

Brown sworn in for first elected term



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Gov. Kate Brown is sworn in by Chief Justice Thomas A. Balmer on Monday at the Oregon State Capitol. The governor was accompanied by her husband, first gentleman Dan Little, and her mother, Sally Brown.

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown was sworn in for her first elected term Monday.

Brown started her inaugural address with a plea to legislators to work together for all Oregonians.

"We have to come together and know that we are all on the same side—fighting to make Oregon a better place for all of us to live," she said.

That will be especially important in addressing the state's \$1.7 billion budget deficit and in passing a much-needed transportation funding plan, she said.

But Republicans already are complaining that Democrats are taking advantage of their minority status.

"Our state will only reach its true potential when Gov. Brown and her Democratic colleagues embrace bipartisanship, not only when it is convenient, but especially when it is not," House Republican Leader Mike McLane, of Powell Butte, said in a statement.

Brown, 56, first took office in February 2015 after then-Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned during an ethics investigation. She now will serve the two years remaining of Kitzhaber's term.

Brown noted a number of accomplishments over the past two years, including passing paid sick leave legislation, expanding college financial aid and providing \$6 million to Umpqua Community College following a mass shooting there. Going forward, Brown pledged to

bridge the gap between urban Oregon—with high job creation—and rural Oregon—with high unemployment.

"To ensure the economy is humming in every single corner of Oregon, we need to take a multifaceted approach, leveraging investments in workforce development, infrastructure, collaboration and innovation," she said.

Her priorities also include improving Oregon's dismal high school graduation rates; closing loopholes to increase firearm safety; and extending health insurance coverage to all children, she said.

Brown also pledged to stand strong in support of human rights in the wake of Donald Trump's election as president.

"I want to make it very clear that here in Oregon, where thousands have fought for and demanded equality, we cannot and will not retreat," she said.

Also on Monday, Tina Kotek, D-Portland, was elected to serve a third term as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

And Peter Courtney, D-Salem, was elected to a record eighth term as Senate President, twice as long as previous record-holders John Kitzhaber and Jason Boe.

The Legislature will convene on Feb. 1 for the 2017 session.

About 1,500 bills were filed before the session. They're available at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1>.

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Marion County K-9 Donja to retire

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After almost seven years with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, K-9 Donja is set to retire.

"This week, Deputy Jon Gadberry and K-9 Donja will take their last ride together as partners, patrolling the streets, highways and neighborhoods of Marion County," said Lt. Chris Baldrige, a sheriff's office spokesman.

Donja, a 10-year-old Belgian malinois/German shepherd mix from Holland, served with the U.S. Army's Special Forces for six months prior to joining the sheriff's team. She is the office's only female patrol K-9. During her service, she was deployed more than 700 times and made more than 100 captures.

"In November of 2014, Donja fell gravely ill with an infection that nearly killed her," Baldrige



MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Donja and her handler, Deputy Jon Gadberry.

said. "But in her true warrior spirit, she battled back to full health and went on to have many more successful deployments and captures."

He said Donja's vocalness, friendly demeanor and acrobatic nature made her a star at fairs and shows. She will continue to live with her handler, enjoying a life of "luxury, running around the house and playing."

Officials said they plan to add another K-9 dog after her retirement.

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CRIME LOG

SILVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Received calls from Jan. 2 to 8.

Jan. 3

Motor vehicle accident, 12:37 p.m., E Main St. and Ames St.

Jan. 5

Stolen vehicle, no time given, 100 Sweden Circle.

Jan. 8

Motor vehicle accident, 1:30 a.m., Hobart Road and Setness Lane.



Local students Makayla and Spencer Chase playing in the snow.

SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

No extra school days for Silverton yet

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SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

The Silver Falls School District found a way to recoup the instructional time lost to snow days without extending the year for students. The last day of classes will still be Wednesday, June 14.

To make up three snow days in December, the district has cancelled all remaining "early release" days for the year. Students who would've been dismissed two hours early on Jan. 30, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, April 3, April 24 and April 22 will now attend full days on those dates.

Additionally, March 13,

originally set aside for parent/teacher conferences, is now a regular school day, covering last week's snow day. Teachers have talked about moving necessary conferences to their grading day, March 10, and sprinkling others throughout the following weeks, said Asst. Supt. Dandy Stevens.

The now-cancelled early release days were designed to give classified staff and teachers "professional development" time. A recent example is their training time with Singapore Math specialists last fall. Now, they will come to work for one extra day each – June

15 and 16, respectively – to get such training.

"It's not ideal, but, for teachers, we are looking at ways we can use that full day of PLC time, to do something like say, 'Here's a look at the year-end data while it's still fresh in our minds,'" she said.

One last no-school day, April 28, remains on the chopping block, awaiting the school year's end. It will be converted to a regular school day only if students lose another day of classes.

If inclement weather continues beyond that, and the district is forced to designate even more

snow days, the board could add days in June, Stevens said. Board members are opposed to extending classes past June 16, though, because two schools – Victor Point and Butte Creek – are scheduled to undergo seismic upgrades.

"The board is pretty committed to having everything wrapped up by June 16," Stevens said.

The school calendar is online at: <http://silverfallschools.org/calendars-2/>.

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Oregon bans weapons in state workplaces

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Oregon officials have banned state employees from carrying weapons in the workplace unless they're needed for their jobs. The move caused consternation Thursday among Republican leaders in the Legislature.

The Oregon Department of Administrative Services said it imposed the ban, which became effective on Jan. 6, in hopes of "providing a safe and secure environment for employees and visitors."

Banned are firearms, daggers, slingshots, and a host of other specified weapons. Oddly, even knobkerries were mentioned. Knobkerries are clubs used by indigenous people like the Zulus in southern Africa, and are probably unknown to most Oregonians.

House Republican leader Mike McLane said Thursday the order was tantamount to limiting employees' right to self-defense. In a statement, McLane said he would ask Gov. Kate Brown where the authority for the new



Handguns are among the weapons state employees are banned from bringing to work. Slingshots, knives and other items made the list as well.

rules comes from.

"I am extremely concerned to learn that our state government has taken steps that limit employees' right to self-defense and believe that these actions may violate the Oregon Constitution," McLane said in a statement. "I will be asking Gov. Brown's office to explain where they believe their power to take such actions is derived from and, if necessary, take swift action to restore the rights of Oregonians as soon as possible."

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, of John Day, expressed concern for the safety of state employees.

"The governor's administration has no business confiscating self-defense rights from public servants, volunteers and others, who have committed themselves to serving our state," Ferrioli said in a prepared statement. "Oregonians should be outraged that public servants are now endangered due to a seemingly political agenda at the

cost of safety."

The order does not appear to apply to lawmakers.

It became an issue in Oregon on the same day that a lawmaker in New Hampshire dropped her loaded gun on the floor of the Statehouse near some children. It didn't go off. Rep. Carolyn Halstead, a Republican, said the gun fell from her waistband after her backpack caught on it as she took the backpack off.

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