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COVID-19 in Oregon

GOP legislators back new group seeking to defy state restrictions

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The Oregonian

Two Southern Oregon Republican lawmakers back a new group, Citizens Against Tyranny, that formed last month to defy Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 regulations, try to recall elected officials who decline to sign onto their "declaration of basic rights" and publicly name private citizens who file complaints against businesses that don't comply with Brown's executive orders.



Heard



Baertschiger

Sen. Dallas Heard, a Republican from Roseburg, is one of the group's main supporters. On Friday night, Heard announced he would raffle off his sports car, a 2000 Dodge Viper, to raise money to support the group's future endeavors.

Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., R-Grants Pass, also spoke at a Friday event at a Roseburg church. The event appeared to be well attended, according to an hourlong video posted to Face-

book showing with multiple camera angles. No one in view on the video appeared to be wearing a mask.

Heard made headlines last month when he removed his mask in a floor speech at the Dec. 21 special session, saying Brown's government "oppressors" had "false authority" when demanding he wear a mask.

As part of his lengthy speech Friday, Heard said people who file complaints against businesses that choose to open despite COVID-19 regulations are "extremists."

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Pedestrian killed on Bend Parkway

Bulletin staff report

A 42-year-old Bend man was killed Saturday night when he was struck by a semi truck on the Bend Parkway.

The Bend Police Department said in a statement early Sunday that Marlow White, of Bend, was a pedestrian and was seen by witnesses attempting to run eastbound across the Parkway, starting from the west side of the roadway just south of Hawthorne Avenue. The driver of the semi truck, William McCain, 56, of Alaska, saw White and braked while turning into the adjacent southbound lane of the Parkway in an attempt to avoid the collision, but the 2017 Volvo truck he was driving struck White. White was not in a crosswalk or pedestrian crossing.

Officers from the Bend Police Department arrived and provided medical aid to the unconscious White. Bend Fire & Rescue paramedics took White to St. Charles Bend, where he died.

The accident took place just after 7 p.m. McCain, the driver, remained on scene and cooperated with investigators. There was no indication that alcohol or other substances were a factor in this collision, according to Bend Police.

Plane crashes on the reservation

Bulletin staff report

A small plane crashed in a remote part of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation on Saturday.

According to the Warm Springs Police Department, dispatchers were notified at 2:30 p.m. by Seattle air traffic controllers of a possible plane crash in the area of the Mutton Mountains, which are in Wasco County.

The plane was described as a Cessna Citation 560 jet with the capacity to seat up to 11 passengers. The number of people on board was not known.

The crash was confirmed by a U.S. Air Force flyover and an Oregon State Police aircraft.

Warm Springs police responded with assistance from Warm Springs Fire and Safety, Wasco County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police.

The crash site was accessed by all-terrain vehicle. No further information was available.

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Trump plans defiant final full week in office

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Bloomberg News

Banned from social media and abandoned by some aides and Cabinet members after inciting a riot at the U.S. Capitol, President Donald Trump and a dwindling circle of advisers plan a defiant final week in office, according to people familiar with the matter.

Trump is said to be confident Vice President Mike Pence and his Cabinet won't attempt to remove him under the 25th Amendment. Pence is dismissive of the idea of trying to use that authority to drive Trump from office, one person said — though Pence won't firmly rule it out either, a source told CNN over the weekend.

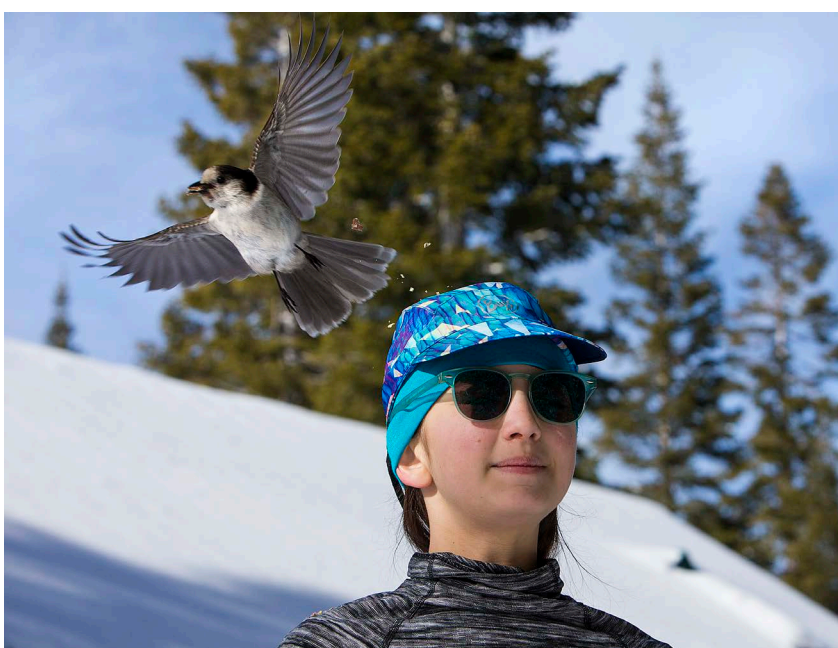
Trump and Pence haven't spoken since Wednesday, when the vice president sheltered in place at the Capitol after the building was stormed by Trump supporters. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma told the Tulsa World newspaper he'd "never seen Pence as angry" as he was after being blasted by Trump for not intervening in the congressional count of Electoral College votes. Trump tweeted that Pence lacked "courage."



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Snacks to go

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Julia Luke, 11, smiles as a gray jay swoops down in an attempt to grab a nut from her hand while taking a snack break after skiing at Virginia Meissner Sno-park with her father and family friend Saturday. At left, Luke stands perfectly still as the bird flies in to grab a nut placed on top of her head.



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