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## PENDLETON



The Pendleton Buckaroos ride on top of the Happy Canyon van down Main Street on Wednesday in Pendleton. The Bucks were celebrating their 7-0 win against Putnam in the 5A state championship softball game last weekend.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Party with the CHAMPS

East Oregonian

The Pendleton softball team kept the celebration of its state championship victory going on Wednesday evening. The 13 players and five coaches loaded up on the platform atop the Happy Canyon van and paraded down Main Street and Court Avenue in downtown Pendleton, waving to fans and community members as they went. The team ended at

Dave's Chevron where they were greeted by a crowd of approximately 100 Buckaroo fans, friends and family that all wanted to congratulate the team as well as snack on some free ice cream, courtesy of the Buckaroo Boosters.

Pendleton finished the season with a 28-2 record after defeating Putnam 7-0 in Corvallis on Saturday to win the Class 5A softball championship for the third time in school history.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton head coach Tim Cary talks about his team during a celebration of the Bucks 5A state championship win against Putnam on Wednesday at Dave's Chevron in Pendleton.

## IRRIGON

### Three Knights to play college athletics

Burns, Luna and Roa all sign LOIs to in-state community colleges

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
East Oregonian

IRRIGON — It took all of 24 hours for Jada Burns to make up her mind.

But leading up to the decision that was made just last week, Burns had other plans in mind. The three-sport athlete had her sights set on a university, Pacific University to be exact, but when faced with the decision to chose between basketball and softball, Burns couldn't do it.

So, she finessed the head basketball coach at Chemeketa Com-

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Staff photo by Alexis Mansanarez

Irrigon's Jada Burns (left) and Olivia Luna (right) pose with athletic director and girls head basketball coach Mike Royer as the pair signs National Letters of Intent on Wednesday to continue playing at two in-state community colleges.

### Astros use big 7th inning to get 7-5 win over Mariners

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Evan Gattis hit a two-run homer early and Yuli Gurriel added a two-RBI single in a four-run seventh inning that lifted the Houston Astros to a 7-5 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night.

The victory ends a three-game skid for Houston and snaps a five-game winning streak by the Mariners.

The Astros led 3-1 after four, but had fallen behind 4-3 entering the seventh after the Mariners got a run in sixth and tacked on two more in the seventh.

Tony Kemp, who finished with three hits, got things going in the seventh with a single off Juan Nicasio (1-3) before a double by George Springer. The Astros

tied it when Kemp scored on an infield single by Alex Bregman. Jose Altuve followed with a single to left field to send Springer home and put Houston up 5-4.

Dan Altavilla took over and struck out Carlos Correa before a passed ball by catcher Mike Zunino allowed both runners to advance a base. Gurriel then pushed his hitting streak to a career-high 12 games with a single to center field that made it 7-4.

Nelson Cruz, Denard Span and Kyle Seager all homered for the Mariners, who have a one-game lead over the Astros atop the American League West standings despite the loss.

The Mariners had runners at the corners with two outs in the

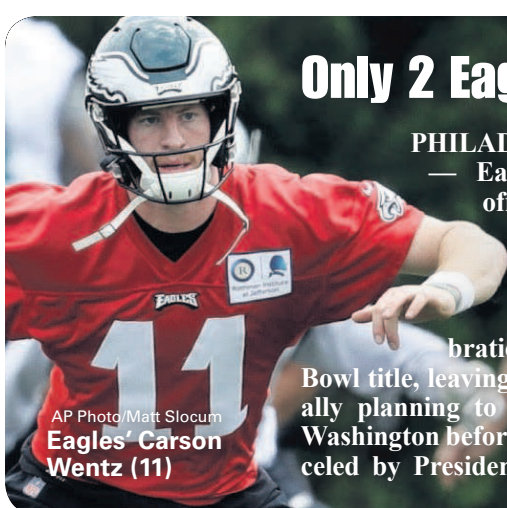
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## Sports shorts

### Climbers shatter El Capitan's speed record

LOS ANGELES (AP) — World-renowned rock climbers Alex Honnold and Tommy Caldwell reached the top of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park in less than two hours, breaking a barrier compared to the four-minute mile.

The blistering time of 1 hour, 58 minutes and seven seconds capped weeks of practice and a few stumbles on the so-called Nose route that runs up the middle of the 3,000-foot (915 meter) sheer monolith.



AP Photo/Matt Slocum  
Eagles' Carson Wentz (11)

### Only 2 Eagles planned White House visit

PHILADELPHIA (AP)

— Eagles players and officials made individual decisions to not go to the White House for a scheduled celebration of their Super Bowl title, leaving two players actually planning to make the trip to Washington before the visit was canceled by President Donald Trump,

according to players and a person familiar with the arrangements.

All-Pro center Jason Kelce said players filled out forms anonymously indicating whether they wanted to go to the White House, not make the trip or go to Washington and do something else.

The players did not urge a collective decision on what to do as a team, giving each player his own option of whether to take the trip.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2006 — New Jersey becomes the first state to institute a state-wide steroid-testing policy for high school athletes.

2014 — California Chrome fails in his bid to win the first Triple Crown in 36 years, losing the Belmont Stakes to long shot Tonalist. The Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner finishes in a dead-heat for fourth with Wicked Strong.

2015 — Stan Wawrinka beats Novak Djokovic 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to win the men's French Open title.

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