

Biden picks Harris as VP

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WILMINGTON, Del. — Joe Biden named California Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate on Tuesday, making history by selecting the first Black woman to compete on a major party's presidential ticket and acknowledging the vital role Black voters will play in his bid to defeat President Donald Trump.

In choosing Harris, Biden is embracing a former rival from the Democratic primary who is familiar with the unique rigor of a national campaign. Born to a Jamaican father and Indian mother, the 55-year-old first-term senator is one of the party's most prominent figures. She quickly became a top contender for the No. 2 spot after her own White House campaign ended.

In a tweet, Biden called Harris a "fearless fighter for the little guy, and one of the country's finest public servants."

"Together, with you, we're going to beat Trump," he said.

Harris joins Biden in the 2020 race at a moment of unprecedented national crisis.

The coronavirus pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 160,000 people in the U.S., far more than the toll experienced in other countries. Business closures and disruptions resulting from the pandemic have caused severe economic problems. Unrest, meanwhile, has emerged across the country as Americans protest racism and police brutality.

After Tuesday's announcement, Trump quickly tweeted a campaign ad that dismisses Harris as "phony" and says she and Biden "jointly embrace the radical left."

Trump's uneven handling of the crises has given Biden an opening, and he enters the fall campaign in strong position against the president. In adding Harris to the ticket, he can point to her relatively centrist record on issues such as health care and her background in law enforcement in the nation's largest state.

Harris's record as California attorney general and district attorney in San Francisco was heavily scrutinized during the Democratic primary and turned away some liberals and younger Black voters who saw her as out of step on issues of racism in the legal system and police brutality. She tried to strike a balance on these issues, declaring herself a "progressive prosecutor" who backs law enforcement reforms.

Biden, who spent eight years as President Barack Obama's vice president, has spent months weighing who would fill that same role in his White House. He pledged in March to select a woman as his vice president, eas-

ing frustration among Democrats that the presidential race would center on two white men in their 70s.

Biden's search was expansive, including Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a leading progressive, Florida Rep. Val Demings, whose impeachment prosecution of Trump won plaudits, California Rep. Karen Bass, who leads the Congressional Black Caucus, former Obama national security adviser Susan Rice and Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, whose passionate response to unrest in her city garnered national attention.

Rice congratulated Harris on her selection, calling her a "tenacious and trailblazing leader." Rice said she would support Biden and Harris "with all my energy and commitment."

Bass tweeted, "@KamalaHarris is a great choice for Vice President. Her tenacious pursuit of justice and relentless advocacy for the people is what is needed right now."

A woman has never served as president or vice president in the United States. Two women have been nominated as running mates on major party tickets: Democrat Geraldine Ferraro in 1984 and Republican Sarah Palin in 2008. Their parties lost in the general election.

The vice presidential pick carries increased significance this year. If elected, Biden would be 78 when he's inaugurated in January, the oldest man to ever assume the presidency. He's spoken of himself as a transitional figure and hasn't fully committed to seeking a second term in 2024. If he declines to do so, his running mate would likely become a front-runner for the nomination that year.

Harris won her first election in 2003 when she became San Francisco's district attorney. In the role, she created a reentry program for low-level drug offenders and cracked down on student truancy.

She was elected California's attorney general in 2010, the first woman and Black person to hold the job, and focused on issues including the foreclosure crisis. She declined to defend the state's Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage and was later overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

As her national profile grew, Harris built a reputation around her work as a prosecutor. After being elected to the Senate in 2016, she quickly gained attention for her assertive questioning of Trump administration officials during congressional hearings. In one memorable moment last year, Harris tripped up Attorney General William Barr when she repeatedly pressed him on whether Trump or other White House officials pressured him to investigate certain people.



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SPORTS

Pac-12 postpones fall college sports

Blow to Oregon, Oregon State

By JAMES CREPEA
The Oregonian

There won't be any Pac-12 college sports for the rest of 2020.

The Pac-12 CEO Group of presidents and chancellors voted unanimously to postpone all sport competitions, including football, through the end of the 2020 calendar year on Tuesday with the hope of resuming play starting Jan. 1, 2021.

"All of the Pac-12 presidents and chancellors understand the importance of this decision, and the disappointment it will create for our student-athletes, the coaches, support staff and all of our fans," Univer-

sity of Oregon president Michael Schill said in a statement. "Ultimately, our decision was guided by science and a deep commitment to the health and welfare of student-athletes. We certainly hope that the Pac-12 will be able to return to competition in the New Year."

Pac-12 commissioner Larry Scott said the conference is still guaranteeing the scholarships for all the impacted athletes and it "strongly encourages" the NCAA to grant students who opt out of competition this academic year an additional year of eligibility. The NCAA Division I Council, which includes Washington State athletic director Pat Chun, was set to meet Wednesday and is expected to address eligibility for fall sports athletes among other topics.

OBITUARIES

Mark Emil Person

Astoria

Aug. 14, 1950 — July 12, 2020

Mark Emil Person died July 12, 2020, in Astoria, Oregon.

Mark was born and raised in Seaside, Oregon, the only son of Roy and Elaine Person.

After graduating from Seaside High School in 1969, Mark worked in retail, receiving many selling awards while being a shoe rep/buyer for Nordstrom.

He was scouted and picked up by Nike, and was their shoe rep/buyer in Colorado, where he received accolades as the top sales representative three years in a row.

Mark decided to relocate the family back to Astoria in 1982, and he worked for Carnation Dairy, KAST and numerous festivals with his company, the Original Shrimp and Crab Melts.

He married Peggy Anne Knutsen in 1972; they had four children together. They later divorced in 2003, and remained best friends until his death.

Also surviving is his family, the highlight of his heart, three sons and a daughter-in-law, and a daughter and son-in-law, Ryan Person, of Portland, Oregon, Nathan Person, of Astoria, Oregon, Stephen and Christina Person, of Frisco, Texas, and Courtney Person Awes and Justin Awes, of Astoria, Oregon; three granddaughters, Hannah Elliott Person, of Eugene, Oregon, Taylor Person, of Frisco, Texas, and Chloe Person, of Astoria, Oregon; two grandsons, Carson Person, of Frisco, Texas, and Brady Person, of

Dufur, Oregon; two sisters, Eillen Roden, of Portland, Oregon, and Dianne Espe, of Pflugerville, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.



Mark Person

His kids describe him as an avid Astoria sports fan and their number one fan. He never missed any of his children's sporting events.

From the bleachers at the brick house, local or out-of-state tournaments, Beaver or Willamette football games, a volleyball net in Scappoose, or the 10th tee at the country club, he was very involved in sports in the community, coaching Little League, Elks, Astoria High School football, as well as serving as a football and basketball announcer.

Many friends and family have described him as being a huge influence during their youth and high school sports years. He always wanted you to "try hard," "not give up" and to "believe in yourself."

Mark's friends, family and colleagues speak of his funny personality, his amazing selling skills and his love for his family.

With his love of Astoria High School sports, his family is helping to organize a donation opportunity through the end of August to fund new initiatives for Astoria High School athletics.

All donations can be made at or sent to the Astoria School District Office, in honor of Mark Person, 785 Alameda Ave., Astoria, OR, 97103.

A public memorial will be held in the fall.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
68 51	70 53	78 58	79 56	69 57	71 56	70 54
Becoming cloudy	Partly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny and nice	Sunshine and very warm	Some sun; not as warm	A shower possible	A shower possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 66/53
Normal high/low 69/54
Record high 85 in 1977
Record low 47 in 1966

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.19"
Normal month to date 0.29"
Year to date 38.65"
Normal year to date 37.48"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The peak of the Perseid meteor shower will slightly tempered by waning crescent moon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:27 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:47 a.m.
Moonset today 4:26 p.m.



TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	10:01 a.m.	4.9	3:38 a.m.	1.0
	8:58 p.m.	7.0	3:00 p.m.	1.2
Cape Disappointment	9:39 a.m.	4.7	2:53 a.m.	3.2
	8:48 p.m.	6.9	2:17 p.m.	3.5
Hammond	9:51 a.m.	4.9	3:12 a.m.	0.9
	8:56 p.m.	7.1	2:37 p.m.	3.3
Warrenton	9:56 a.m.	5.3	3:22 a.m.	1.1
	8:53 p.m.	7.4	2:44 p.m.	3.3
Knappa	10:38 a.m.	5.3	4:39 a.m.	0.9
	9:35 p.m.	7.3	4:01 p.m.	2.7
Depoe Bay	9:05 a.m.	5.1	2:27 a.m.	1.3
	8:01 p.m.	7.3	1:41 p.m.	3.8

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Fri.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/73/t	86/72/t
Boston	82/69/pc	77/66/pc
Chicago	88/66/s	88/69/pc
Dallas	102/79/s	103/81/s
Denver	98/64/s	95/60/pc
Honolulu	88/77/pc	89/76/s
Houston	99/75/s	98/78/s
Los Angeles	90/72/pc	96/71/s
Miami	92/80/t	92/79/pc
New York City	84/72/pc	80/69/t
Phoenix	113/91/pc	115/90/s
San Francisco	76/58/s	83/62/s
Wash., DC	81/73/t	85/74/t

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Fri.	City	Today	Fri.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	75/53		Wenatchee	80/57	
Tacoma	74/46		Moses Lake	83/50	
Spokane	76/49		Pullman	75/42	
Aberdeen	67/49		Yakima	82/51	
Olympia	75/45		Kennewick	86/54	
Longview	74/50		Walla Walla	81/55	
Astoria	68/51		Lewiston	82/53	
Portland	77/55		Enterprise	78/44	
The Dalles	82/56		Pendleton	82/49	
Salem	79/51		La Grande	81/45	
Albany	79/50		John Day	83/49	
Corvallis	80/49		Burns	86/39	
Eugene	82/50		Ontario	92/57	
Bend	82/46		Caldwell	88/54	
Medford	92/56				
Klamath Falls	86/48				