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## 'PROTESTERS ARE IN THE BUILDING'

At least one person shot and killed as Trump supporters storm U.S. Capitol

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WASHINGTON — The crowd pushed past the police barricades, up the steps to the iron doors and, in what seemed like no time at all, hoisted a Trump flag from the U.S.

'Protesters are in the building," came the last words picked up by a microphone carrying a live feed of the Senate before it shut off.

Hundreds of President Donald Trump's supporters paraded and hollered on Wednesday, Jan. 6, through some of the most hallowed spaces in the Capitol — propped at the Senate dais and in the House speaker's office — all to protest the election and keep President Donald Trump in office.

It was an extraordinary, unprecedented scene.

Trump, the defeated president, had been encouraging protesters as Congress convened for a joint session to certify Joe Biden's win.

Under the very risers set up for Biden's inauguration at the U.S. Capitol, the Trump supporters gathered.

Protests are typical at the Capitol. But this one was not.

At least one person was shot and killed, though it's not clear who pulled the trigger during the chaotic scene. Some in the crowd were shouting "traitors" as officers tried to keep them back.

Inside the House chamber, lawmakers described a harrowing

As they stayed down, they were told to have gas masks at the ready – and take off the lapel pins they wear identifying them as elected representatives.

Police had guns drawn, and furniture barricaded the door.

Glass was shattered. Some

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Protesters gesture to U.S. Capitol Police in the hallway outside of the Senate chamber at the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021, near the Ohio Clock.



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A man, who identified himself as "Patriot Erickson," holds a sign while protesting COVID-19 restrictions on restaurants and other small businesses outside of the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners meeting in Pendleton on Wednesday, Jan, 6, 2021.

# Reopening campaign

Dan Dorran spearheads initiative called 'Umatilla County Economic Rescue Target' aimed at reopening the county's restaurants

> By ANTONIO SIERRA East Oregonian

MATILLA COUNTY — Before taking office, new Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Dorran wrote a letter to the governor. Dorran said throughout his campaign, he heard from restaurant owners who were struggling with the state's COVID-19 shut-

downs. After he was elected, Dorran started meeting with leaders from chambers of commerce from across the county to come up with a proposal that would help reopen restaurants.

The group eventually narrowed down their requests and submitted it in a letter signed by Dorran, calling their initiative the "Umatilla County Economic Rescue

Dorran began the letter by comparing the potential fallout of COVID-19 and its accompanying shutdowns to the human toll of a catastrophe.

"In both man-made and natural disasters, the rescue period is a time when we use every tool at our disposal to identify, locate, and rescue survivors," he wrote. "The sad truth is that once this short but crucial period ends, we are left to recover the dead and destroyed. There is still time to rescue Umatilla County restaurants and entertainment businesses before they become permanent victims of COVID-19.

Dorran said the economic assistance provided by the state was appreciated, but it wasn't enough. He wrote that closing restaurants had wider repercussions, as it also affected organizations and events like Little League, the livestock auctions at the Umatilla County Fair and various charity drives.

Umatilla County is made up of generational generosity and we are straddling a fine line of denying at least one generation of the opportunity and expectation to give back," he wrote. "Our goal: Get back to work serv-

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### 'We're going to win this battle'

**Umatilla County** battles logistics to get COVID-19 vaccine into arms

> By SHEILA HAGAR Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

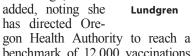
PENDLETON — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said on Monday, Jan.

health officials must vaccinate state residents against COVID-19 as quickly as possible.

She said that by percentage of population, Oregon has administered about the same number of vaccinations as other states and distribution will continue to ramp up quickly.

have increased vaccinations from about 3,700 given in our first week to over 29,000 in the last week," the governor said.

But still it is not fast enough, Brown added, noting she has directed Ore-



benchmark of 12,000 vaccinations administered per day by the end of the next two weeks.

That's welcome news to Umatilla County health officials who have

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### New county commissioner causes sparks

Dan Dorran moves to oppose election during first meeting, inciting disagreement among commissioners

> **By BRYCE DOLE** East Oregonian

PENDLETON — New Umatilla County Commissioner Dan Dorran kicked off his first meeting with a

In a move highlighting what he called an "unprecedented and unbalanced period of leadership," Dorran made a motion to oppose the election of commissioners George Murdock and John Shafer to the positions of board officers in his first board of commissioners meeting since he was sworn in as the county's new commissioner

on Monday, Jan. 4. The move which Dorran said

was focused on the integrity of the county's charter and highlighted an unequal representation of leadership geographically — ultimately failed. The commissioners voted 2-1 against Dorran on Wednesday, Jan. 6.

Murdock and Shafer each said that they were offended on behalf of Umatilla County residents and that Dorran's move put them off to a rocky start.

"I do think we got off on the wrong foot," Murdock said in an



interview after the meeting. "I was

very disappointed. The commis-

sioners do not serve geographically,

we serve the county. We're at-large.'

board of commissioners "blew up"

the county's charter — a document

that dictates how Umatilla County

government operates — by approv-

ing the election. He claims that the

charter says commissioners should

technically rotate into chair positions, rather than be elected, and

Dorran said that he believes the



appointed vice chair of the board. "If this proposal passes, there

that he should therefore have been

is no limitation or guidelines left in either document that would prevent these two commissioners from using these harmful shenanigans to continue their commissioner-to-officer rotation indefinitely until they leave office," Dorran said during the meeting. "Leaving perception and motive out of the equation, today is a sad day for the long, proud history of Umatilla County.'

Shafer said that he believed no part of the county's charter was disregarded with the approval.

"I felt offended for the citizens of Umatilla County," Shafer said after the meeting. "To me, the board chair



