportunity."

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Oregon opens with win over Stanford

EUGENE (AP) — While it was admittedly strange without fans in the stands, Oregon quarterback Tyler Shough and the No. 12 Ducks still found motivation in their season opener.

Shough picked up where Justin Herbert left off, throwing for 227 yards and a touchdown and running for another score to lead Oregon to a 35-14 victory over short-handed Stanford on Saturday night.

Stanford was hurt before game even kicked off when it was announced that starting quarterback Davis Mills was unavailable.

Receiver Connor Wedington

and defensive end Trey LaBounty were also listed as unavailable because of COVID-19 testing results and contact tracing protocols. Stanford did not specify whether the players had tested positive, but Wedington said on Twitter that he tested negative.

Shough completed 17 of 26 passes with one interception, and ran for 85 yards, as he assumed the starter's role now that Herbert has moved on to the NFL. With Herbert at quarterback, Oregon went 12-2 last season and won the Rose Bowl over Wisconsin.

In a coronavirus-shortened season, every win will be valuable for the Ducks.

"It was really weird running out of the tunnel, without the Duck on the motorcycle," Shough said about the lack of usual game-day festivities at Autzen Stadium. "We had to create our own juice."

CJ Verdell ran for 105 yards and a score for Oregon, which won its 11th straight game at Autzen Stadium, the seventh longest active streak in the nation.

Mills started in six games for the Cardinal last season, throwing for 1,960 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was replaced by backup Jack West, who made his second career start. Stanford also used freshman Tanner McKee.

West completed 13 of 19 passes for 154 yards for Stanford, which went 4-8 last season to snap a 10-year bowl streak. Austin Jones ran for 100 yards and two touchdowns but Jet Toner missed four field goal attempts.

"We were missing obviously a couple of our starters. Tough to find that out couple hours before the game," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "Once again, coaches made adjustments. Thankfully we didn't have to adjust too many things. Jack West stepped in as starting quarterback and run our operation."

After Toner's first attempt was off, Stanford took the early lead on Jones' 4-yard touchdown run.

Oregon answered on the ensuing drive with Verdell's 10-yard scoring run. Verdell is the Pac-12's top returning running back with 1,220 rushing yards last season. Shough found Mycah Pittman with a 44-yard pass on the scoring drive.

Toner's 40-yard attempt in the second quarter went wide left before Oregon pulled in front on Shough's 5-yard touchdown pass to DJ Johnson.

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Elliott races to **NASCAR** crown

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) - The new face of NASCAR circled Phoenix Raceway for a celebratory lap of his finest achievement. Chase Elliott, NA-SCAR's most popular driver, was now a Cup champion, too.

He came upon teammate Jimmie Johnson, who banged doors with Elliott. Then the seven-time champion, in his final race, gave Elliott a fist bump.

The torch has officially been passed.

This is NASCAR's Camelot. Elliott did what Dale Earnhardt Jr. could not and parlayed the popularity gleamed off his Hall of Fame father into a NA-SCAR championship. The son of "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville" Georgia solidified himself as the new face of Hendrick Motorsports, of Chevrolet and of NASCAR on the day the greatest driver of this generation called it

Elliott drove from the back of the field to victory lane at Phoenix to win for Hendrick and Chevrolet, which had been shut out of the title race since Johnson won his seventh and final crown

"I just never would have thought that this year would have gone like it has," Elliott said. "I mean, NASCAR Cup Series champion, are you kidding me?

Unreal." He shared a long hug with Johnson, who joined Elliott for the victory celebration.

"Oh my gosh, I mean, to share a moment like that, Jimmie's last race, to win and lock the championship," said Elliott, "those are moments you can only dream, you know, and this is a dream.

"Just hoping I don't ever wake

Elliott's car failed pre-race inspection and the penalty cost him the pole when he was sent to the rear. But he raced his way through traffic in the first stage and then took control of the championship. Elliott led seven times for a race-high 153

Johnson finished fifth — his best result since August — in his final ride in Hendrick's No. 48 Chevrolet.

'My heart is full," said Johnson, who is tied with Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt with seven titles. His 83 victories rank sixth on the career wins list and his stretch of five consecutive titles from 2006-2010 is a NASCAR record.

Asked what he will remember about his 686th race, Johnson said it will be Elliott's breakthrough.

"Chase Elliott won his first championship. I'm so happy for that guy," he said. "I can recall going snowboarding with Bill out in Colorado and Chase was maybe 8 years old on skis, super quiet, wouldn't say much.

"To watch him grow up and to be around him and to give him some advice from time to time has really been meaningful for me. I think more about him winning a championship more than anything."

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John Gunther Photos, The World

Myrtle Point quarterback Luke Nicholson waits for the snap during a scrimmage against Reedsport on Friday night.

Football teams get night under the lights

JOHN GUNTHER The World

COOS BAY — In a normal year, Friday night might have marked the start of the football playoffs for South Coast schools.

This year, thrown out of normalcy by the COVID-19 pandemic, it marked the start of any football competition for five South Coast schools.

Marshfield, North Bend, Reedsport, Myrtle Point and Brookings-Harbor gathered at Pete Susick Stadium for a seven-on-seven jamboree, each meeting the other four teams in 25-minute scrimmages.

For at least one week in 2020, it was football under the Friday night lights.

"It's great to be back," said North Bend coach Gary Prince. "The best thing is being able to hang out with the kids again."

That was a common perspec-

New Reedsport head coach Bill Shaw said he only had a few days of practice for his group, but was pleased 24 showed up.

"I can't say how much I appreciate Marshfield and North Bend hosting this stuff and letting our kids get out to do something,"



North Bend receiver Konnor Jelinek focuses before running a route during Friday's jamboree.

The schools plan to get together seven more times at Marshfield and North Bend as part of the second portion of the fall season, which also includes boys and girls soccer for Marshfield and North Bend and basketball skills competitions that also will include other schools.

As with the first part of the fall, fans will not be allowed because of the ongoing pandemic.

The seven-on-seven variety of football includes just a quarterback and receivers against defenders. The quarterback has a limited amount of time to pass

the ball and cannot run it. Coaches hope to add lineman competitions in the coming weeks — for now those position players are working out with the rest of the team, but not participating in the jamborees.

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Luton is solid in first NFL start for Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jake Luton's first NFL start won't be his last. The Jacksonville Jaguars don't think it will be his best, either.

The sixth-round draft pick from Oregon State could end up supplanting Gardner Minshew (thumb) for the rest of the season. Coach Doug Marrone certainly liked what he saw from the rookie in a 27-25 loss to Houston on Sunday.

"I was impressed with a lot of things," Marrone said. "I thought he made some really nice throws. I thought there's some that obviously he'd like to have back. When it's your first time starting and you're down by a score and a 2-point conversion and lead your team down the field to potentially tie the game, I think

that's another checkmark.

"There's a lot of checkmarks." Luton completed 26 of 38 passes for 304 yards, including a perfectly placed, 73-yard touchdown pass to DJ Chark on the game's opening possession. He became the first rookie in franchise history to top 300 yards passing in his first start.

His strong arm was evident. His athleticism was surprising.

Luton scrambled for 13 yards to make it a two-point game with 1:39 remaining. He stiff-armed rookie Jon Greenard and then spun away from Keion Crossen and into the end zone.

"I wouldn't say it's my strength, but it's something I can do," Luton said. "It's not something I choose to do, but when the opportunity arises, I'm going to try to go out and make a play with my feet and was able to do that. It was fun. It was pretty cool to have that play.'

He took more pride in the stiff

"The spin move, I didn't really know what I doing," Luton said. "I was trying to make something happen.'

His day wasn't all good,

though. Luton threw an interception and had a fumble that a teammate recovered. But those were somewhat expected, especially considering he was playing against Texans star J.J. Watt, who notched his 100th career sack in Houston's sixth straight victory

in the series. Luton also had a chance to tie the game, but his 2-point conversion pass to Chark landed at the receiver's feet in the end zone.

"It was just a bad ball," Luton said. "Really no other excuse for

Still, the Jaguars saw enough to think Luton has something they can build around.

"It's just being comfortable and confident in himself," said James Robinson, who ran 25 times for 99 yards and a score. "He showed everyone that he can do that, so I like it going

forward." Added Chark, who finished with seven catches for a season-high 146 yards: "He stepped into a divisional game and he never showed any nerves. He just played football and did what was

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Johnson finishes fifth in final NASCAR race

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Jimmie Johnson strode into the final news conference of his NASCAR career wearing a black hat with "One Final Shot" on the front. Told he was the first driver in the room after Sunday's race at Phoenix Raceway, the seven-time Cup champion had a quick response.

"I won something this year," he said. Johnson closed out one of the greatest careers in NASCAR history by finishing fifth at Phoenix — first among the drivers not in the Cup playoffs.

The 45-year-old spent some of the final moments in his No. 48 car pumping his fist and shouting from the window at Hendricks Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott after the 24-year-old won his first Cup championship.

After his final news conference, Johnson tossed cans of beer to his crew and toasted former crew chief Chad Knaus back out on the track.

A solid finish to a stellar career.

"It was nice to be competitive out there, but my bucket's full," Johnson said. "NA-SCAR has been so wonderful for me. This journey has been more than I could have dreamed of or expected. Last couple years weren't as I would have dreamed up, but I've experienced the highest of highs and worked with the greatest of people."

Johnson announced last year this would be his final NASCAR season so he could spend more time with family, run a partial IndyCar season next year and pursue other ways to keep the adrenaline flowing.

Knaus also ran his final race Sunday -- he's moving to an executive role with Hendricks Motorsports -- as did Clint Bowyer, who finished 24th.

Bowyer is headed to the Fox Sports booth after 15 full Cup seasons and 10 career wins. A former Xfinity Series

Cindric captures Xfinity Series title

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Austin Cindric charged on fresh tires to his first NASCAR championship with a gutsy overtime drive Saturday to win the Xfinity Series finale at Phoenix Raceway.

Cindric was already headed toward the win when title-favorite Chase Briscoe spun with six laps remaining. It brought out a caution that forced Cindric and Team Penske into a bold race-deciding strategy call.

Cindric handed contender Justin Allgaier the lead by pitting for new tires. a call that dropped Cindric to third for the two-lap overtime shootout. Cindric didn't once sweat the decision because he'd played loose headed into the finale after a disappointing playoffs.

"You'd think I'd be nervous this entire weekend, but given how important this race was for me and my team I was happy to be here, happy to be racing for a championship and that mentality has paid off," Cindric said. "I've been points racing for the last six weeks and I got to drive my (butt) off for one day.'

Allgaier had taken new tires on the previous pit stop — he and Cindric were on opposite strategies — and Allgaier restarted as the leader. He chose the top lane and Cindric chose to start up there, too, right behind Allgaier.

Cindric had to first wrestle with Noah Gragson, Allgaier's JR Motorsports teammate, for position before he got his shot at Allgaier. Gragson moved to

champion, he won races for Chevrolet, Toyota and then Ford after replacing Hall of Famer Tony Stewart in the No. 14 when he retired in 2016.

A solid career, just not like Johnson's.

the lead and then Cindric bounced off Allgaier as the two took the white flag.

Cindric cleared Allgaier and, even though he didn't have to win the race to win the title, he chased down Gragson for extra measure.

It was Cindric's sixth win of the season but first of what had been an underwhelming playoffs. He wasn't as strong as Briscoe during the playoffs but quickly showed Saturday the No. 22 Ford was legitimate.

Cindric led 72 laps and was in control until Briscoe's spin. His victory gave Team Penske one championship on the weekend with a shot for one more. Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano race in the Cup Series' final four Sunday.

"This thing came to life lap one," said Cindric.

Cindric celebrated by standing atop his Ford boldly waving the championship banner. The 22-year-old is not moving up to Cup next season because of Penske's long-term planning. He'll run a handful of Cup races, compete for a second Xfinity Series title, and move to Wood Brothers Racing to drive the No. 21 in Cup in 2022.

He's the son of Team Penske President Tim Cindric, but said he's come a long way on his own merit. Cindric before this season was winless on ovals a road course ace, if you will — but his Pheonix victory was his fourth oval win of the season.

Johnson and Knaus teamed up to dominate NASCAR for more than a decade in the No. 48, pulling in a record-tying seven championships, including a staggering stretch of five straight. Hall of Famers Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt are the only other drivers with seven championships.

Labeled boring early in his career, Johnson proved to be anything but, becoming a popular pitchman, fan favorite and one of the most well-liked drivers on the circuit.

When Johnson's final race was over, the respect was evident as crewmembers from every team lined the wall to high five the popular driver before he rides off into the sunset.

"That respect from my peers and respect from my industry is something I'll never, ever forget," Johnson said. "."

Johnson clinched his final title in 2016 and won his last race the following year. putting his career-ending winless streak at three years after Sunday's race at Phoenix. He failed to reach the playoffs his final season in part because of a positive COVID-19 test in June that caused him to miss the first of 685 Cup races.

Johnson led 103 combined laps in 36 races this season -- none at Phoenix.

He started 26th in his career finale and gradually worked his way toward the front at a track where he's won four times.

Johnson cracked the top 10 after about 100 laps and was third around 140 laps before a round of green-flag pit stops dropped him to ninth.

He rallied to finish fifth for his ninth top-10 of his final season, first since Dover in August.

"It definitely feels good to run well in my final race here," Johnson said. "I've got a tent full of family and friends back there. I didn't have too much riding on making sure I had a good run here because I always plan to run well in my head, I always feel like I should."

He almost always did, a big reason why Johnson will go down as one of the greatest drivers in NASCAR history.

No spectators means no roars at the Masters this week

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) The roars were endless Sunday at the Masters, coming from everywhere for just about everyone.

One moment stood out in 2011.

From below the rise of the fairway on the par-5 eighth hole, it sounded like a sonic boom. That was an eagle cheer coming from the green, no doubt. But for whom?

"Tiger Woods just came through," a marshal said, and thus ended the mystery.

But it didn't end there. Woods, who started that final round seven shots out of the lead, now was tied for the lead. Moments later, as Woods headed to the ninth tee, another cheer rang out from the 18th green. And then, another one down by Amen Corner. And then a third cheer in the direction of the 15th

More birdies? Eagles? No, it was the crowd scattered across the golf course responding to seeing scoreboards change as Woods moved into a tie for the lead. He couldn't keep it going. That was the year eight players had at least a

share of the lead at some point on the back nine until Charl Schwartzel finished with four straight birdies.

An incredible day. Amazing atmosphere.

And now, silence. This Masters in November will be missing the patrons because of the COVID-19 pandemic and missing the very essence of what makes Augusta National so magical.

"It echoes there. It travels," Woods said. "It's unlike any place in the world."

Woods has heard his share. He probably can still hear the lustrous chants of "Tiger!" after he celebrated a fifth and most unlikely Masters victory last year. Or the change in pitch from anticipation to letdown to delirium when his chip on the 16th hole in 2005 trickled down the hill, stopped for a full second on the brim of the cup until gravity took over and the ball dropped for a birdie.

Ask what one moment stood out and it wasn't even for him.

He was paired in the final round with Davis Love III in 1998. Right behind

them was 58-year-old Jack Nicklaus, making an early charge, chipping in for birdie on No. 3.

"The roars were so much louder. Those were Nicklaus roars," Woods said. "And that's what I had grown up watching and got a chance to experience in person."

Nicklaus had company in producing a cheer that Phil Mickelson still remembers. It was the second round of 1991. Mickelson, the 20-year-old U.S. Amateur champion, opened with a 69 and was on the 18th green.

"Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus were playing together and on the 16th green, one of them made the putt from down below to the front right up-on-top pin. And the place erupted to the point where the ground actually shook and you could feel the vibrations in my feet," Mickelson said. "And moments later,

the other player — I don't know who putted first between Tom and Jack made the same putt and the place erupted again," he said. "That was my first Masters."

A charge even more stunning than Woods in 2011 — which also fell short — was Jordan Spieth in 2018. He started the final round nine shots behind, and his birdie on the 16th put him at 9-under for the day and tied with Patrick Reed. Along for the ride that day was Justin Thomas, friends with Spieth since they were teenagers.

"He made about a 35-footer and that was the loudest roar I've ever heard in my life. It felt like the ground was moving. It was insane," Thomas said. "I'm getting goosebumps just thinking about it, talking about it. It was unreal."

Louis Oosthuizen could hear better than he could see when in 2012 he became the only player to make an albatross on the par-5 second hole, holing a 4-iron from 253 yards. He never saw the ball go in the hole, but he saw the people.

And he could hear them. "I remember seeing it go up and disappearing behind the bunker," he said. "Then I remember looking at the people. You can see the

NASCAR

front row get up from their seat, and then everyone erupted. It's something I'll always see in my mind."

Nick Price could only see a putter. But, oh, that sound.

He was coming off the first 63 in Masters history in the third round of 1986, putting him in the final group with Greg Norman. Both were struggling midway through the back nine in a year when a half-dozen players had a chance to win. One of them was the 46-year-old Nicklaus, who took the lead with a birdie putt on the 17th.

"The cheers were going up all over the place. Honestly, the atmosphere was electric. I don't have the superlatives to describe it," Price said. "Norman and I were walking off 15 tee, walking past 17 green, when Jack holed that putt. We couldn't see too well with all the people, so all we saw was the putter go up in the air. And the roar ... it was deafening."

The sound is different for eagles than birdies. Anything around the 16th hole on Sunday with the pin below the ridge can only mean a hole-in-one.

And when the roars are for Nicklaus or Palmer, Woods or Mickelson, it's a different decibel. Rory McIlroy remem-

bers his first Masters. It was 2009, and the 19-yearold from Northern Ireland made a respectable debut. That was the year Woods and Mickelson were paired together in the final round, the undercard to another pulsating finish.

"I was coming down 15, and Tiger and Phil were coming up 7," McIlroy said. "They went out in 30 and 33. It was my first Masters, I remember being on the back nine, the roars and cheers, they were six deep on either side."

And then his thoughts turned to November, an autumn Masters.

A quiet Masters.

"The way I see it, every hole at Augusta will be like what we experience on the 12th green," McIlroy said. That green is some 150 yards away from the nearest spectator, most of it hidden by bunkers.

'You hole a putt, people can't see if it goes in," he said. "Every year we experience one hole like that. But not the other 17."

Timbers draw in finale, finish third in West

LOS ANGELES (AP) Jorge Villafana scored in the 90th minute, and the Portland Timbers played to a 1-1 draw against LAFC on Sunday as both teams wrapped up the regular season bound for the playoffs.

LAFC's Diego Rossi claimed the league's Golden Boot with 14 goals in the coronavirus-shortened season. He had a chance to up his final total against the Timbers, but he hit the

post twice.

LAFC (9-8-5) finished seventh in the Western Conference standings and will visit Minnesota United in the opening round of the playoffs. The Timbers (11-6-6) finished third and will host FC Dallas.

The Timbers headed into Decision Day vying for the top spot in the West with the Seattle Sounders and Sporting Kansas City. Portland was atop the table but dropped with a 1-0 loss to Colorado on Wednesday.

Carlos Vela made his first start since Aug. 22 and scored on a rebound goal in the fifth minute. Vela was working his way back from an MCL injury.

Portland's best chance before Villafana's header came in the 80th minute, when Diego Valeri was unmarked in the box, but his shot was stopped by LAFC goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer.

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Elliott, who turns 25 later this month, has followed his father's footsteps. Bill Elliott won the 1988 championship and 16 times was voted by the fans NASCAR's most popular driver.

Chase Elliott became the fan favorite in 2018 after Earnhardt Jr. retired. He's the first most popular driver to win the championship since his father won his only title.

The Elliotts joined Lee and Richard Petty and Ned and Dale Jarrett as just the third father-son combination to win a NASCAR Cup title. The Elliotts, along with Hall of Famer Tim Flock, are the only three drivers from Georgia to win the title.

Hendrick Motorsports extended its NASCAR record with a 13th championship.

Elliott passed Joey Logano with 42 laps remaining and pulled away in a race Elliott controlled even as the four title contenders ran 1-2-3-4 most of the afternoon. Elliott had charged through the field during the first stage to clump the four contenders in the winner-take-all season finale.

It was Elliott's fifth win of the season, trailing only Kevin Harvick (nine) and Denny Hamlin (seven). Elliott's win at Martinsville last week not only locked him into the final four, but eliminated regular-season champion Harvick.

"I felt like we took some really big strides this year, and last week was a huge one," said Elliott, who also won the All-Star race at Bristol. "To come out of that with a win and a shot to come here and have a chance to race is unbelievable."

Elliott beat Brad Keselowski, who was followed by Team Penske teammate Logano and then Hamlin, who is now 0 for 4 in title races. Hamlin is considered along with Hall of Famer Mark Martin the best driver without a Cup title.

"No one has won more than we have over the last two years. Pretty proud what this team is doing," Hamlin said. "We'll come back and do it again next year."

Hamlin was the only driver among the final four not to lead a lap at Phoenix, where he won last November.

Logano led 125 laps, but

most of them early.

"It stings not winning, I'm not going to lie. It hurts," he said.

Keselowski had been holding out hope for a late caution to set up a short sprint to the finish, which is how both the Truck Series and Xfinity Series titles were decided the previous two nights.

"I would have loved to have raced it out," Keselowski said. "We just didn't get any yellows.'

The race had just four total cautions, three of them scheduled breaks. It made Elliott's coronation look easy.

The race completed NASCAR's frenzied 38-race schedule that was overhauled because of the pandemic. The season was suspended five days after NASCAR raced at Phoenix in March, a race won by Logano, and the engines idled for 10 weeks.

But facing crippling financial losses to the teams and the industry, NASCAR was one of the first sports to resume competition. NASCAR went racing again May 17 and used doubleheaders, midweek races and a massive scheduling shuffle to complete the season for all three of its national series.

Football

"They're working on fundamental drills, strength drills, agility drills," Marshfield coach John Lemmons said.

The goals are the same, whether it's the linemen or the quarterbacks and receivers.

We're just trying to get better at the little things,' For the first time out, Lemmons and the other

coaches were pretty good. "I thought the kids did pretty well," Lemmons

Prince said seven-on-seven goes back to the basics — pre-snap and post-snap reads of the de-

fense for the quarterbacks and running precise routes and catching the ball for the receivers.

"We had fun," he said. "We just want to see if we can get better between now and next Thursday.

Marshfield and North Bend didn't start focusing on football until after the first portion of the fall season, which included baseball and softball, outside volleyball and track and field.

Myrtle Point, meanwhile, has been having practices for each of its sports seasons on a different day each week, but hadn't had any competitions before Friday.

And then there was Reedsport, which only finalized plans a few days before the first jamboree.

"A week ago, I didn't think my kids were going to be able to do anything,' Shaw said. "We had three days of practice, nothing under the lights."

But he was thrilled for

the opportunity. "I'm excited about where we're headed," Shaw said.

The teams had mixed success for the first time out. After they were done with the final scrimmage of the night, players from Marshfield and North Bend, good friends from rival schools, visited for a while.

"They're all friends," Lemmons said. "It's good to just see kids out doing stuff again."

Washington State beats Beavers behind new QB

CORVALLIS (AP) — Jayden de Laura passed for two touchdowns and ran for a score in his college debut, leading Washington State to a 38-28 victory Saturday night over Oregon State in the Pac-12 opener for both schools.

De Laura, a 6-foot, 195-pound freshman from Honolulu, completed 18 of 33 passes for 227 yards and also rushed for 43

Deon McIntosh had 147 yards rushing and a touchdown as the Cougars amassed 456 total yards.

Nick Rolovich got a win in his first game as coach at Washington State, which was without running back Max Borghi. The

junior — who has 28 career touchdowns, including 16 last season — reportedly hurt his back in practice.

But McIntosh played well in his Borghi's absence, and de Laura showed poise in his first

"The good thing about Jayden is, he was comfortable when he got off the plane," Rolovich said. "And this moment wasn't too big for him. He loves football, he loves winning, he loves playing and he wants to get better."

The Beavers rallied late behind quarterback Tristan Gebbia and cut the lead to 31-28 with 2:39 remaining on Jermar Jefferson's 15-yard run, and

Gebbia's 2-point conversion pass to Trevon Bradford.

But Washington State recovered the on-side kick and scored on the next play — a 44-yard touchdown run by Travell Harris.

Gebbia passed for 329 yards and a touchdown, and Jefferson ran for 120 yards and three scores, but it wasn't enough for the Beavers, who haven't had a winning season since 2013.

The Beavers failed to move the ball on their first three pos-

"As an offense it starts with me," Gebbia said. "You can't start slow like that."

McIntoch ran 49 yards on a third-and-10 draw play, and de Laura's 5-yard touchdown run on the next play gave the Cougars a 21-7 advantage early in the third

Washington State extended its lead to 28-7 on de Laura's 28-yard touchdown pass to Harris midway through the third

Oregon State answered with Jefferson's 1-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 28-14.

'They just played a little better than us," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "And we dug a hole that we couldn't get out of."

THE TAKEAWAY: Jayden de Laura displayed a strong arm and a dual-threat capability. He

should benefit from that experience heading into next week's home opener against Pac-12 favorite Oregon, which defeated Stanford 35-14 in its opening game Saturday.

Oregon State's first three drives netted two yards and no first downs. Trailing by 21 points midway through the third quarter, the Beavers found their offensive rhythm a little too late. Defensively the Beavers pressured de Laura, but only had one sack and gave up too many big

UP NEXT: Washington State hosts No. 12 Oregon on Saturday. Oregon State will be at Washington.

Alabama is back at top of college football poll

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Associated Press

Alabama is No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll for the first time this year, extending its record of consecutive seasons with at least one week on top of the rankings to 13.

Notre Dame moved up two spots to No. 2 on Sunday after upsetting Clemson in a dramatic double-overtime game Saturday night. Ohio State remained No. 3. Clemson gave up the top spot for the first time this season and landed at No. 4.

The Crimson Tide, who had an open date, received 59 of 62 first-place votes. Notre Dame, which has

its best ranking since it was No. 1 at the end of the 2012 regular season, received two first-place votes. Ohio State got one.

Texas A&M moved up two spots to No. 5, the Aggies' best ranking since they finished fifth to end the 2012 season.

Florida jumped two spots to No. 6 after beating Georgia to snap a threegame losing streak against its SEC East rival. The Bulldogs fell eight spots to a season-low 13th.

No. 8 BYU, No. 9 Miami and No. 10 Indiana round out the top 10.

The Hoosiers moved up three spots after beating Michigan to receive their best ranking since they were No. 10 in 1969.

POLL POINTS

It's no surprise when Alabama reaches No. 1, but it's always historic.

The Crimson Tide's streak of seasons with at least one appearance at No. 1 started in Nick Saban's second year as coach in Tuscaloosa. The Tide reached the top of the poll for the first time under Saban on Nov. 2, 2008, the day after beating Arkansas State.

No. 1 Texas lost that week at Texas Tech Graham Harrell to Michael Crabtree in the final seconds as the Red Raiders shocked the Longhorns to open the door for Alabama to ascend.

The second-longest streak of consecutive years appearing at No. 1 in AP poll history belongs to Miami, which went seven seasons from 1986-92.

This No. 1 appearance is the 92nd under Saban and Alabama's record 123rd overall. Take away Alabama's other No. 1 appearances and just Saban's appearances at No. 1 would rank as the fourth-most in college history behind Ohio State's (105), Oklahoma's (101) and Notre Dame's (98). That's also one more than Southern California (91) has ever had.

- No. 23 Northwestern is ranked for the first time since the Wildcats finished the 2018 season at No. 21. - No. 25 Louisiana-Lafayette returns to the rankings after cracking them earlier this season for the first time in almost 80 years.

- Boise State dropped out after getting run over by BYU on Friday night.

 Michigan is out for the first time this season after falling to 1-2. The Wolverines were last unranked while eligible for the poll at the end of 2017. Earlier this season, Big Ten teams were ineligible for the AP Top 25 because the conference was not planning to play a fall schedule.

The Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with records through Nov. 7, total points

vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking: Rcd Pts Prv

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Others receiving votes: North Carolina 85, Army 54, Tulsa 47, Utah 33, Washington 21, Arizona St. 11, Purdue 8, Wake Forest 6, Boise St. 5, Appalachian St. 5, California 3, Maryland 3, Nevada 1.

USC rallies in final three minutes to stun Arizona State

LOS ANGELES (AP) In the final three minutes of a game that began with Southern California's earliest kickoff in decades, the Trojans finally did a few things worth getting up early to see.

And a couple that had to be seen to be believed.

Drake London caught a 21-yard touchdown pass with 1:20 to play, and USC rallied from a late 13-point deficit for a 28-27 victory over Arizona State on Saturday in the Pac-12's long-delayed season opener.

For the first 57 minutes of play after that 9 a.m. kickoff, the Sun Devils appeared to be grinding out a solid victory largely by forcing mistakes from the Trojans. USC gave up a handful of big plays by the Sun Devils, committed four turnovers of its own and turned the ball over twice on downs in ASU territory.

But at perhaps the last possible moment to mount a two-score comeback, the Trojans did just that.

"I don't care how old I get," USC coach Clay Helton said. "I'll never forget this game."

Bru McCoy caught a deflected 26-yard TD pass with 2:52 left, and McCoy then recovered the ensuing onside kick as well. USC's next drive stalled — but on fourth-and-9, Kedon Slovis fired a desperation pass down the middle to London, and the two-sport athlete beat double coverage to haul it in for an electrifying score.

USC's defense then stopped Arizona State on downs near midfield with 50 seconds left to preserve an astonishing comeback for the perpetually embattled Helton and his talented

"Well, it reminds you of 2020, doesn't it?" Helton

said. "A year of adversity and finding a way to overcome hard situations. I'm proud of our football team. We made it."

Slovis passed for 381 yards with a school-record 40 completions for USC, while Stephen Carr and Markese Stepp made scoring runs in the first half. London also caught eight passes for 125 yards, none bigger than his winning TD reception.

"That play was a play we run all the time," Slovis said. "There was three steps and a hitch ball, and Drake did the rest for me."

While the Trojans celebrated, the Sun Devils opened their season with a crushing loss.

Freshman DeaMonte Trayanum rushed for 87 yards and two touchdowns, while Rachaad White had a 55-yard TD reception in a similarly strong debut for the Sun Devils, who

got agonizingly close to an impressive road win for coach Herm Edwards and new offensive coordinator Zak Hill.

"The thing I've learned about college football, they can score at any moment," Edwards said. "We had an opportunity defensively to get off the field a couple of times, and we didn't do it. We gave their offense life."

Jayden Daniels passed for 134 yards and ran for 111 more, but the Sun Devils' star quarterback threw four straight incompletions to end their last-ditch drive.

USC racked up 556 yards of offense and outgained the Sun Devils by 164 yards. Yet until their rally, the Trojans were struggling for poise and precision in a game that began at breakfast time. USC agreed to its earliest kickoff in at least 70 years for a national television audience — and both teams certainly put on a show, for better and worse.

COLORADO 48, UCLA 42: Tailback Jarek Broussard scored three times in his first start, Colorado's defense produced two big fourth-down stops in the final quarter and the Buffaloes opened the Karl Dorrell Era by holding off UCLA 48-42 on Saturday

It was far from easy even after amassing an early 28-point lead. UCLA cut the deficit to 48-42 with 1:45 remaining on a 9-yard TD catch by Mike Martinez. But the onside kick was recovered by Colorado's Dimitri Stanley and the Buffaloes (1-0) ran out the clock.

Broussard finished with 187 yards rushing as the

Buffaloes won their fifth straight season opener. The game was played in front of 554 fans made up of family and friends due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Buffaloes built a 28-point lead late in the first half on mistake-prone UCLA (0-1), which turned the ball over four times before halftime that Colorado cashed into 21 points. But the Bruins shook off the rocky start and scored 21 straight to turn what looked to be a rout into a back-and-forth encounter.

There were no punts in the second half, but there were two blocked field goals by UCLA and Colorado made a pair of fourth-down stops. The crucial one was stuffing UCLA on fourth-and-1 at the Colorado 30 with 13:13 remaining and leading 45-35.

Notre Dame mandates virus testing after celebration

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - University of Notre Dame students are now subject to mandatory coronavirus testing and face strict penalties if they leave town before getting their test results after thousands of fans stormed the football field and threw parties to celebrate a double-overtime upset over Clemson.

The mass of students, players and coaches crammed close together on

the field in the minutes following the Fighting Irish's 47-40 win Saturday night in South Bend, Indiana, over then-No. 1 Clemson. Many were not wearing masks or had them pulled down.

All Notre Dame students are required to undergo coronavirus testing before they leave South Bend for the extended winter break, Notre Dame President the Rev. John Jenkins told students in an email Sunday night.

Jenkins didn't specifically reference the storming of the field, but rather "many gatherings" over the weekend.

If a student is exposed or tests positive, they will be required to quarantine on campus for two weeks. If students don't complete the mandatory coronavirus test or if they leave before they receive their test results - they will be prevented from registering for classes, university officials said.

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Ducks

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Oregon appeared to expand the lead on Shough's 35-yard pass to Johnny Johnson III in the endzone, but it was ruled incomplete on video review. A pass interference call on the play got the Ducks closer, and Travis Dye ran 14 yards to make it 21-7.

Toner missed a 35-yard field goal before Shough ran for a 9-yard touchdown to push the Ducks' lead to 28-7.

"Some of it's by decision, some of it's just seeing the play break down and doing what I can," Shough said about running the ball.

Toner's fourth missed field goal, a 27-yard attempt, came early in the

fourth quarter. Camden Lewis missed one for the Ducks on the next drive.

Jones ran two yards for a Stanford touchdown to narrow the deficit to 28-14. Cyrus Habibi-Likio's 4-yard scoring run provided the final margin for

"Shame of it was, honestly, we had multiple opportunities," Shaw said. "In the passing game, in particular, we had, gosh, four or five chances for guys to make plays. We have to connect. It's part of the problem with not having your starting quarterback, absolutely. Still, we practice and we practice together and we have to connect."

THE TAKEAWAY: The Ducks have won 16 straight home openers. ... The Ducks debuted their new video scoreboard, said to be the largest in college

football, but there were no fans in attendance. ... "In general for having not played a football game in 311 days, really pleased with the result," coach Mario Cristobal said.

UP NEXT: Oregon is at Washington State on Saturday. Stanford hosts Colorado on Saturday.



New Orleans, Brees dominate Tampa Bay

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Drew Brees threw for 222 yards and four touchdowns, regaining the NFL career TD pass lead and lifting the New Orleans Saints into first place in the NFC South with a 38-3 rout of Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday night.

The three-time defending division champions won their fifth straight game, intercepting Brady three times and completing a season sweep of the Bucs (6-3).

The Saints (6-2) weren't perfect — turning the ball over twice themselves — however the offense was extremely efficient with receivers Michael Thomas and Emmanuel Sanders back in the lineup, and the defense played its best game of the season.

Brees was 26-of-32 passing, including first-half TD throws of 14 yards to Tre'Quan Smith, 8 yards to Adam Trautman and 12 yards to Sanders, who missed the previous two games while on the COVID-19 list. The 41-year-old added a 3-yarder to Josh Hill to make it 38-0 with just over nine minutes remaining.

Brees regained the league career TD pass lead with 564, three more than the 43-year-old Brady, who had thrown for 17 touchdowns and just one interception over his previous six games.

BILLS 44, SEAHAWKS 34: Josh Allen regained his early season groove by throwing three touchdown passes and rushing for a score, leading the Bills to the victory.

Buffalo's defense played a major role in rattling Seattle's Russell Wilson, who was sacked five times, threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles.

Buffalo (7-2) matched its best record through nine games since 1993, a season that ended with the Jim Kelly-led Bills making their fourth consecutive Super Bowl appearance.

Allen — playing one day after the death of his grandmother — finished 31 of 38 and equaled a career best with 415 yards passing. The Bills' offense came alive after Allen combined for just 846 yards passing and five touchdowns — including one rushing — in splitting the previous four

games

The Seahawks (6-2) blew an opportunity to match to match their best record through eight games. They were 7-1 in 2013. Seattle became the NFL's sixth team to score 25 or more points in each of its first eight games, but was undone by turnovers and a defense that surrendered 420 yards

surrendered 420 yards. **DOLPHINS 34, CARDINALS**31: Tua Tagovailoa threw for 248 yards and two touchdowns in his second NFL start and Miami rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Arizona.

Miami (5-3) has won four straight. The Cardinals (5-3) had their three-game winning streak snapped.

The 22-year-old Tagovailoa was on the winning end of an action-packed duel with Arizona quarterback Kyler Murray, who finished with 283 yards and three touchdowns. Murray also had 106 yards rushing on 11 carries.

Arizona's Zane Gonzalez was short on a 49-yard field goal attempt that would have tied the game with 1:53 left.

Tagovailoa was more productive in his second start after throwing for 93 yards against the Rams last week. He showed great poise during two scoring drives in the fourth quarter. The left-hander also made some plays with his feet, extending drives with scrambles. He finished with 35 yards rushing.

CHIEFS 33, PANTHERS 31: Patrick Mahomes threw for 372 yards and four touchdowns, Travis Kelce and Tyreek Hill each went over 100 yards receiving, and Kansas City held on to beat Carolina when Joey Slye missed a 67-yard fieldgoal attempt wide right on the final play.

The Chiefs (8-1) were left clinging to the lead when Christian McCaffrey, just back from his ankle injury, scored from a yard out with 1:26 to go. The Panthers' onside kick was recovered by Kansas City, but they used their three timeouts to get the ball back, and Teddy Bridgewater's 23-yard pass to Curtis Samuel with 9 seconds remaining gave them hope.

Carolina (3-6) tried to get a bit closer with a pass to McCaffrey, but the incompletion brought on Slye, who had plenty of leg with the wind behind him. His kick dropped just outside the uprights, though, allowing the Chiefs to escape.

Slye also missed a 65-yard attempt late in a 27-24 loss to New Orleans in Week 7.

McCaffrey finished with 18 carries for 69 yards and a touchdown while catching 10 passes for 82 yards and another score. Bridgewater threw for 310 yards and two TDs with Samuel catching nine balls for 105 yards and the other score.

STÉELERS 24, COWBOYS 19: Ben Roethlisberger threw all three of his touchdown passes after shrugging off a knee injury, rallying Pittsburgh past Dallas.

Pittsburgh is 8-0 for the first time in the storied franchise's history despite an upset bid from the Cowboys, who were the biggest underdogs they've been at home in at least 31

Garrett Gilbert was the fourth different starting quarterback in five games for Dallas (2-7), throwing a touchdown pass in his first career start and bring some life to the offense for a team that lost its fourth straight game without Dak Prescott.

The Steelers erased a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter with three scoring drives, the last two aided by Dallas penalties that kept drives alive. The go-ahead score was an 8-yarder to Eric Ebron with 2:14 remaining.

RAVENS 24, COLTS 10: Lamar Jackson turned up the tempo in the second half, and Baltimore broke the NFL record for consecutive 20-point games in its win over Indianapolis.

After Gus Edwards' 1-yard plunge gave Baltimore the lead midway through the third quarter, Jackson sealed the win with a 9-yard TD run.

The Ravens (6-2) have scored 20 or more points 31 straight times — breaking a tie with Denver, which set the mark from 2012-14.

Baltimore has won 10 straight road games, the league's longest active streak, and earned the franchise's first win at Indianapolis in seven tries. The Ravens also had lost 20 straight games when trailing at halftime. It was the first home loss for Indy (5-3) this season.

And, not surprisingly, the league's reigning MVP turned the game this time by starting the second half with no-huddle against a stingy Colts defense. It changed everything after a sluggish first half in which the Ravens' defense kept them in the game.

TITANS 24, BEARS 17: Ryan Tannehill threw two touchdown passes, and Tennessee never trailed as it beat Chicago to snap a two-game skid.

The Titans (6-2) avoided their longest skid since Tannehill took over as starting quarterback and stayed atop the AFC South going into Thursday night's division showdown against Indianapolis.

They got big help from an undermanned and struggling defense missing three-time Pro Bowl linebacker Jadeveon Clowney with an injured knee.

Cornerback Desmond King picked up a fumble and ran 63 yards for a TD only days after the Titans picked up the 2018 All-Pro from the Chargers for a sixth-round pick. King didn't join Tennessee until Saturday after clearing COVID-19 testing protocols and put the Titans up 17-0 late in the third quarter.

The Bears (5-4) came in trailing Green Bay in the NFC North dealing with their own

injuries and COVID-19 issues. Chicago lost its third straight despite the defense coming up with three sacks and holding the NFL's fifth-best offense to a season-low 228 yards.

VIKINGS 34, LIONS 20: Dalvin Cook kept his brilliant season rolling by rushing for a career-high 206 yards and two scores on 22 carries, leading Minnesota past Detroit.

Kirk Cousins threw for three touchdowns — two to tight end Irv Smith Jr. — in his second straight turnover-free performance for the Vikings (3-5), who averaged 8.9 yards per play on the way to their first home win this season.

Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, who didn't practice all week due to coronavirus exposure protocols, left the game in the fourth quarter for concussion evaluation after taking a knee to the head during a sack. He was picked off on consecutive possessions in the third quarter, first at the Minnesota 12 and then in the end zone. Chase Daniel threw another interception after taking over.

The show again belonged to Cook, though, with his predecessor Adrian Peterson watching from the opposite sideline. Cook, whom Peterson admiringly called "a lethal weapon" this week, has 478 yards and six touchdowns from scrimmage in two games since missing one with a groin injury.

Peterson had eight carries for 29 yards while again dropping behind rookie D'Andre Swift in the pecking order for the Lions (3-5), who lost their ninth straight division game and are 2-13 against the NFC North under coach Matt Patricia. He's 0-5 against the Vikings.

FALCONS 34, BRONCOS 27: Matt Ryan took advantage of Denver's thin secondary to throw three touchdown passes and Atlanta turned back Denver's bid for a second consecutive comeback.

Ryan completed 25 of 35 passes for 284 yards with one interception. Atlanta (3-6) improved to 3-1 under interim coach Raheem Morris.

Atlanta led 20-3 at halftime. Drew Lock threw two touchdown passes and ran for a 10-yard score in the final quarter that made it 34-27. With Atlanta leading by seven points, the Broncos (3-5) took the ball at their 20 with 44 seconds remaining and no timeouts. Following three incompletions by Lock, a fumbled snap ended the possession.

One week after throwing three fourth-quarter touch-down passes in a win over the Chargers, Lock tried to spark another rally. With Atlanta leading 27-6, Lock threw a 20-yard scoring pass to Jerry Jeudy early in the fourth quarter. On Denver's next possession, Lock was under pressure when he overthrew Jeudy and was intercepted by Ricardo Allen, who returned the ball 20 vards to the Denver 12.

NFL Standings AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	w	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	6	2	0	.750	198	199	
Miami	4	3	0	.571	188	130	
New England	2	5	0	.286	136	167	
N.Y. Jets	0	8	0	.000	94	238	
South	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	
Indianapolis	5	2	0	.714	198	136	
Tennessee	5	2	0	.714	208	184	
Houston	1	6	0	.143	166	217	
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	154	220	
North	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	7	0	0	1.000	211	142	
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	203	132	
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	206	237	
Cincinnati	2	5	1	.313	194	214	
West	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	7	1	0	.875	253	152	
Las Vegas	4	3	0	.571	187	203	
Denver	3	4	0	.429	147	183	
L.A. Chargers	2	5	0	.286	179	185	
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East	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	3	4	1	.438	186	205	
Washington	2	5	0	.286	133	165	
Dallas	2	6	0	.250	185	266	
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	122	174	
South	W	L	Т	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	206	197	
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	.714	222	142	
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	179	193	
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	209	224	
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	5	2	0	.714	219	187	
Chicago	5	3	0	.625	161	166	
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	177	206	
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	183	214	
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Seattle	6	1	0	.857	240	199	
Arizona	5	2	0	.714	203	146	
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	193	152	
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	208	173	

Thursday's Game Green Bay 34, San Francisco 17 Sunday's Games Atlanta 34, Denver 27 Baltimore 24, Indianapolis 10 Buffalo 44, Seattle 34 Houston 27, Jacksonville 25 Kansas City 33, Carolina 31 Minnesota 34, Detroit 20 N.Y. Giants 23, Washington 20 Tennessee 24, Chicago 17 Las Vegas 31, L.A. Chargers 26 Miami 34, Arizona 31 Pittsburgh 24, Dallas 19 New Orleans 38, Tampa Bay 3 Open: Cincinnati, Cleveland, L.A. Rams, Philadelphia New England at N.Y. Jets, late Thursday, Nov. 12 Indianapolis at Tennessee, 5:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 Houston at Cleveland, 10 a.m. Jacksonville at Green Bay, 10 a.m. Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m. Washington at Detroit, 10 a.m. Buffalo at Arizona, 1:05 p.m. Denver at Las Vegas, 1:05 p.m. L.A. Chargers at Miami, 1:05 p.m Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:25 p.m. San Francisco at New Orleans, 1:25 p.m. Seattle at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m Baltimore at New England, 5:20 p.m. Open: Kansas City, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, Dallas Monday, Nov. 16 Minnesota at Chicago, 5:15 p.m.

Two plays later, Todd Gurley's 4-yard scoring run extended Atlanta's lead to 34-13.

GIANTS 23, WASHINGTON 20: Daniel Jones completed his longest pass of the season, didn't turn the ball over and New York held on to beat Washington.

Jones was 23 of 34 for 212 yards, including a 50-yard connection with Austin Mack

and a touchdown pass to Evan Engram to build a 17-point halftime lead. The Giants (2-7) attempted to run things out in the second half and survived a couple of touchdown drives led by Alex Smith, who replaced injured Washington quarterback Kyle Allen.

Smith connected with Terry

Smith connected with Terry McLaurin on a 68-yard score, his first TD pass in 728 days.

Chargers again come up just short of victory

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — For maybe two blissful minutes after the final whistle, the Los Angeles Chargers actually thought they had something to

celebrate.

Justin Herbert had thrown an end-zone fade pass to Donald Parham Jr., who was inbounds with the ball in his hands before he fell to the turf with no time on

the clock.

The officials raised their arms for a touchdown, and the Chargers went nuts. After a season of historic collapses and heartbreaking defeats, the Bolts had a stunning comeback victory over the Las Vegas Raiders.

"We were geeked up on the sideline, thinking that was it, and we did what we had to do to put the game away," Chargers running back Kalen Ballage said Sunday. "And out of nowhere, we weren't even paying attention, and we saw them celebrating. We were, like, 'What? What are you talking about? What's going on?""

Ballage's existential questions could have been about nearly everything that's happened to the Chargers this year.

In 2020, this long-suffering franchise's propensity for excruciating, histrionic losses has

become positively surreal.

One week after giving up the winning touchdown on the final snap in Denver, the Chargers lost by scoring the apparent winning touchdown on the final snap — only to have it taken away.

Parham had bobbled the ball on the way down. The call on the field was reversed.

The points came off the SoFi Stadium scoreboard, and the Raiders won 31-26 Sunday. The Chargers had their sixth loss of the season — all by a combined 24 points.

"I don't want to find out how many we can take," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said.

The Chargers reacted to the reversal with the miserable resignation that feels like this franchise's default setting now.

Although their talent is undeniable around one of the NFL's most exciting young quarterbacks, the Chargers are also a jaw-dropping 2-15 in one-score games since early last season. They've compiled an epic list of blown leads, late-game mistakes and crucial failures in pressure-packed moments.

This loss ended with two failed fades from the Raiders 4 after a gritty 71-yard drive engi-

neered by Herbert and his gifted receivers.

Herbert's first throw went to Mike Williams, who not only failed to wrestle it free from inexperienced Vegas cornerback Isaiah Johnson, but also got injured on the play, forcing the big wideout to miss the final snap.

Herbert had run-pass options on both final plays. With 1 second on the clock, he chose to throw basically the same pass to Parham, the 6-foot-8 tight end whose first two NFL catches had been for touchdowns.

Parham had the ball until he didn't, and the officials eventually reversed their call.

Johnson, who had just 30 defensive snaps all season for the Raiders before Sunday, watched the Chargers' celebrations with a raised eyebrow.

"They think it's still complete, so they think they won the game," Johnson said. "I know in my mind that if that camera shows it, then we won, (and) I'm going to celebrate before they even know it, because they were celebrating before they even got the final verdict. I know what actually happened."

The Chargers argued the reversal with the halfhearted frustra-

tion of a team that feels like it's battling larger cosmic forces than any officiating crew.

"I don't know if it was the right call or not," Lynn said.
"Certainly I didn't like it. I thought he caught the ball. He had a knee and a foot inbounds. I thought it was a touchdown."

Added Herbert: "I don't know enough about what's a catch and what's not a catch to make that call, but selfishly I would have loved for that to be a touchdown."

It's tough to remember that the Chargers' season of epic losses actually began with a nail-biting victory: The Bengals missed a 31-yard field goal with 2 seconds to play in Cincinnati, sending LA to a 16-13 win on Sept. 13.

Since then, the Chargers' failures have been increasingly operatic and increasingly unbelievable.

They blew an 11-point lead and lost in overtime to Kansas City in their SoFi Stadium opener. They had a last-gasp chance to beat Carolina, but messed up a hook-and-ladder play that looked likely to produce a winning touchdown.

The Chargers then blew 16-point leads at Tampa Bay and at New Orleans, failing to close out two solid opponents in painful fashion. They blew yet another 16-point lead against Jacksonville, but rallied to beat the woeful Jaguars anyway.

And then Los Angeles blew a 21-point lead last week at Denver, becoming the first team in NFL history to waste leads of at least 16 points in four consecutive defeats.

Hey, at least the Chargers didn't blow a late lead in this one: They fell behind by 11 midway through the third quarter and entered the fourth down eight.

Since his debut in Week 2, Herbert has passed for 2,146 yards with 17 touchdowns and five interceptions. Because he plays for the Chargers, the rookie's record is 1-6.

But Herbert isn't giving up, and he hasn't yet been bent by the weight of his franchise's failures.

"No one is enjoying this, and everyone is working hard and doing their best," Herbert said. "Things are going to change. We're really close. ... There's no magic words that are going to change what's happening. It's about lining up and getting in the dirt and doing the work, and that's what's going to happen."

Luton

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asked of him. He wasn't afraid. He was fired up out there. He was excited. It's good, definitely, for your first start in the NFL and not expecting it to come the way it did. Hats off to him for that."

Luton had close to 30 friends and family members on hand for his debut. All of them traveled from Marysville, Washington, north of Seattle, to be at

his first professional game.
"Every family member I

have pretty much is here," Luton said. "A couple of really good friends made the trip down, trying to surprise me, but I found out. A ton of support. I've got an awesome system that supports me. This just shows it.

"I'm as far away from home as I could be and they dropped everything at the drop of a hat to come support me."

They will have a chance to see him against next week in Green Bay. Marrone said Minshew still is unable to throw, so "there's no decision really to make right now."

Seahawks sign Carroll to contract extension

SEATTLE (AP) - Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll has signed a multiyear contract extension that will keep him tied with the team well past his 70th birthday

birthday.

The Seahawks did not officially announce the deal, but Carroll spoke about it following the Seahawks' 44-34 loss to Buffalo on Sunday.

The new deal is expected to go through the 2025 season and was agreed to earlier this season. Carroll said he didn't feel it ap-

agreement in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. "For a gesture like this

propriate to announce the

from Jody Allen and the organization and all, and then, at a time when everybody's suffering and struggling and all that," Carroll said. "It was something that has been in the works for a long time. I'm talking about way before all the issues that have happened and so it finally came together. Just didn't feel like it needed to be talked about unless we had to."

ESPN first reported the agreement.

Carroll is in his 15th NFL season as head coach and 11th in Seattle, where he's led the Seahawks to eight playoff appearances including the Super Bowl championship in the 2013 season.

Carroll's previous contract ran through the end of the 2021 season after being extended in 2018.

The 69-year-old has a career regular-season record of 139-92-1 and is 150-92-1 including playoffs. He ranks 22nd on the NFL list in wins

in both categories, and is three shy of matching Steve Owen, who has 153 wins, including playoffs. The extension news

came with the Seahawks as one of the contenders in the NFC at 6-2. Carroll took over in Seattle

in 2010 after Jim Mora lasted just one season and following a 5-11 finish. Carroll is the Seahawks longest-tenured and winningest coach with a 106-60-1 record. Seattle has finished with a winning record in each of the past eight seasons.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF **OREGON** FOR THE COUNTY OF **COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT**

In the Matter of the Estate of: GERALD ROY LANTTO, Decedent. Case No.: 20PB07488 NOTICE TO INTERESTED

PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal sentative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Stebbins & Coffey, P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459. Dated and first published November 10, 2020. David Lantto.

Personal Representative Published: Nov. 10, 17, & 24, The World & ONPA (ID:301342)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF **OREGON** FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

JAMES SHEETS AND YVONNE SHEETS, Plaintiffs,

THE ESTATE OF **ELIZABETH FRIEND, and** all other persons or parties claiming interest in the real property described in the Complaint Herein, Defendants.

Case No.: 20CV34625 **SUMMONS**

TO: The Estate of Elizabeth Friend, and all other persons or parties claiming interest in the real property described as follows:

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referenced property. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the aboveentitled cause within 30 days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff(s) will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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The City Council will consider the proposal at a public hearing which will occur on December 1. 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay.

Detailed information pertaining to the conduct of the public hearing and submission of evidence is available upon request by contacting the Public Works Department. Written objections may be filed with the Public Works Department, City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, prior to the hearing and will be considered at the time of the hearing. Additional information pertaining to this application or its review may be obtained by contacting Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, at (541) 269-1181 extension 2201.

The Exhibit (map showing the right of way vacation location) can be provided upon request. Published: Nov. 7, 10, & 17,

The World & ONPA (ID:301343) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Coos Bay City Council will conduct a public hearing at the time and location noted below for the purpose of taking testimony on the matter of enacting an ordinance correcting a scrivener's error in Ordinance No. 495 pertaining to Land Use # 187-ZON17-094 filed on December 7, 2017, by applicants Peter and Katharine Cooley, for the vacation a portion of 15th Court between "F" Street and "G" Street, found in Section 36AD, Township 25, Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon, recorded on April 2, 2018.

The City Council will consider the proposal at a public hearing which will occur on November 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Coos Bay Council Chambers 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay.

The hearing is open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Detailed information pertaining to the conduct of the public hearing and submission of evidence is available upon request by contacting the Public Works Department. Written objections may be filed with the Public Works Department, City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, prior to the hearing and will be considered at the time of the hearing. Additional information pertaining to this application or its review may be obtained by contacting Randy Dixon, Operations Administrator, at (541) 269-1181 extension 2201.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF

THE STATE OF OREGON COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPART-MENT Case No. 20PB07256 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS in the Matter of the Estate of MARK STEVEN WHITLOCK, Deceased. NO-TICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 9220 SW Barbur Blvd. Ste. 119 No. 205, Portland, Oregon 97219, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published November 3, 2020. Elizabeth Walsh, Personal Representative. Jeffery A. Demland OSB #140767 DEMLAND & CROMWELL LLC 9220 SW Barbur Blvd. Ste. 119 No. 205, Portland, Oregon 97219 (503) 420-5708 Published: Nov. 3, 10, & 17, The World & ONPA (ID:300546)

Bridge

In "Animal Crossing: Wild World," Takayuki Ikkaku, Arisa Hosaka and Toshihiro Kawabata wrote, "A person's abilities are tested best when defending rather than attacking."

A bridge player's abilities are tested best when defending rather than declaring. That is certainly true; most players are much better declarers than defenders. However, sometimes, to be a good defender you need a key signal from partner, telling you which way to turn.

In today's deal, how should the defense go against four spades after West leads the club king?

Let's look at declarer's predicament first. He has only nine winners: five spades, three diamonds and

North

♠ QJ76

♥ Q 6 5

♦ Q65

South

♦ AKJ

♣ A 6

Dealer: South

West

Pass

♠ A K 10 9 8 ♥ 9 8 4

Vulnerable: North-South

North

Pass

Opening lead: \Delta K

East

Pass

Pass

West

♥ 10 7 3 2

♦ 10 7 3 2

♣ K Q 10 8 7

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♠ 5 4 3 2

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♣ 5 3 2

one club. He must establish dummy's club jack and hope that the defenders do not shift to hearts.

So, South should take trick one with his club ace and immediately return the club six. If declarer needs a misdefense, the quicker he puts a defender on the spot,

After West takes the second trick with the club queen, how does he know what to do?

He must rely on his partner to tell him. East plays the club two at trick one to discourage. But on the second round, he may play the three or the five. Because he would like a shift to the higher-ranking of the other two side suits, he drops his higher-remaining club, the five.

> addition, if declarer draws trumps immediately, East should follow suit in the order five-four-three-two, always his highest asking for a heart shift.

Then East just has to hope that West is watching interpreting correctly!



TUESDAY, NOV. 10, 2020

Pace yourself, consider your objective and be secretive regarding your intentions. Share with like-minded people and those who can contribute to your journey. Change is in the air, but it's up to you to take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way. Choose a unique path that encourages creativity, spirituality and peace of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Don't sit back when you need to take action. Harness your energy and get moving. Don't count on others when it's up to you to effect change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- An emotional situation will surface if you let someone meddle or interfere with your plans. Personal improvements will boost your morale. Don't rely on someone's promises.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll face opposition if you pressure others to do things your way. Go about your business and finish what you start. An unusual offer will entice you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Resolve money matters. How you delegate responsibilities will determine if you can move forward peacefully. Don't get involved in matters that don't concern you. Personal improvement is favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Share your ideas and look for equality in every personal or professional interaction you encounter. An unexpected change will work in your favor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You may crave change, but before you make a move, consider your motives and your options. Patience will be required if you intend to reach your goal. Settling for less will lead to dissatisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take the plunge. Stand up for your rights, go after your goals and engage in conversations that address sensitive issues. A partnership will encourage personal growth and professional gains.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Do something that requires energy, agility and a competitive mindset. A physical challenge will bring out the best in you. Aggressive action will deter anyone from taking you for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Moderation is favored. Speak up if you don't like what someone is doing. You may not relish making a change, but consider the alternative, and do what's necessary to improve your situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take care of matters that require physical exertion. A change will encourage you to strive for a better future. Distance yourself from a movement that doesn't share your point of view.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your emotions will push you in a positive direction. An unusual partnership will encourage you to try something new and incorporate what you learn into your everyday

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Don't expect to get along or agree with the people you encounter today. Consider your options and put your energy into something that will bring you closer to your goal.

TUESDAY

SUDOKU

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- 1 Foil-wrapped candy
- 5 Length x width
- 9 Sports org.
- 12 Radiate
- 13 Bean for
- sprouting
- 14 Before now 15 Is, in Avila
- 16 "The Little Mermaid"
- author 18 Raining hard
- 20 Expels
- 21 Mrs. Peron 22 Yale alum
- 23 Habitat 26 2000
- Olympics site 29 Hasty escape
- 30 Pole on a ship 32 Unforeseen
- difficulty 34 Drop-kick

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DILBERT

36 Twisted the truth

- 38 Dot in the Seine
- 39 Rang up 41 Matterhorn
- echo 43 Actress
- Arthur 44 Pullet
- 45 Pandemonium
- 48 In voice range 52 Being at rest
- 54 Ph.D. exam
- 55 Ginger -56 Ocean bird
- 57 Ibsen woman 58 Family docs
- 59 Next-door 60 Ballet lake

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- 5 Fridge maker 6 Pealed

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- extra 44 More
- immense 45 Rocky ledge
- 46 Backing 47 Orangutans
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- 49 Place for a wreath
- 50 Pasternak
- woman 51 Zest for life
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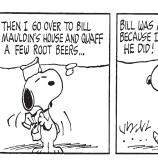
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ACROSS

- 1 Slow pitch
- 4 Happy sighs
- 7 Monogram pt. 11 Left Bank pal
- 12 Plunder 14 Prefix for
- "trillion"
- 15 FedEx truck 16 Colleen's
- home
 - 17 Supernova 18 Fervent
 - 20 San Joaquin Valley city
 - 22 Moo goo – pan
 - 23 "Futureworld" name
 - 24 Low scores 27 Off and on
 - 30 Rara -
 - 31 Wins at rummy
 - 32 Youngster 34 Snapshot 35 Grow weary

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- 39 Bring down in
- status
- business mag
- 42 Grads
- **Jacques**
- 54 Pirates' base
- 55 Lb. or tsp. 56 Enjoy a novel
- 58 Poor grade
- poet
- 3 Difficult spot 4 Hippodromes

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- 36 Not taken in by
- 37 Cowboy gear
- 40 Small-
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- 1 Volcanic flow

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- Hillary's title 19 ld
- 8 Party fabrics 9 Turkey's neighbor
 - 25 Villain's work 26 Costa -27 Decree 28 Wrist-toelbow bone 29 Back muscles 31 Bitterly cold 33 Forest mom 35 Helsinki 38 Skirted the
 - native 36 Follow the rules
 - basket 39 On dry land 41 Mr. Banks
 - 42 Miles away 43 Easy gait
 - 44 Sky bear
 - 46 Garden hopper
 - 47 Actor Cronyn

 - 48 Tick's kin 51 Snatch

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ACROSS

- **Tense** Lobster
- appendage - -Wan
- Kenobi 12 Purina rival
- 13 Ms. Bonheur 14 Princess
- Leia's love 15 Take on cargo 16 Culture
- medium
- Rx givers 18 Give celebrity
- status 20 PC button
- 22 Golfer Alcott
- 23 College maj. 24 Bacon unit
- 27 Small fish 30 Marsh bird
- 31 Civil War soldier
- 32 Engage in rivalry

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Swing voter (abbr.)

- 35 Cousteau's summer
- 36 Film 37 Soup pot 40 Cowboy
- competition 41 Beam of light
- 42 Sprinted 43 Rock bottom
- 46 Address part (2 wds.)
- 50 Put into action 51 Forewarning
- 53 Stadium
- shape 54 Born as 55 Drinks with
- scones 56 Nun's room Lemon or
- clunker 58 Mall event 59 Oak or pine

DOWN

- 1 Farfetched
- 2 Tien Shan range

3 Hairstyle

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 - 31 Bank on
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 - "three 39 Mystical
 - cards 40 Knock sharply 42 Get the suds
 - out 43 Now, to
 - Caesar 44 On a cruise
 - 45 Wapiti
 - 46 Fervor 47 Completed
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 - 52 culpa

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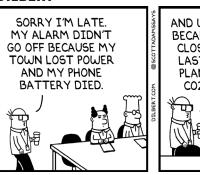


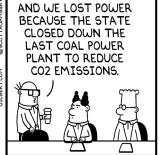
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ACROSS

- 1 Faint trace
- 5 Diminish 8 Soft lid
- 11 Easy-to-find constellation
- 13 kwon do
- 14 O'Hare's code 15 Data display
- 16 Uniust rulers
- 18 Org. for women golfers
- 20 Racket
- 21 Like some whiskers
- 23 At all times, to Poe
- 24 Paid work 25 Southpaws' stats
- 27 Chore 31 Way back
- when 32 Treaties
- end them

- 34 Honey wine
- 36 Fastened
- 38 Holm of "Alien"
- 39 Data unit
- 40 Ms. Ferber
- 41 Tunnel
- 42 ABC rival 44 Gladden
- 46 Lorena of golf
- 49 Harden 50 Monsieur
- Chevalier
- 52 Floating soap 56 Belief
- 57 Alamos

60 Barracks off.

58 Hawk's lair 59 Spigot

- 3 Pen point
- 61 Right away

DOWN

- 1 Peppery 2 Keogh relative
- 6 Plane's cargo
- 7 Swiss capital
- 8 Cager Kukoc
- 33 Spumante 9 Muses' domain 4 Turnpike fees 30 Monarch 37 Shaggy flower 32 36 45 Santa's 40 47 Tijuana abode 47 48
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 5 Blues singer James
- section
- 19 Spins around 21 One over par
 - 22 Lusitania sinker (hyph.) 23 Gist

10 Dept. store

inventory

12 Sibling's son

17 Heart outlet

- 24 Door frame 26 Saharan 28 In reserve
- 29 One kind of flight
- 35 Wallpaper, etc.
- 43 Clears of water by dipping
- helpers 46 Skip over
- 48 Camel feature 49 Quip
- 51 Gear tooth
- 53 Incan treasure 54 Sugarloaf
- locale 55 Ginza money

C4 | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

This week in Coos County history: November 8-10

100 YEARS - 1920

Many changes in train service

Southern Pacific announces new schedules Nov. 14

Will make better connections from Coos Bay for south — night train earlier

H.J. Mohr, Marshfield agent of the Southern Pacific, received a telegram this morning announcing many changes in the train service effective November 14. The detailed time tables have not been received so the exact effect on the Coos Bay line service cannot be definitely determined.

However the replacement of the Shasta Limited which will pass through Eugene about 8 o'clock will mean a better connection from here for San Francisco.

The night train in for Coos Bay will leave Portland at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8 o'clock

No funds for Scottsburg Road

Highway from Reedsport requested by citizens

Route for road to Florence is selected by Highway Commission — other matters transacted

Various road matters were handled by the state highway commission at the meeting held Saturday. A Portland paper referring to the meeting said:

Replying to the demand of citizens of Reedsport for a road from that place to Scottsburg, a federal road official informed the commission that there is little prospect of this road being constructed, as no funds are available, although it is on the list of approved projects.

Florence road

Long controversy in the state highway commission over the "high" and "low" pass on the Florence-Eugene road was ended yesterday by an opinion of the attorney-general that Commissioners Booth and Kiddle, as a majority, have the right to determine the location. Immediately following this opinion the commission adopted the low pass and instructed the engineer to arrange with Washburn & Hall, contractors, to grade the ten miles between Summit and Goldson at a bid price of approximately \$120,000.

John Lundberg found not guilty

Jury in justice court aquits him Was charged with having a quantity of mash in his possession when arrested

John Lundberg who was on trial for two days in Justice Joehnk's court on a charge of having several barrels of mash in his possession was found not guilty by the jury. The taking of evidence was completed yesterday afternoon and the verdict was returned at 6 o'clock after the jurors had been out about ten minutes.

Lundberg said that the mash which was found in several barrels was not on his premises and did not belong to him.

Want cleanup in North Bend

Club women petition the city council Report cases of unsanitary conditions and ask that matters be improved

A delegation of ladies from the Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Matt. Smith, Mrs. M.E. Everitt and Mrs. J.B. Kaiser, waited upon the North Bend city council last night, with a request that the council take steps to keep the city more sanitary and sightly.

The ladies reported several instances of unsanitary conditions found in a recent investigation and canvass of the town. The plan of the women's club is that the city shall establish a monthly clean-up day and that stations be named where individuals may deposit old cans and other rubbish until hauled away, and that ordinances be enforced preventing people from throwing rubbish in alleys, streets and on other people's property.

Recorder Maybee was requested to publish a notice in the Coos Bay Harbor, warning the people as to the disposal of rubbish.

50 YEARS - 1970

Brasch to meet with environmental official

A Portland official of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality will meet here Tuesday with Coos County District Attorney Robert Brasch to discuss what Brasch feels "are apparent inconsistencies between local pollution problems and the issuing of pollution permits by the DEQ."

According to Brasch, the meeting will attempt to define "what role the DEQ is playing to curb pollution and what measures the department is currently enforcing to bring air and water pollution under control."

The following day, the district attorney will survey several pollution problem areas with representatives of the Northwest Steelheaders Association. The tour is expected to center on a half-dozen logging and industrial operations. Arthur Pierce, president of the local steelheaders group, is expected to accompany Grasch on the survey.

Wednesday's survey will be the second conducted by the DA to investigate reported pollution sites.

North Bend climaxes cross country venture with sixth place finish

EUGENE — North Bend topped its first team venture in 15 years into the state cross country championships Saturday with a strong sixth-place finish over the 2

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½-mile course at Eugene's Lane Community College.

Scott Jackson of Grant was the individual winner with a 12:58 clocking over the sloppy course, while South Eugene and Lake Oswego tied for team honors with 154 points each. North Eugene was third with 173.

Pleasant Hill's Dale Hammitt was the Class AA individual titlist with a 13:13.4 effort while Madras galloped off with the team crown with 41 points, followed by Chemawa with 129 and Scappoose with 135. Brookings of the Sunset Conference was seventh with 206.

Greg Blackwell as the Bulldog pacesetter as the North Bend junior toured the course in 13:26 for a 10th-place finish. Juniors Don Martin and Lorenzo Mejia ran their way into the top 50 finishers — Martin with a time of 13:39 for 21st and Mejia with a 14:11 for 49th.

"I'm pretty pleased," smile North Bend coach Ray Nelson of the high Bulldog finish, "considering what we had to start with at the first of the year."

"But everyone on the team just came on real strong the last four weeks."

Pirates claim district swim titles

REEDSPORT — Marshfield handily won the boys title for the third straight year, and the Pirate girls made a shambles of the competition Saturday to complete the Marshfield sweep in the District 6 swimming and

diving championships at Reedsport.

The Pirate mermen, paced by Brian Haliski's double in the 200 individual medley and the 400 freestyle, polled 89 points to 52 for runnerup Medford and 45 for host Reedsport. Roseburg had 36, North Bend 32 and Klamath Falls 24.

Marshfield's mermaid crew blasted to 119 points, almost double of the combined scores of the other five teams competing, while de-throning defending champion Medford. Medford finished with 53, Reedsport 30, North Bend 27, Roseburg 11 and Klamath Falls 11.

Reedsport's Craig Bowman joined Haliski in the double-win ranks as he took the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

North Bend's Bonnie Lyons was the only double winner in the girls' division as she captured the 100 individual medley and the 100 freestyle.

Marshfield qualified a total of 20 swimmers into this coming weekend's state championships at the University of Oregon's Leighton Pool in Eugene — eight boys and 12 girls. Reedsport and North Bend each qualified four swimmers while Coquille got one.

Pirate boys who will be competing include Haliski, Steve Matson, Lance Baughman, Les Ingram, Steve Thompson, Rod Fulton, John Beath and Deryl Banks—the latter four in the second-place 400 freestyle relay team.

Pirate girls include Vicki Matson, Linnea Wright, Sally McInturff — she set a new school record in the 100 butterfly, Sue Glabau, Julie Stamper, Marilyn Wilson, Lulu Fagan, Janet Farr, Karen Banks, Ramona Warzecha, Arlene Hale and Karen Richardson.

North Bend entries include Miss Lyons, Bob England, John Reissbeck and Bob Parken.

To compete for Reedsport are Bowman, Rick Winters, Kathy Bryant and Pam Davis.

Coquille's lone entry is sophomore Lori Bryant, winner of the girls' diving competition.

Wegferd Publications

Firm moves to NB 'Because we like it here'

A former Pasadena, Calif., printing firm that specializes in precision color work and major orders of large volume is now operating in North Bend.

The owners of Wegferd Publications have installed presses, camera equipment and other machinery themselves since moving to 2021 Sherman Avenue.

The operation is in a building leased from Edward Fourier, Glasgow, which formerly

housed Harless Marina, now at 1307 Newmark in the Empire District of Coos Bay.

Owners are Paul and Electa Wegfahrt

and their son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Edna Wegfahrt.

The firm is using three offset printing

presses for their work and hopes to add another large press soon. The owners expressed pride in their new equipment, which they said has complete automatic control to insure high quality work.

The business handles 100 or more high school yearbooks yearly and can print up to 200 without requiring more space. They print catalogs for industry, color brochures, books and other specialized publications.

"We have complete layout and design services for the production of any kind of printing," said Paul. He continued, "Whenever a business moves in like ours other businesses in the area become afraid of the competition. Well, we're not going to compete with them. We do commercial printing, but generally, we're working in a different area and our production is such that we have to draw from a much larger geographical area than this one alone to have a business of this size."

The Wegfahrts said the plant is now operated by four persons, but at peak periods will use 30 or more employees.

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Bradbury declares vote-by-mail a success

PORTLAND — Oregon's election volunteers were swamped by voters returning ballots to drop-off points at the last minute — a major reason the state remained one of just two in the nation where the presidential winner was still unclear.

"I'm willing to trade off instant results for increased voter turnout," Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury said Wednesday, after declaring the nation's only vote-bymail election to be an "incredible success."

But Bill Lunch, a political science professor at Oregon State University, questioned Bradbury's assessment.

"If this is such a terrific system, why are we sitting here at the day after the election wondering how Oregon is going to go in

the presidential election," Lunch asked.
"It's as close as it comes, and this if for the big enchilada — this is for the president of the United States — not a trivial choice," Lunch said.

"And this is the only state left in the union that has not yet completed its first count."

Bradbury blamed the delay on the huge last-minute turnout — and estimated 40 percent of those who voted turned in their ballots between Saturday and Tuesday.

'Registration guru' makes this her last election

From behind her desk in the Coos County Elections Office, Rachell Brugnoli helps take away the confusion of voter registration into knowledge on a daily basis.

Now, Brugnoli is retiring, after 25 years working in the office and dealing with voters. Coos County Clerk Terri Turi said

Brugnoli will definitely be missed when she retires in December. "She handles all of our voter registra-

tion," Turi said. "She's our voter-registration guru."

A more important loss to Turi though

is Brugnoli's knowledge about the county and its election history. "Her knowledge is irreplaceable. Rach-

ell knowns where every road in the county is," Turi said. "For me personally, I love her sense of humor. That's what I'm going to miss the most, especially during the tense, hectic elections cycles."

Brugnoli began working for the Elections Office after running into the county clerk one day.

"I was looking for a job and talked to Evelyn Elliott, who was the county clerk at the time," Brugnoli said. "She told me to show up at her office the next day and I would have a job. I've been here ever since."

Dedicated counters still at it in Coquille

COQUILLE — Counting the ballot returns has been a tedious and ongoing process in the Coos County Clerk's Office.

Workers have had little rest since Election Day. That's because once the counting of ballots begins, the process cannot be stopped until all the ballots have been counted at least once, according to Coos County Clerk Terri Turi.

Election boards began counting the ballots Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and continued for almost 24 hours until 8 a.m. Wednesday.

That's when Turi said she sent her boards home to get some rest for a few hours. In order to make sure the counting process continued, Turi remained at the courthouse, counting until 2 p.m., when she was relieved by other staff members and the election boards. The boards finally finished the first run through Wednesday night.

But the first go-round wasn't over. There were still the outstacked ballots to count.

Outstacked ballots are those that have been run through the counting machines but cannot be read for some reason. There have been an estimated 2,750 outstacked ballots in Coos County that have had to be duplicated by election boards in order to be read by the tallying machines.

Feds OK rail abandonment for G-P site

The city of Coquille has cleared another hurdle in its push to build a new shopping center on a former Georgia-Pacific mill site.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Board recently OK'd a request to abandon a mile of railroad track from Sturdivant Park to the end of the line at Ron's Oil.

The railroad line will be abandoned on Nov. 29, unless there is an offer of financial assistance made to the railroad to keep the line or petitions are filed to reopen the decision.

Coquille City Manager Terrence O'Connor said he was glad Union Pacific Railroad Company and Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad's bid to abandon the onemile stretch of railroad was successful.

"Now we are just waiting on the time frame," O'Connor said.

According to STB's decision, the board found that since 1996, the most the railroad was used was for transporting 54 carloads for two businesses, Ron's Oil and Western Helicopter. In 1999, there were only nine carloads between both businesses that used the line.

Johnson will swing into the future with Oregon

College: North Bend senior signs letter of intent to golf for Ducks

The Ducks just inherited a Beaver fan.
North Bend senior Kyle Johnson signed
a national letter of intent to play golf
at the University of Oregon in 2001 on
Thursday at the high school.

Johnson had narrowed his choice down to three Division-1 schools: Oregon, Oregon State University and the University of California-Irvine. Johnson, who has been a Beaver fan for the past decade, agonized over what he called "the most important decision of my life."

In the end, it was Oregon's academics and personal relationship with Duck assistant golf coach Al Mundle that paved the way to his decision.

"I feel really good about my decision," said Johnson, flanked by his parents, step-father and North Bend golf coach Rich Armstrong during the afternoon press conference in the gymnasium entrance. "In the end I had to decide, if it wasn't golf, what school would I be happiest at."

Johnson had several things to think about the last month, but all the attention his golf swing was getting didn't begin until last July when he picked the right time to play the best golf of his life.

Johnson entered the Junior World Championships at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego and led the international field of 240 players at 8-under after two rounds. He finished 4-under, good for seventh place, but a week later, his phone began to ring off the hook.

Agriculture plan complete for Coos County

Members of the Coos County Local Advisory Committee could collectively breathe a sigh of relief after finishing a draft of a countywide plan to curb water pollution from agricultural sources.

The committee approved the plan after a grueling nearly five-hour marathon meeting in Coquille Wednesday night. It marks the first milestone for the group, which has worked on the plan for the past three years.

I think the whole committee had a sense of relief as we came to a conclusion," said Chairman Dave Messerle.

Committee member Bonnie Joyce said

she felt fulfilled about completing the draft plan, but added the work isn't over.

"It's like writing anything like this" sh

"It's like writing anything like this," she said. "It doesn't feel like it's ever done."

The plan is intended to reduce agriculture's contribution to pollutants in watersheds, with a focus on erosion control, nutrient inputs that harm fish, chemical agents used to control pests and livestock grazing habits.

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