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Insurrection aftermath

Siege by pro-Trump mob forces hard questions



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Capitol police officers stand outside of fencing that was installed around the exterior of the Capitol grounds on Thursday in Washington. A violent throng of pro-Trump rioters spent hours Wednesday running rampant through the Capitol. A woman was fatally shot, windows were bashed and the mob forced shaken lawmakers and aides to flee the building, shielded by Capitol Police.

With 13 days left in Trump's term, a nation shaken by the violence carried out in his name is left wondering what he might do next

BY LISA MASCARO AND MATTHEW DALY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One day later, the violent siege of the U.S. Capitol by President Donald Trump's supporters forced painful new questions across government — about his fitness to remain in office for two more weeks, the ability of the police to secure the complex and the future of the Republican Party in a post-Trump era.

In the immediate aftermath, the attack on the world's iconic dome of democracy, shocking imagery flashed around the globe, reinforced lawmakers' resolve to stay up all night to finish counting the Electoral College vote confirming Democrat Joe Biden won the presidential election.

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Trump Cabinet officials quit

Two members of President Donald Trump's Cabinet quit Thursday, a day after a pro-Trump insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos has become the second Cabinet secretary to resign. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao tendered her resignation earlier Thursday.

In a resignation letter DeVos blamed President Donald Trump for inflaming tensions in the violent assault on the seat of the nation's democracy. She said, "There is no mistaking the impact your rhetoric had on the situation, and it is the inflection point for me."

Graham: Trump must accept role

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, one of President Donald Trump's top congressional allies, said the president must accept his own role in the violence that occurred at the U.S. Capitol. The South Carolina senator said Thursday that Trump "needs to understand that his actions were the problem, not the solution."

Congress finalizes Biden victory; Oregon's Bentz objects to electors

BY GARY A. WARNER
Oregon Capital Bureau

In a day scarred by a historic violent attack on the U.S. Capitol as Congress met, shaken lawmakers insisted on resuming a session that went late into the night to approve the Electoral College vote for President-elect Joe Biden early Thursday morning.

Lawmakers had come to Congress on Wednesday expecting a contentious day of debate as a splinter group of Republicans said they would slow and perhaps even halt the traditional reading of the votes for president cast Dec. 14 by the Electoral College.

President Donald Trump had been ceaselessly pushing claims that the election was stolen from him despite losing to Democrat Joe Biden by more than 7 million votes and a 306-232 tally in the Electoral College.

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BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS

In-person school to resume later this month

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

Ten months after the COVID-19 pandemic closed school doors, students in Bend, La Pine and Sunriver will begin returning to in-person learning on Jan. 25. But students will return in waves, not all at once.

Early Thursday morning, Bend-La Pine Schools — Oregon's largest school district east of the Cascades — unveiled its plan to transition its nearly 17,500 students back into classrooms, with K-5 coming back first. "For me, and for many families and staff, it's very exciting," Superintendent Lora Nordquist said of the reopening plan.

The announcement came about two weeks after Gov. Kate Brown ceded control of school reopenings to local school districts in late December. Previously, the state set strict reopening standards for much of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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BEND

Amid national chaos, 4 new members of City Council sworn in

BY BRENNIA VISSER
The Bulletin

Amid one of the most historic and chaotic days in American history, at least one event in Bend continued as scheduled: the swearing-in of four new members of the Bend City Council.

In a virtual meeting held Wednesday, new councilors Melanie Kebler, Anthony Broadman, Megan Perkins and Rita Schenkelberg took the oath of office. The four replace former councilors Justin Livingston, Bill Moseley, Chris Piper and Bruce Abernethy.

The siege earlier Wednesday in the nation's Capitol, where a pro-President Donald Trump mob infiltrated the halls of Congress to disrupt the final counting of Electoral College votes in the presidential election, prompted the council to cancel an in-person ceremony at the Deschutes County Services building and opt for a virtual one after Mayor Sally Russell expressed some reservations about possible safety concerns.

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2020: A YEAR OF CHALLENGES

The humility of medicine

Baskerville heads OHSU intensive care unit; he watched families make unthinkable decisions

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

Most people would call three hours a long commute. Bend resident Mark Baskerville calls it "therapy."

Baskerville, a 52-year-old physician, has made the drive from Bend to Portland, and back, for eight years as director of the intensive care unit at Oregon Health &

Science University, arguably the grimmest front in the state's war against COVID-19.

In shifts lasting up to two weeks, he's nearly always *on* when he's in Portland. In 2020, a difficult year for most Americans, he watched families make unthinkable decisions, and patients slowly die from the disease, or, just as randomly, pull through and survive.

Living in Bend affords Baskerville relative anonymity and a chance to focus on his family when he's off work, which is also usually for around a week or two at a time. The physical distance also provides a clearer separation between Baskerville's personal and professional lives, which he says has been nice during the pandemic.

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Mark Baskerville and his wife, Jennifer, stand on their back patio overlooking the Deschutes River in Bend on Dec. 19.

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