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"We must meet this moment as the *United* States of America"

— **JOSEPH R. BIDEN**, 46th president, sworn in Wednesday alongside Vice President Kamala Harris

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THE TRANSITION

On Day One, Biden targets Trump policies on climate, virus

BY ZEKE MILLER AND AAMER MADHANI
Associated Press

President Joe Biden is moving swiftly to dismantle Donald Trump's legacy on his first day in office, signing a series of executive actions that reverse course on immigration, climate change, racial equity and the handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

The new president signed the orders just hours after taking the oath of office at the Capitol, pivoting quickly from his pared-down inauguration ceremony to enacting his agenda. With the stroke of a pen, Biden ordered a halt to the construction of Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall, ended the ban on travel from some Muslim-majority countries, declared his intent to rejoin the Paris Climate Accord and the World Health Organization and revoked the approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, aides said.

The 15 executive actions and two directives amount to an attempt to rewind the last four years of federal policies with striking speed. Only two recent presidents signed executive actions on their first day in office — and each signed just one.

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THE CEREMONY

By Los Angeles Times and The Associated Press

Joseph R. Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday, declaring that "democracy has prevailed" and summoning American resilience and unity to confront the deeply divided nation's historic confluence of crises.

Denouncing a national "uncivil war," Biden took the oath at a U.S. Capitol that had been battered by an insurrectionist siege just two weeks earlier. Then, taking his place in the White House Oval Office, he plunged into a stack of executive actions that began to undo the heart of his polarizing predecessor's agenda.

At the Capitol, with America's tradition of peaceful transfers of power never appearing more fragile, the ceremony unfolded within a circle of security forces evocative of a war zone and devoid of crowds because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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HARRIS MAKES HISTORY

With the next vice president, a new chapter opens in U.S. politics

The Washington Post

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris broke the barrier that has kept men at the top ranks of American power for more than two centuries when she took the oath Wednesday to hold the nation's second-highest office.

Harris was sworn in as the first female U.S. vice president — and the first Black woman and person of South Asian descent to hold the position — in front of the U.S. Capitol by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Later, she presided as Senate president for the first time to swear in three new Democratic senators, including her replacement.

After taking the oath of office, a beaming Harris hugged her husband, Douglas Emhoff, and gave President Joe Biden a fist bump.

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CLASS OF 2020

Grad rates rose locally and statewide — but did COVID-19 play a factor?

Extra push to help struggling students after closures may have increased rates, state schools chief said

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

The class of 2020 had perhaps the strangest road to graduation in a century when the COVID-19 pandemic shuttered schools throughout Oregon in mid-March.

Nonetheless, Oregon's class of 2020 still earned diplomas at a higher rate than ever before. And data from the Oregon Department of Education showed rising graduation rates for every major Central Oregon high school but one.

"Clearly, this was a class that turned out to be resilient, as their senior year was impacted in ways I don't think any of us could've anticipated," Colt Gill, head of the Oregon Department of Education, told The Bulletin.

Local grad rates mostly rise

Every noncharter, nonalternative public high school in Deschutes County saw a bump in its graduation rate in 2020, state data showed.

Summit High School had the region's highest graduation rate at 94.4% — a leap of more than 4 percentage points. In 2020, Summit and Mountain View high schools both closed the graduation rate gap between Latino and white students that plagued both Bend high schools in 2019.

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DESCHUTES COUNTY

Awaiting kidnapping trial, man arrested in new cases

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

A man accused last year of kidnapping his friend, dousing him in gasoline and taking his prosthetic leg has been indicted in two new cases alleging he tried to kidnap another man and extort him.

Troy Kenneth Dahl, 35, is back in custody this week after posting bail last summer on the previous charges. Relatives paid $25,000 in May following Dahl's arrest for a shocking alleged assault on his friend, La Pine resident Shawn Taylor.

Dahl was charged in Deschutes County Circuit Court with the Measure 11 offense of first-degree kidnapping, as well as assault, coercion and other crimes. Then, earlier this month, a Deschutes County grand jury indicted him in two additional cases.

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