

NATIONAL BRIEFING

Supreme Court won't halt turnover of Trump's tax records

In a significant defeat for former President Donald Trump, the Supreme Court on Monday declined to step in to halt the turnover of his tax records to a New York state prosecutor.

The court's action is the apparent culmination of a lengthy legal battle that had already reached the high court once before.

Trump's tax records are not supposed to become public as part of prosecutors' criminal investigation, but the high court's action is a blow to Trump because he has long fought on so many fronts to keep his tax records shielded from view. The ongoing investigation that the records are part of could also become an issue for Trump

in his life after the presidency.

In a statement, the Trump blasted prosecutors and said the "Supreme Court never should have let this 'fishing expedition' happen, but they did."

The court's order is a win for Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., who has been seeking Trump's tax records since 2019 as part of an investigation.

Bone cancer survivor will become youngest American in space

After beating bone cancer, Hayley Arceaux figures rocketing into orbit on SpaceX's first private flight should be a piece of cosmic cake.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced Monday that the 29-year-old phy-

sician assistant — a former patient hired last spring — will launch later this year alongside a billionaire who's using his purchased spaceflight as a charitable fundraiser.

Arceneaux will become the youngest American in space — beating NASA record-holder Sally Ride by over two years — when she blasts off this fall with entrepreneur Jared Isaacman and two yet-to-be-chosen contest winners.

She'll also be the first to launch with a prosthesis. When she was 10, she had surgery at St. Jude to replace her knee and get a titanium rod in her left thigh bone. She still limps and suffers occasional leg pain, but has been cleared for flight by SpaceX. She'll serve as the crew's medical officer.

— Bulletin wire reports



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Drew Clendenen carries Shasta back to the Mt. Bachelor National Ski Patrol building after exploring the snow together at the mountain on Friday.

Shasta

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"They are actually better at traveling over avalanche terrain than humans on skis," Norsen said.

The ski patrol staffers call the dogs their backup insurance plan. Typically, two dogs are at the mountain each day, but are hardly ever used for rescues since avalanches are rare at Mt. Bachelor, Norsen said.

For example, Riggins has been a part of two rescues in his 9-year career, called upon to confirm nobody was trapped under a slab of snow.

Mostly, the rescue dogs spend their days training with their handlers and doing demonstrations for school groups and the resort's periodic safety awareness presentations.

"We keep them here just in case," Norsen said.

Mt. Bachelor has an avalanche reduction plan that keeps terrain closed in dangerous conditions and has staff use explosives to jar loose snow on a slope. The prevention dramatically limits the amount of avalanches at the ski area, Norsen said.

Outside of the ski area, avalanches are common in backcountry terrain across the region, according to Kevin Grove, a board member for the Central Oregon Avalanche Center, which studies and forecasts avalanches.

Avalanches in Central Oregon are directly related to ma-



Clendenen pets Shasta and another avalanche rescue dog, Riggins, on Friday.

jor winter storms, Grove said.

Earlier this month, a string of winter storms led to about six reports of incidents involving sliding snow, Grove said.

"When we see big storms where we were getting considerable amounts of snow in short periods of time and considerable amounts of wind, there tends to be avalanches occurring within those storm layers," Grove said.

While incidents have been minor in Central Oregon, this winter is the deadliest avalanche season across the nation since the early 1900s, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center.

So far, 29 people have died in

avalanches nationwide, including 14 within the first week of February, the center reported. That is an increase from 23 deaths reported last winter.

Most of the deaths are being reported in Utah, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, where snowpack has been weak, Grove said.

"Across the U.S., the avalanche hazard has been quite high all season long," Grove said. "There have been some persistent weak layers down at the ground that have been producing avalanches."

The danger of avalanches is a constant motivation to train rescue dogs like Shasta. Clendenen, who named the

puppy after Mount Shasta in Northern California where he started his ski patrol career 11 years ago, said Shasta will be sent to an avalanche dog training program at Stevens Pass Ski Resort in Washington.

Shasta, who came from a breeder in Ellensburg, Washington, will learn how to sense a human is stuck under the snow and signal to the ski patrol to start digging for the person. A successful rescue means getting a treat or toy.

"The dog is going to alert us by digging or barking," Clendenen said. "It's all about a game."

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In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS M. VETTER, Deceased. Probate Case No. 21PB00083

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative.

All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Mark P. O'Donnell, attorney for Personal Representative, at O'Donnell Law Firm LLC, 1 Centerpointe Dr., Ste 505, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Mark P. O'Donnell. Dated and first published February 16, 2021. Personal Representative Kelly M. Cranston

Legal Notice
LEGAL NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Patricia E. Bolles has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Aren Lee Bolles, deceased, by the Circuit Court, State of Oregon, Deschutes County, Case No. 21PB01025. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Administrator at 204 SE Miller Ave, Bend, OR 97702, within four months after the date of February 16, 2021, the first publication of this notice, or the claim may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the Administrator, or the lawyer for the Administrator, Patricia Nelson.

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Redistricting

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In an extremely abnormal year, the normal course of events prescribed in the state constitution and law can't happen. Oregon is not alone in this mess. The National Conference of State Legislatures reports the Sept. 30 data delivery could upend the process in at least 26 states.

In Oregon, the timeline is supposed to begin with the U.S. Census every 10 years. The block-by-block data is sent to states by April 1 the following year. The Legislature draws the maps and sends them to the governor for approval by the time lawmakers adjourn on July 1. If a political stalemate gets in the way, the secretary of state redraws the legislative maps by Aug. 15. A special five-judge panel draws the congressional maps. The new lines are then used in legislative and congressional races the following year. For this cycle, they would

first be used in May 2022 primaries.

All the deadline dates will be long-gone by the time the Census Bureau gets the numbers to Oregon.

The mess now looks headed to the Oregon Supreme Court. Lawmakers in both parties have approved using the legislative counsel to explore legal options.

Salinas said a best case scenario would be for the court to rule the Legislature has 60 days from when it receives the census data to draw the maps and get them to the governor.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said the option was possible even though the Legislature must adjourn its regular session on July 1.

"Wed have a special session," she said Monday.

Salinas said the worst case scenario is the courts deciding political boundaries.

Democrats have supermajorities in both chambers of the Legislature. Gov. Kate Brown and Secretary of State Shemia Fa-

gan are both Democrats.

Republicans have called for the creation of an independent commission to handle redistricting, a system used by California.

That's an option for the future. Republicans know the Democrats will dominate the process, but they prefer to debate the maps in committees and on the floor of the House and Senate to having the maps drawn out of public sight.

In the meantime, Salinas said the committee would begin the legally-mandated series of public hearings, even though they have no specific district outlines to discuss with potential voters. Normally, the proposals go on a "road show" for hearings around the state. With COVID-19 still at dangerous levels and an unclear set of political boundaries, lawmakers are discussing the best way to get public input. Salinas said there may be more information by the end of this week.

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