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at 79, and the sheriff's list of those unaccounted for had about 700 names.

But only about 60 people had provided samples to pop-up labs at the Butte County Sheriff's office in Oroville and an old Sears building in Chico, where the Federal Emergency Management Agency set up

name keeps going on and off the ever-changing list of the missing.

"I did it just to be proactive," Quinones said Monday. "This is the one way I could contribute to helping find my uncle."

Some of those who have given DNA came forward, like Quinones, after learning about the

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a disaster relief center, said Annette Mattern, a spokeswoman for ANDE, the Longmont, Colorado, company that is donating the technology.

"We need hundreds," Mattern said. "We need a big enough sample for us to make a positive ID on these and to also give a better idea of how many losses there actually are."

Confusion and conflicting information, the inability of relatives to travel to Northern California and mistrust of the government may be contributing to the low number.

Tara Quinones hadn't heard anything from her uncle, David Marbury, for eight days before she drove north from the San Francisco Bay Area to give a sample Friday. A worker used a small tool to scrape her cheek, took three swabs of skin and asked her detailed questions about who she was looking for and their relationship.

The uncle's landlord confirmed his house burned down with his vehicle still in the garage, but Quinones had no idea if any remains were found. Marbury's

identification effort in their desperate search for a loved one, others after the sheriff's office called to say that remains that probably belonged to a family member had been found.

Mattern declined to say Tuesday how many victims ANDE's technology has helped identify. Sheriff Kory Honea's office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The fire was 70 percent contained Tuesday. Rain in the forecast for Wednesday through Thanksgiving weekend could aid in fighting the fire but could also bring flash floods and complicate efforts to recover remains.

Once DNA is extracted from the remains, it is placed in a vial that goes into a black machine that looks like a bulky computer printer. It takes just two hours to process the material and get a DNA profile; traditional methods can take days or weeks. If a relative's DNA is already in the system, a match will pop up right away.

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Trump on Tuesday criticized the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which would likely receive any appeal of Tigar's order and has already ruled against the administration in several immigration cases. Trump called the circuit a "disgrace" and its judges "very unfair."

Whether asylum seekers would try now to enter between official ports of entry was unclear. One immigrant waiting at the official border crossing vowed to stay in line regardless of the ruling.

"I've always taken the correct path, and I'm not going to do something illegal now," said Byron Torrez, 28, of Nicaragua.

Torrez said he fled Nicaragua after someone threw acid at him during a government protest. He said he did not travel with any of the caravans.

"I think it is good that the court did

this because a lot of people cross illegally, not to break the law, but because they believe you have to get to the U.S. first before requesting asylum," he said.

**“Whatever the scope of the President's authority, he may not rewrite the immigration laws to impose a condition that Congress has expressly forbidden**

The regulations were put in place in part to stop what the government says are loopholes that allow thousands of people to avoid deportation. DHS estimates around 70,000 people a year claim asylum after crossing illegally. But illegal crossings overall are well below historical highs from previous decades.

Tigar's ruling notes that federal law says someone may seek asylum if they

have arrived in the United States, "whether or not at a designated port of arrival."

"Individuals are entitled to

asylum if they cross between ports of entry," said Baher Azmy, a lawyer for the Center for Constitutional Rights, which sued the government alongside the American Civil Liberties Union. "It couldn't be clearer."

Around 3,000 people from the first of the caravans have arrived in Tijuana, Mexico, across the border from San Diego, California. U.S. Customs and



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**ZooLights is Back**

ZooLights, the Oregon Zoo's walk-through winter wonderland of more than 1.6 million colored lights, opens Nov. 21. Over the past five years, more than a million visitors have strolled through the forests of lighted trees, been dazzled by life-size illuminated animal silhouettes and ridden the light-bedecked zoo trains. During this year's Value Nights – see schedule at [oregonzoo.org/zoolights](http://oregonzoo.org/zoolights) – ZooLights visitors get a \$5 discount on admission. For further information and illumination, visit [bit.ly/ZooLightsFAQ](http://bit.ly/ZooLightsFAQ).

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role she'll oversee a staff of seven full-time employees as well as more than 150 state office volunteers.

AARP is the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to serving and empowering American seniors. It boasts nearly 38 million members, 510,000 of them in the state of Oregon.

"Our goal and our vision here is to go deeper into the community," Haughton-Pitts said of her new role. "There's so many opportunities in the state of Oregon for people as they age."

Oregon has the advantage of being a younger state, and that gives it more freedom to experiment with ways of providing care and appropriate infrastructure for seniors as they age, Haughton-Pitts said.

"So many of the things that I saw when I went to Chicago was because it was an older state and they had tried things that had failed like public housing – so Oregon doesn't have to go back and try that experiment again," Haughton-Pitts said. "We can look at our housing and housing stock and try things. We can try mixed-use, mixed-income – and there's a whole lot more space. Even

though Portland is a lot more impacted by high rises [than other areas], there's much more space in the state of Oregon."

On the flip side, she noted Illinois has more infrastructure for inexpensive transportation op-

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tions, which are key to helping individuals stay in place as they age.

"All of those things make communities more livable: can I get around without a car? Can I get to my doctor's appointments? Inexpensive transportation – we don't need to call it public transportation – inexpensive transportation is key to that," Haughton-Pitts told *The Skanner*.

Looking ahead to the next legislative session, Haughton-Pitts said the organization is looking at health security, caregiving, long-term care and retirement savings – as well as affordable housing. The organization's interest in caregiving issues included its

advocacy for the 2017 Care Act passed out of the state legislature last year: it requires hospitals to provide training to family caregivers before their loved ones are discharged.

The organization is also a strong advocate for paid family and medical leave, so individuals who work full-time can take time off from a job to care for a loved one.

"This month, November, is Family Caregiving Month," Haughton-Pitts said. "We are honoring family caregivers across the nation and we're encouraging National Family Caregiving Month and for employers across the country to honor this month and to consider paid family care, family leave and medical leave."

AARP is also always looking for volunteers, including for its Tax Aide program, which offers free tax services for individuals 50 and older.

"AARP's mission is to serve, not to be served. That's a 60-year motto from our founder, Ethel Percy Andrus, and we carry that forward," she said, referencing AARP founder Ethel Percy Andrus' statement, "It is only in the giving of ourselves of others that we truly live."



U.S. and California state flags fly behind the border wall, seen from Tijuana, Mexico, Nov. 19.

Border Protection said Monday that it closed off northbound traffic for several hours at the San Ysidro crossing to install movable, wire-topped barriers after reports that some migrants were planning to rush through the lanes – but none did.

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